



# The Catholic Parishes of Immaculate Conception @BICESTER



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The Parishes of the Immaculate Conception & Holy Trinity are part of the Archdiocese of Birmingham: Registered Charity No: 234216

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## Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

14th January – 22nd January 2023 Psalter 2

Pope's Prayer Intention for educators: We pray that educators may be credible witnesses, teaching fraternity rather than competition and helping the youngest and most vulnerable above all.



| JANUARY          | TIME                 | INTENTIONS                                    | FEASTS                      | LECTORS               | STEWARDS               |
|------------------|----------------------|---|-----------------------------|-----------------------|------------------------|
| <b>SAT 14th</b>  | <b>Hethe 4.00 pm</b> | People of the Parish                          | Feria in Ordinary Time      | B Kelly/ R Deane      | <b>S Wilde/R Deane</b> |
| <b>Peace Day</b> | <b>6.00 pm</b>       | Deceased members of The Friends of Holy Souls | 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time | R John/C McArdle      | Thompson Family        |
| <b>SUN 15th</b>  | <b>9.00 am</b>       | People of the Parish                          |                             | C Moyse/C St John     | Andrade Family         |
|                  | <b>11.00 am</b>      | Michael & Doreen Furlong (RIP)                |                             | C Tett/N Ward         | J Marshall/ Volunteer  |
| <b>MON 16th</b>  | <b>7.00 pm</b>       | Service of the Word with Holy Communion       | Feria in Ordinary Time      | Volunteer             |                        |
| <b>TUE 17th</b>  | <b>7.00 pm</b>       | Service of the Word with Holy Communion       | Mem of St Anthony, A        | J Kokore              |                        |
| <b>WED 18th</b>  | <b>9.30 am</b>       | Service of the Word with Holy Communion       | Feria in Ordinary Time      | L Cleeve              |                        |
| <b>THUR 19th</b> | <b>9.30 am</b>       | Service of the Word with Holy Communion       | Feast of St Wulstan, B      | H King                |                        |
| <b>FRI 20th</b>  | <b>9.30am</b>        | Service of the Word with Holy Communion       | Feria in Ordinary Time      | M Daniel              |                        |
| <b>SAT 21st</b>  | <b>Hethe 4.00 pm</b> | People of the Parish                          | Mem of St Agnes, V, M       | B Kelly/ R Deane      | <b>S Wilde/R Deane</b> |
|                  | <b>6.00 pm</b>       | People of the Parish                          | 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time | B & K McFall          | M Marrs/P Behan        |
| <b>SUN 22nd</b>  | <b>9.00 am</b>       | James Day (RIP)                               |                             | A Kirby Hall/A Mutton | C St John              |
|                  | <b>11.00 am</b>      | Ints of Edward Kerton (A Levels & future)     |                             | H King/ T Lane        | J & M Franta           |

**Peace Sunday.** 15<sup>th</sup> January 2023 marks Peace Sunday, when the Catholic Church in England and Wales celebrates the World Peace Day Message. Promoted by Pax Christi England and Wales, parishes around the country will come together to pray and act for peace. The **second collection this weekend** will be for Pax Christi. Pax Christi England and Wales works all year round to 'open up the way of peace'. You can become a member and join them in their work and donations can be made here <https://paxchristi.org.uk/about-us/support-us/donation/>

**The Crib collection this year will go towards: St Chad's Sanctuary.** <http://www.stchadssanctuary.com/>  
The collection will end on 2nd February. Please place donations into the casket in church entrance. *Please give generously.*

### SPONSORING SANCTUARY LAMPS

These lamps burn perpetually on the sanctuary (Blessed Sacrament) and in the Lady Chapel. £10 per week.  
Forms available from the Welcomers table.



**DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET:** Every Tuesday at 2.00pm in Church

**BAPTISMS/WEDDINGS:** Please contact the Parish Office through email or phone call to make necessary arrangements.

**CONFESSIONS:** Hethe: **Every Saturday from 3.15pm - 3.50 pm (in the Sacristy)** Bicester: 5.15 pm - 5.45pm

**HOLY HOUR:** Every First Friday from 6.00pm to 7.00pm

**ROSARY:** Everyday 25 minutes before Mass starts.

**URSULINE LAY ASSOCIATES MEETING:** 2nd Wednesday of every month at 2pm @ Ursuline Convent

**PIETY SHOP:** Open Friday, Saturday and Sunday around Masses.

**EAST TIMOR COMMUNITY PRAYER:** First Sunday of the month at 5.00pm @ Ursuline Convent



This week we pray for...  
**SANCTUARY LIGHT: Mary Ashley (RIP)**  
**OUR LADY'S LIGHT:**



**SYMPATHY** Please pray for the repose of the souls of **Maria Stonell** and **Thomas James McNally** who died during the week. Funeral details will be announced in due course. *May they rest in peace.*

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

Mary Lynch, Victor Francis, K Cashman, Tim Charles, Joyce Thornley, John Dunn, Helena Nowak, Joy Martin & Jean McIntosh .

**AN OPPORTUNITY FOR YOU TO GROW YOUR FAITH** Learn more about Jesus. Find answers to questions, simple or difficult. Maybe its a case of 'I was just wondering', or is it 'My life's experiences don't reflect the church's teaching, why not?' Do all the items in church have a significant meaning? Come and share your questions and experience with us on Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> January 7-30pm in the St John Paul II Centre. Very informal and all welcome, Catholics and non-Catholics.

**BAPTISM COURSES 2023** The courses will be held at 10 am at the St John Paul II Centre on the following Saturdays: 11<sup>th</sup> February, 15<sup>th</sup> April, 24<sup>th</sup> June, 7<sup>th</sup> October. If you are planning a baptism in the near future, you are welcome to come along. Please allow 2 hours and inform the Parish Office if you wish to attend [tic.bicester@rcaob.org.uk](mailto:tic.bicester@rcaob.org.uk) more details: [www.immaculate-conception.org.uk](http://www.immaculate-conception.org.uk)

**MARRIAGE** Engaged couples seeking marriage in Church should inform Canon John at least **six months** before the intended wedding date so that there is enough time for all the necessary administration to be completed. This requirement applies to marriages taking place here in the parish, in other parts of the UK, and overseas. Please contact the Parish Office for further details.

**COFFEE MORNING** First one of the year will take place on Friday, 3rd February, 10am-11.45am. Looking forward to seeing you all!

**PIETY SHOP SALE** All items on the table **half price**: Christmas gifts, cards and more!

**WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY SERVICE** Sunday 22nd January 2023 at 7pm. The 18th to the 25th of January is the week of prayer for Christian unity this year. This will conclude with a Christian Unity Service at Emanuel CE Church, Bure Park, Bicester. We will focus on praying for the needs of our town and the world, and hear about the work of the food bank and other Christian Charities in the town supporting the cost of living crisis and refugees. This will be a great opportunity for us to pray together. Please do come. Further details available from Deacon Nick.

**YOUTH PROGRAMME VOLUNTEERS** We have built up a great team of volunteers for re-launching the youth programme. However for safeguarding reasons we do need a few more men. The more we have, the more we can ensure that the commitment is manageable. No previous experience is needed, and you will be part of a supportive team. If you would like to have a discussion about what is involved, please speak to Deacon Nick.

**PARISH OUTREACH GROUP:** This group is now up and running to assist any housebound/elderly/in need parishioners. Many of you may remember the Helping Hands group from previous years, this group will be working on similar principals and will be assisting those in need upon request. Please contact the Parish Office if you need some form of help, alternatively please mention to others about us.

**CAFOD** The Catholic Agency for Overseas Development, are looking for people to give some time and join them in their mission. Could you help in our parish, bringing people together to help build a better world or by visiting local schools? Or raise a voice and campaign for justice or perhaps speak for CAFOD throughout the diocese? Could you support local volunteers or share your office skills to help CAFOD keep costs low? Training and support is provided. See [cafod.org.uk/Volunteer](http://cafod.org.uk/Volunteer) for more information or get in touch with [birmingham@cafod.org.uk](mailto:birmingham@cafod.org.uk)

**Blessed George Napier Catholic Secondary School & Sixth Form Teaching Vacancies:** Teacher of Computing, full-time position, but part-time will be considered, post commencing April 2023 or sooner. Further details are available on website: [www.bgn.oxon.sch.uk](http://www.bgn.oxon.sch.uk)

**PARISH ENVIROMANTAL GROUP TIPS ON Recycling** Recycle makeup containers at Tesco. Consider donating unwanted items to charity or advertise on Relove, Reuse, Freecycle Bicester Facebook group instead of sending to landfill.

**CAN YOU VOLUNTEER** You would probably agree that our church always looks clean and well polished?? This is down to a few dedicated teams of cleaners that faithfully come to clean. We always need more volunteers to add to the teams. If you can spare a few hours every 6 weeks please contact the Parish Office.



**WELCOMERS** Welcomers play an important role around Mass times and we always encourage parishioners to volunteer. It's a great way to get to know your fellow parishioners and a joy for parishioners to be welcomed by a cheerful greeting as they enter! It can be at the Mass you attend, we ask that you come early enough to prepare, count people as they enter (using clicker) and after Mass to do a quick tidy up (10 mins). If you would like to join the team please contact the parish office alternatively speak to any Welcomer to find out more.

**PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES MAY 2023:** Parish pilgrimage to Lourdes will take place from the 25th to 31st May 2023. Half board £789 per person sharing a room. Single rooms are an extra £247 with limited availability. The flight will be from London Stansted to Lourdes. Booking forms can be obtained from Piety shop or Parish Office, alternatively online via All Saints. If you need more information, please get in touch with me. Online booking: [www.allsaintstravel.co.uk/LD0803](http://www.allsaintstravel.co.uk/LD0803)

**HOLY LAND NOVEMBER 2023:** Our pilgrimage to the Holy Land will take place from 27th Nov to 4th Dec 2023. Half board £1459 per person sharing a room. Single rooms incur a supplement of £325. Flights from London Luton. Booking forms can be obtained from the Piety Shop or Parish Office. Alternatively you can book online: <https://www.allsaintstravel.co.uk/HL0801>  
 Coach transfers from church to airports have yet to be decided upon and will incur extra costs.

**Dates to remember**

18th March 2023: Sacrament of Confirmations Mass at 6 pm  
 23rd March 2023: Diamond Jubilee Celebrations @ 7pm  
 13th May : First Holy Communions ( For non St Mary's ) 11 am  
PLEASE NOTE CHANGE OF DATE PREVIOUSLY ADVERTISED DUE TO THE KINGS CORONATION ON 6/5/23  
 20th May : First Holy Communions (For St Mary's ) 11 am



**PARISH GIVING**

**BICESTER** <https://portal.mydona.com/assets/webPay/index.php?cid=528>



**Standing Orders/Donations/Payments:**

**Bicester:** Sort Code: 51 70 15 Acc. No: 02342731

**Hethe:** Sort Code: 51 70 15 Acc. No: 02301466

**MASS STIPENDS/OFFERINGS:**

Canon John Y Batthula: Sort code: 60-08-40 Acc. No. 75459760.

**CONTACTLESS** You can also donate by scanning the QR code with your phone or by card at the machine in the church porch.

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**Financial Information**

**SECOND COLLECTIONS - JANUARY**

14th/15th Pax Christi  
 21st/22nd Survive Miva Appeal  
 28th & 29th - Parish Maintenance



| Church          | First Collection | Second Collection | Standing Orders | Tap & Go For Parish | Mass Attendance |
|-----------------|------------------|-------------------|-----------------|---------------------|-----------------|
| <b>Bicester</b> | £419.33          | £171.85           | £1185           | £107                | 414             |
| <b>Hethe</b>    | £35              |                   | £186            |                     | 18              |



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| Teams for         | 15/1  | 22/1  | 29/1 | 5/2  |
|-------------------|-------|-------|------|------|
| Children lit. (4) | 1     | 2     | 3    | 4    |
| Coffee 9am (11)   | 2     | 3     | 4    | 5    |
| Coffee 11am (7)   | 5     | 6     | 7    | 1    |
| Flowers           | Anita | Anita | Anne | Anne |