



# The Catholic Churches of Immaculate Conception with Holy Trinity



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The Parish is part of the Archdiocese of Birmingham: Registered Charity No: 234216

**Solemnity of the Corpus Christi (A)**  
**14th June 2020**

Dear Parishioners

I do hope and pray that you and your families are well and safe.

As of Monday 15th June, I hope to be able to open our church daily for limited times for private prayer. I am therefore writing to appeal to you to ask if you would consider becoming steward/s. The initial plan would be to open the church from 10am-12noon and 4-6pm on weekdays and from 4-6 pm on weekends.

We would need 2 stewards for each session. Teams of 2 will be established. Only certain parts of the church will be made accessible and a one-way system in place designed to comply with the 2mt distance rule. Guidelines will be issued to stewards and necessary equipment (sanitizers, masks, gloves) will be made available too.

It may be necessary for stewards to sanitize used areas. Areas of frequent touch will need to be cleaned more regularly throughout the opening times of the Church. No toilets facilities will be available.

Dean of Banbury Deanery & Parish Priest:

**Very Rev. Canon John Y Batthula** BA, MA, Dip. Cat., MA Ed

Assistant Priest: **Fr Robert Carey**

Retired Priest: **Rev. Fr. Pat Armstrong**

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**Rev Mr Michael Panejko** MA: 01869 246 459

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I am also hoping to have a team of cleaners to come daily at 6pm to prepare for the following days opening. If you are able to assist you should be deemed healthy and fit for to steward. At present this excludes those who are deemed vulnerable (over 70 years, and/or with certain pre-existing health conditions, self-isolating or shielding).

## OUR CHURCH WILL BE OPENED

**MONDAY TO FRIDAY**

10 AM—12 NOON & 4.00 PM—6.00 PM

**SATURDAY AND SUNDAY**

4.00 PM—6.00 PM

**Canon John Y Batthula**

Parish Priest & Dean



JUNE	TIME	IMMACULATE CONCEPTION & HOLY TRINITY	INFORMATION
SUNDAY 14TH	9.30 am	Thanksgiving - Roland Natividad (Recovery)	Solemnity of the Corpus Christi
	11.00 AM	People of God	
MONDAY 15TH	9.30 AM	Jeanne Brownlow (RIP)	Feria in OT
	8.00 PM	Novena Mass of the Sacred Heart of Jesus	
TUESDAY 16TH	9.30 AM	Thanksgiving - Gabrielle O'Grady (50th Birthday)	Feria in OT
	12 NOON	Exposition of Blessed Sacrament & Midday Prayers	
WEDNESDAY 17TH	9.30 AM	In thanksgiving (E Penhallow)	Feria in OT
	12 NOON	Exposition of Blessed Sacrament & Midday Prayers	
THURSDAY 18TH	9.30 AM	Elizabeth Joan Calnan (RIP)	Dedication of the Cathedral
	12 NOON	Exposition of Blessed Sacrament & Midday Prayers	
	2.00 PM	Covid-19 Recovery Group meet - ZOOM Flatform	
	7.00 PM	Scripture Group meets—ZOOM Flatform	
FRIDAY 19TH	9.30 AM	People of the Parish	Solemnity of the Sacred Haert
	6 PM - 7 PM	Holy Hour	
SATURDAY 20TH	10.00 AM	Ned Byrne (RIP)	Memorial of the Immaculate Heart of Mary
	10.20 - 11.00 AM	Exposition of Blessed Sacrament	
	6.00 PM	Rosary Group - ZOOM Flatform	
SUNDAY 21ST	9.30 AM		
	11.00 AM	People of God	

# Today's Liturgy of the Word in Brief:

An early Christian writing says this: 'On the Lord's day, gather in community to break bread and give thanks. No one who has a quarrel with another person may join your gathering, not until they are reconciled. Your sacrifice must not make me unholy'

**First Reading** (Deuteronomy 8:2-3,14-16). The author exhorts the Jews not to forget the God who cared for them in the wilderness by giving them Manna. They are to remember, too, that they need another kind of bread, namely, God's word.

**Second Reading** (1 Cor 10:16-17). In the Eucharist we all share the same bread. This means that, however many of us there are, we form one Body in Christ.

**Gospel** (John 6:51-58). As food and drink nourish the body, so all those who enter into communion with Christ get the nourishment of eternal life.

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## Cardinal thanks Catholics for their patience as churches prepare to re-open on 15 June for private, individual prayer

### Cardinal Vincent Nichols' Statement

I am grateful to the Prime Minister for his decision that our churches may now open again for individual prayer. I thank the Secretary of State for Communities, Mr Robert Jenrick and the Minister of State, Lord Stephen Greenhalgh, for their leadership of the Task Force which helped bring about this important step.

This is a first, measured step in restoring the more normal practice of our faith and will be welcomed by so many, who have waited with great patience since 23 March when our churches were closed, by Government decision, as part of the fight against this pandemic.

I thank everyone for that patience. It is important that every care is taken to ensure that the Guidance given for this limited opening is fully observed, not least by those entering our churches. Our preparation is taking place with thoroughness. Visiting a church for individual prayer, benefitting from the sacredness of that space, can be done safely and confidently.

Not every Catholic Church will be open on 15 June. Local decisions and provision have to lead this process. But it is a great blessing, for individuals and for the benefit of all in society, that church doors will again be open to all who long to pray there for the peace and grace we need today.

This first step enables us to learn and prepare for those that will take us to a fuller use of our churches, for the celebration of Mass and other sacraments. We await that time with deep longing but patient understanding that the protection of the health of our society, especially of the most vulnerable, is a proper cause for caution and care.

**Cardinal Vincent Nichols**

*President, Catholic Bishops' Conference of England and Wales*

**Parish Helpers:** Ring this number **07387 281 861** and leave a message if you need assistance and we will try our best to assist.

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNIONS:** I would like to let the parents know that First Holy Communion will be taking place when our Churches are opened for the public and when Mass can be celebrated with your participation, until then, please pray for each other and hope that day will be very soon.

**PARISH WEBCAM LINK:** Please note that our Parish webcam link has changed. From now please follow this link: <https://watchmcnmedia.tv/camera/church-of-the-immaculate-conception-bicester>

**SACRED HEART NOVENA MASS:** Every year Bridgettine Sisters residents of Maryvale organise the annual novena to the Sacred Heart of Jesus. In the present situation, Mgr McHugh has taken the responsibility to organise Novena Masses. So on Monday 15th June at 8pm I will be celebrating a special Mass in honour of Sacred Heart of Jesus. You may participate on livestream from our Parish Webcam and Parish Facebook.

**WINNERS 100 CLUB DRAWN ON SUN 31 MAY 2020,** witnessed at a distance by Mrs M. Mellett.

2020 May NAME Number

£100 Frank Clark 51; £50 Deborah Cousins 32 ; £25 Mary Kelly 69

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**SYMPATHY** We extend our very deepest sympathy and the assurance of our prayers to the family of Pauline Padley who passed away on Friday 5th June 2020, aged 79 years. Funeral Service will be taking place at Banbury Crematorium on Monday 22nd June at 12 Noon. *May she rest in peace. Pray for all those who have died and for all who mourn.*

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**VERY SOON OUR PARISH EMAILS WILL BE CHANGING**  
(Office, Gift Aid, Safeguarding Rep., Health & Safety, Priests of the Parish.)

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### **LET US PRAY FOR THE SICK AND HOUSEBOUND:**

K Cashman, Tim Charles, Joyce Thornley,  
Mary Ashley, John Dunn & Marie Ollive.



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Go the website and follow link

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