



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



Sunday Cycle B - Weekdays - Advent Season Week beginning of 17th to 24th December 2023 Psalter 3

Pope's Prayer Intention for December: We pray that people living with disabilities may be the centre of attention in society and that institutions may offer inclusive programmes which value their active participation.



DECEMBER	TIME	INTENTIONS	FEASTS	LECTORS	E O MINISTERS	STEWARDS
SAT 16th	4.00 pm @Hethe	Mary Evans (RIP)	3rd Sunday of Advent	R Deane/V Burns		R Deane
Vigil Mass	6.00 pm	Don Burton (RIP) & People of the Parish		R John	L & D Jimirez	M Marrs
SUN 17th	9.00 am	P O Kunjuvareed (RIP) Sr Andrea (RIP)		C Moyse/C St John	A Mutton/M Brown	Brown Family
	11.00 am	Ints of Evans family Children & Grandchildren		C Tett	J Marshall/Sr Rose	Jimirez Family
	6.00 pm	"A Song for Christmas" Concert	By Sponne Musicians			
MON 18th	9.30 am @ Hethe	Intentions of David & Johanna Wilde	Advent Feria			
	12 noon	Mark Mackenzie (RIP)		M Daniel	Frankie	
	7.00 pm	Service of Reconciliation & Confessions				
TUE 19th	9.30 am @School	Lily & Tommy Thompson (RIP)	Advent Feria			
WED 20th	9.30 am	Alfred Smith (RIP)	Advent Feria	L Cleeve	Sr Rose	
THU 21st	9.30 am	Irene Ziegart (RIP)	Advent Feria	H King	J Kokore	
FRI 22nd	12 noon	Lisa King & Maurice Purtil (RIP)	Advent Feria	E King	J Marshall	
SAT 23rd	4.00 pm @Hethe	Wellbeing of Helen McDermott	4th Sunday of Advent			
Vigil Mass	6.00 pm	People of the Parish	Advent Feria	B & K McFall	Sr Rose	B & K McFall
SUN 24th	9.00 am	Intentions of Jackie Flynn		S McCarthy/L Cleeve	C St John/F Ostrowski	volunteers
	11.00 am	Intentions of Jiminez Family		R Evans/J Hurst	J & M Franta	Kokore Family
	2.00 pm	Clare Whitehead (Birthday)	CHRISTMAS EVE	Sr Sani/Sr Rose	A Mutton	F Ostrowski
	6.00 pm	Bill & Kitty Hornby, Angela Nelson & Hilda McNichol (RIP)	Vigil of the Solemnity	C Moyse/H Henwood	Sr Rose	volunteers
	7.30 pm@Hethe	Carols followed by Mass @	of the			
	8.00 pm@Hethe		Nativity			
	11.30 pm	Carols followed by Mass @				
	Midnight	Fiona Mary Beasley (RIP) Joan Bridle (RIP)		H King	A Mutton/J Marshall	volunteers
MON 25th	9.00 am	People of the Parish	Solemnity of the Nativity of the Lord	M Brown/C St John	L & D Jimirez	L & C Cleeve
	11 am	Ints of Ann Swanson				



This week we pray for...
SANCTUARY LIGHT: Felipe Teng (RIP)
OUR LADY'S LIGHT: Helena Nowak



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Archdiocese of Birmingham: "Our Vision is to be a Catholic Diocese which is faithful to the mission entrusted to us by Jesus Christ, full of missionary disciples who work together co-responsibly in vibrant communities of faith, joyful in their service of God and neighbour".

Safeguarding: Both our Parishes operate in accordance with Statutory Safeguarding Guidance & the National and Archdioceses policies and procedures at all times. Our Parishes

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Teams for	17/12	24/12	31/12	7/1	14/1
Children lit. (4)	4	none	none	tbc	
Coffee 9am (10)	9	10	1	2	3
Coffee 11am (9)5	2	3	4	6	7
Flowers	none	All	All	Dismantle	Kasia

LET US PRAY FOR THE SICK AND HOUSEBOUND:

Mary Lynch, Victor Francis, K Cashman, Tim Charles, Helena Nowak & Jean McIntosh.

ROSARY: Daily 25 minutes before Mass starts.

DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET: Every Tuesday at 2.00pm in Church

BAPTISMS/WEDDINGS: Please contact the Parish Office through email or phone.

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

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

HOLY HOUR: Every First Friday from 6.00pm to 7.00pm (Not during Lent)

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.

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

PENITENTIAL SERVICE: This coming Monday, 18th December at 7.00pm. There will be some visiting priests to help us with our confessions as we approach the festive season. So please make use of this opportunity.

CHRISTMAS OFFERINGS: This is your traditional annual gift to the parish priest. Please feel free to use the special envelopes that are available. Alternatively, you may give your offering via the contactless card machine which is in the front porch of the Church. Thank you.

FESTIVE AFTERNOON TEA My sincere thanks to Sue and Martin Doherty and their baking team for organising this fabulous festive afternoon tea and thanks also to all those who supported the event. Total raised was £682.

OFFERTORY COLLECTIONS: There are parishioners who give through bank standing order, few others via the Tap & Go machine, *but* many others through the offertory bags. Give whatever you can and simply don't ignore the offertory collectors. In which ever way you contribute financially to the parish, please take the bag as it is passed along and pass it on to the next person. We all need to create a culture of supporting this...*your* parish. *Please give what you can—God Bless You.*

A SONG FOR CHRISTMAS: this weekend Sunday, 17th Dec 6pm. This is a concert performed by Sponne School musicians in a joint fundraising event. The programme will include solo instrumental and vocal items as well as festive small ensemble music, choral items and candlelit Carols. Tickets £10 available on the door.

Please come along and support this event.

HETHE JOINT CAROL SERVICE, ST EDMUND & ST GEORGE Sunday, 17th December at 6pm. All Welcome!

OPEN DOORS CAFÉ, BICESTER METHODIST CHURCH, CHRISTMAS LUNCH. 25th December 12pm-4pm. The churches in Bicester will be hosting a Christmas lunch on Christmas Day at Bicester Methodist Church. If you would like to come or know anyone who would like to come, you can book a place free of charge by emailing: bicesterchristmaslunch@gmail.com. Alternatively you can contact Deacon Nick, or complete the sign-up sheet on the notice board in the church porch. Free Transport can be provided if needed.

RAFFLE: Please deliver the counterfoils with the correct amount as they are sold to the Parish Office by Friday 22nd. The draw takes place on **Sunday, 24th Dec** after the 11 am Mass in St John Paul II Centre.

HETHE—CHRISTMAS CRIB We plan to erect the crib on Wednesday 20th December at around 10.00am and it takes about one hour. Volunteers are urgently needed from amongst the fit and healthy. Please phone Breff Kelly (01280 7025000) if you can make it.

DECORATING CHURCH FOR CHRISTMAS Volunteers needed on Friday, 22nd from 9.30am-11.45am.

BICESTER FOOD BANK—CHRISTMAS REQUEST New toys, wrapping paper, toiletries, cakes, mince pies, selection boxes. Please consider other extra food. Place in the container at the back of the Church or deliver to the Food Bank, The Beacon, Wesley Lane by Friday 22nd.

REFUGEE SUPPORT GROUP has some still outstanding needs for the Afghan families, nine families are expected before Christmas. See poster at the back of church. Thank you in advance for any contributions.

THE CHOSEN: Will resume in the new year.

Parish Environmental Recycling Tip of the Week: Energy Turn central heating thermostat down to minimum before you go to bed and whenever you leave the house. Keep internal doors closed to reduce drafts. Close curtains after dark.

MASS INTENTIONS: We are currently short of Mass intentions, so please continue to request. Mass envelopes are available from the back of the Church/ Piety Shop or Parish Office.



CHRISTMAS STARS OF REMEMBRANCE AND HOPE



We will once again be decorating our trees with stars in remembrance and hope and invite you to purchase stars for loved ones. Forms can be found at the back of church.

1 star for £3 or 2 for £5.

Please deliver by Sunday 17th December.

LOURDES PILGRIMAGE

25th to 31st May 2024

Full Board £998

Single room supplement applies.

Please book it online now.

www.allsaintstravel.co.uk/LD0930/

MASS TIMES

Christmas Eve - Sunday 24th December

2.00 pm - Bicester

6.00 pm - Bicester

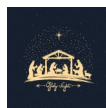
8.00 pm - Hethe

11.30 pm - Carols followed by

Midnight Mass - Bicester

Christmas Day - Monday, 25th December

9 am & 11 am - Bicester



Dates to remember

December

18th Penitential Service & Confessions at 7pm in Church

24th: Christmas Raffle Draw after 11 am Mass in St Paul II Centre

26th: Altar Servers Mass & Social after 12 noon Mass

COFFEE MORNINGS 2024 Dates are now on the notice board.

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. If you pay tax, please consider Gift Aiding your donation. Each time you make a subsequent donation using the same card, Gift Aid will be collected automatically.

HETHE BICESTER



Financial Information

SECOND COLLECTIONS

17th/18th December: Parish Maintenance

23rd/24th December: Parish Maintenance

Christmas Crib Collection 2024—Friends of the Holy Land

Church	First Collection	Second Collection	Standing Orders	Tap & Go Donations	Mass Attendance
Bicester	£413.69	£280.28	£1165	£120	465
Hethe	£35	£26	£170		18

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



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