### The Catholic Parishes of



# Immaculate Conception @BICESTER





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### **Divine Mercy Sunday A**

Sunday Cycle A - Weekdays - Easter Season Week beginning of 16th April 2023 Psalter 2

Pope's Prayer Intention for April: For a culture of peace and non-violence. We pray for spread of peace and non-violence, by decreasing the use of weapons by States and citizens.



### Month of April dedicated to the Holy Spirit

APRIL	TIME	INTENTIONS	FEASTS	LECTORS	STEWARDS
SAT 15th	4.00pm@Hethe	People of the Parish	Divine Mercy Sunday	B Kelly/ R Deane	S Wilde/R Deane
	6.00 pm	James & Matthew Carey (RIP)	2nd Sunday of Easter	C Mcardle/R John	McArdle Family
SUN 16th	9.00 am	Monica Antoinette Ho (RIP)		M Brown/ E Penhallow	Brown Family
	11.00 am	Thanksgiving Mass (NW)		H King/M Lawrence	Orleans Family
MON 17th	12 Noon	Joan Bridle (RIP)	Easter Feria M		
TUE 18th	12 Noon	Intentions of Sue & Dale/ Jane & Guy	Easter Feria	L Cleeve	
WED 19th	12 Noon	Bishop David McGough (RIP)	Easter Feria	J Kokore	
THUR 20th	6.00 pm	Reception of Helen Parnaby (RIP)			
	7.00 pm	Bishop David McGough (RIP)	Easter Feria	H King	
FRI 21st	10.00 am	In thanksgiving of Michael & Jane Waine Golden Wedding Anniversary	Easter Feria	M Waine	
	12 Noon	Requiem Mass of Helen Parnaby (RIP)		Family	
SAT 22nd	10am@Hethe	Burial of Helen Parnaby (RIP)			
	11.00 am	Baptism of Ewezugachukwu Udeorah			
	4pm@ Hethe	Maria Urbaniec (RIP)	3rd Sunday of Easter	B Kelly/ R Deane	S Wilde/R Deane
	6.00 pm	Intention of Carey Family		B & K McFall	S & M Doherty
SUN 23rd	9.00 am	Special Birthday - Jackie Flynn		P Cousins/S McCarthy	L & C Cleeve
	11.00 am	Matt McKeever (RIP)		S Joseph/R Silvy	Kokore Family





DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET: Every Tuesday at 2.00pm in Church ROSARY: Everyday 25 minutes before Mass starts.

 $\textbf{BAPTISMS/WEDDINGS:} \ \ \text{Please contact the Parish Office through email or phone call}$ CONFESSIONS: Hethe: 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 (Not during Lent)

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

PARISH OUTREACH GROUP: Please contact the Office if you need some form of practical help -252 277. PIETY SHOP: Open Friday, Saturday and Sunday around Masses. Easter gifts & cards now available. URSULINE LAY ASSOCIATES MEETING: 2nd Wednesday of every month at 2pm @ Ursuline Convent PIETY SHOP: Open Friday, Saturday and Sunday around Masses. Easter gifts & cards now available.





# This week we pray for... SANCTUARY LIGHT: OUR LADY'S LIGHT:



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

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

**EASTER OFFERINGS:** With grateful thanks to all of you for your generous offerings over Easter. God Bless you all! Be assured of my prayers. **VISITING THE SICK:** If any parishioner who is housebound for various reasons, needs a priest visit, please contact the Parish Office so that arrangements can be made for me to visit you.

**HOUSE BLESSING DURING EASTER SEASON:** If you wish your house to be blessed during this Holy Season , you may contact the Parish Office and make arrangements. I look forward to meeting you in your own house. May the Risen Christ bless you and your household.

**SILENCE IN CHURCH:** Please may I remind everyone to be mindful of other people who are praying in Church before and after Mass. Make sure that your mobiles and **any** devices are switched off and also not to speak during Mass itself. Why don't you come along to the Centre after Mass to speak to other parishioners while having a cup of tea?

MASS INTENTIONS: My sincere thanks to those who continue to have Masses offered for families and loved ones. We are currently very short of Mass intentions, so please continue to request. Mass envelopes are available from the back of the Church/ Piety Shop or Parish Office.

**EASTER RAFFLE** the raffle draw will take place after 11am Mass this Sunday in St john Paul II Centre. It's not too late to buy a couple of books to support the parish.

**SYMPATHY-HELEN PARNABY RIP:** Helen's body will be received into Church on Thursday 20th April at 6pm and the requiem Mass is on Friday, 21st April at 12 Noon followed by burial on Saturday at 10.30 am, at Hethe with immediate family. May she rest in peace.

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION CLASS:** On Saturday, 22nd April at 9am in St John Paul II Centre. Please attend accordingly. Holy communion items /ties/gifts/cards will be available to purchase.

**PIETY SHOP** First Holy Communion gifts and cards now in stock.

**100 CLUB:** If you are new to the 100 club please make sure your payments have been set up in order to be in the 100 club for this months draw and inform Sr Anu on **ga.tic.bicester@rcaob.org.uk**. Please complete and return the form to be in to win if you haven't already got a number. There is no limit to the amount of numbers you can buy. It is our main annual fundraiser, please support this if you can. £5 monthly by standing order.

**MONTHLY COFFEE MORING:** Thank you to all who attended the coffee morning . The next one will be held on Friday 12th May at 10am.

**COMMEMORATIVE BRICKS:** A commemorative brick can be purchased to commemorate or celebrate! It could be for an individual, family, anniversary, business, or purely because you are a parishioner. Please contact Lucia Hattam in the Office or complete a form and return to the parish office. Bricks cost £250, payments in five instalments also accepted. The bricks will continue to 'grow up' the wall in the St John Paul II Centre and adorn it for generations to come. *Why not become a part of history of the parish?* 

FINANCIAL SUPPORT TO THE PARISH: Have you been supporting your parish financially? If not, consider supporting? it's very easy, you just set up a standing order with your bank, by providing our Parish bank details which can be found in the next column in 'Parish Giving' Give whatever you can. Thank you.

**2023 ACCOUNTS:** The Parish Financial Council will be presenting the parish accounts to the community on the weekend of Saturday, 22nd and Sunday, 23rd April 2023, The statement of accounts will be for your information only, not for any another purposes/publication.

**PARISH CORONATION PARTY** - On Sunday the 7th May, after the 11am Mass in the St John Paul II Centre. I would like to invite you to a Bring and Share Afternoon Parish Party to mark the Coronation of King Charles III. I am inviting you all to bring a plate of food to share together and mark this historic day. The list is at the back of the Church, so please write, what you would like to bring to share with others. Thank you! All are welcome!

Teams for	16/4	23/4	30/4	7/5	12/5
Children lit. (4)	none	1	2	3	4
Coffee 9am (11)	4	5	6	7	8
Coffee 11am (9)	2	3	4	5	6
Flowers	All	Anita	Anita		

**BEING A WELCOMING CHURCH WORKSHOPS:** These workshops are being organised by Father Hudson Society. The evening workshop, 7.30 to 8.30 p.m. 17/04/23 – Refugees; 22/05/23 – Disability, 19/06/23 - Homelessness. There is no charge for the workshops, but we do ask that people would register by emailing; fundraising@fatherhudsons.org.uk or visiting their Eventbrite page. They will then be sent a link to this online workshop.

MASS FOR MARRIAGES: If you celebrating a significant wedding anniversary in 2023 or are you engaged to be married this year, or would you simply like to give thanks to God for your marriage, and ask for His ongoing blessings? Then you are welcome to attend this year's thanksgiving Mass for Marriage on Saturday, 12 Noon, April 29th at St Chad's Cathedral, Birmingham, followed by light refreshments in the Grimshaw Room. Contact Paul Nathan by emailing: marriage. Mass@rcaob.org.uk or 0121 321 5148.

**LOURDES PILGRIMAGE MEETING:** There will be a meeting in St John Paul II Centre on Sunday 23rd April at 6pm for all those who are going to Lourdes. A Coach has been booked. Pick up from the Parish Church to Stanstead at 12.30 pm. £48 per person return. The amount can be paid in the Parish office. I hope that you all have paid your dues to "All Saints travel". See you all.

**PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES MAY 2023:** Parish pilgrimage to Lourdes from the 25th to 31st May 2023. Half board £789 per person sharing a room. Single rooms are an extra £247. The flight will be from London Stansted to Lourdes. 4 places are available. Online booking: <a href="https://www.allsaintstravel.co.uk/LD0803">www.allsaintstravel.co.uk/LD0803</a>

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. You can book online: <a href="https://www.allsaintstravel.co.uk/HL0801">https://www.allsaintstravel.co.uk/HL0801</a>

Coach transfers from church to airports have yet to be decided upon and will incur extra costs.

### Dates to remember

13th May: First Holy Communions (For non St Mary's) 11 am 20th May: First Holy Communions (For St Mary's) 11 am 11th June: Eucharistic Procession to Garth Park 11 am 2nd July: Family Day Mass @ 11am & Presentation of Certificates

### **PARISH GIVING**

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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.



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## Financial Information SECOND COLLECTIONS - MARCH

9nd April: Easter Offerings

15th/16th & 22nd/23rd April: Parish Maintenance

Church	First Collection	Second Collection	Standing Orders	Tap & Go For Parish	Mass Attendance
Bicester	N/A	£	£1185		
Hethe	N/A	£	£176		

Gift Aid it!!- you could add 25% to the value of your donation. Contact the Parish Gift Aid Co-ordinator Sr Anu; or speak to me. (Canon John)



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