



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



Holy Trinity Hethe

Archbishop: **The Most Rev Bernard Longley**

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Parish Safeguarding Representatives: **Elizabeth Green & Les Cleeve**

Gift Aid Organiser: **Sr Anu Joseph**

St John Paul II Centre: **Sr Sani Vijayan**

Parish Sisters: -Superior - **Sr Rose Mathew** - Convent 327 689

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Fourth Sunday of Advent A

17th to 25th December 2022 - Psalm 4

Pope's Prayer Intention for December : For Volunteer non profit organisations: We pray for that these organisations committed to human development find people dedicated to the common good and ceaselessly seek out new paths to international cooperation.



DECEMBER	TIME	INTENTIONS	FEASTS	LECTORS	STEWARDS
SAT 17th	4 pm @ Hethe	Wellbeing of Helen McDermott	4th Sunday of Advent	R Deane/ B Kelly	S Wilde/R Deane
Vigil Mass	6.00 pm	Don Burton (RIP)		Rufus/C McArdle	M Marrs/P Bevan
SUN 18th	9.00 am	People of the Parish		L & R Weaver	C St John
	11.00 am	Damayanthi & John Sanjeev Rao Baththula (RIP)		T Lane/N Ward	Kokore Family
	6.00 pm @ Hethe	Joint Carol Service	Holy Trinity Church		
MON 19th	9.30 am @ Hethe	Wellbeing of Helen McDermott	Advent Feria	B Kelly/R Deane	
	12 Noon	Alice & Pat Beggs (RIP)		M Daniel	
	7.00 pm	Advent Penitential Service & Confessions			
TUE 20th	9.30 am	Intentions of Pauline Caughlan	Advent Feria	J Kokore	
WED 21st	9.30 am		Advent Feria	L Cleeve	
THUR 22nd	9.30 am		Advent Feria	H King	
FRI 23rd	12 Noon	Thanksgiving - Jacob Kokore (B'day)	Advent Feria	E King	
THE SEASON OF CHRISTMAS					
SAT 24th	2.00 pm	Martin Mellett (RIP)	CHRISTMAS EVE	Sr Sani/	Frankie
	4 pm @ Hethe	People of the Parish	SOLEMNITY OF THE		S Wilde/R Deane
Vigil Mass	6.00 pm	Bill & Kitty Hornby & Angela Nelson (RIP)	NATIVITY	A Kirby-Hall/R Evans	S & M Doherty
	11.30 pm	Carols & Readings			
	12 Midnight	Fiona Mary Beasley (RIP) & Joan Bridle (RIP)		H King/ C Tett	Ursuline Sisters
SUN 25th	9.00 am	Deceased Members of Cawley & Wards families	CHRISTMAS DAY	P Cousins/ C St John	L & C Cleeve
	11.00 am	People of the Parish		C Tett/ I Ziegart	Franta Family
MON 26th	12 Noon	Jackie & Jacob Kokore, 24th Wedd. Anniversary	Feast of St Stephen, Martyr		

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

PARISH OUTREACH GROUP: Please contact the Parish Office if you need some form of practical help -01869 252 277.



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 .

ADVENT PENITENTIAL SERVICE: On Monday, 19th December at 7pm. I have invited some of our neighbouring priests to help us to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation by hearing our confessions. A great opportunity to prepare ourselves for the celebrations of Our Lord's Nativity at Christmas.

SILENCE IN CHURCH: Please may I remind everyone to be mindful of other people who are praying in Church before & after Mass. Make sure your mobiles are switched off & also not to speak during Mass itself.

CHRISTMAS RAFFLE: Payments and stubbs to be returned to Sr Anu at the Parish Office. The draw will take place on Sunday, 18th December after 11 am Mass. Thank you for your raffle prize donations.

CHRISTMAS FAYRE: Although the weather did not help us, a good number of you very kindly supported this event. I thank you all for your continued support. The total amount raised was £960.00.

CHRISTMAS STARS Two Christmas Trees of Remembrance and Hope will be erected on to the Sanctuary this year and you are invited to purchase stars for loved ones. Forms are available at the back of church. Please complete and deliver to the Parish Office or to the Sisters. 1 star £3 - 2 stars for £5. Funds raised will go towards church flowers at Christmas. Thank you for your support. Deadline Wednesday 21st.

A SONG FOR CHRISTMAS WITH SPONNE MUSICIANS My sincere thanks to Mrs Catherine Underwood and to the very talented Sponne School students. Very grateful to all those who came along to support. Total raised £800 and £400 each for the parish and Sponne School Music department.

PIETY SHOP Christmas cards, candles, gifts, and other religious items now available. New selection of occasional cards also in stock.

HELP AT CHRISTMAS: We have been approached with offers of food those in our parish community who may be in need of extra support this Christmas. If anyone is in need of support, please contact the Parish Office or me on a confidential basis.

ALTAR SERVERS: All servers will be renewing their commitment as members of the guild of St Stephen on Monday, 26th December during 12 Noon Mass. Some of the new servers will be presented with their bronze medal.

HOLY TRINITY, HETHE A joint Carol Service with the Anglicans will be held this Sunday, 18th at 6.00pm with refreshments afterwards in St Philip's Hall. Please phone Breff Kelly, 01280 702500, for details. Please support this event if you can.

CHRISTMAS OFFERINGS: This is your traditional annual gift to the parish priest. Please feel free to use the special envelopes that were given with the bulletin last weekend alternatively, you may give your offering via the contactless card machine which is in the front porch of the Church. Thank you.

BRICKLAYER: Do we have any bricklayers in our parish who could help us? I would really be grateful if you could get in touch with me.

SPONSORING SANCTUARY LAMPS: These lamps burn perpetually on the sanctuary (Blessed Sacrament) and in the Lady Chapel. Would you like one of these to burn in memory of a loved one, or for a particular intention? (Please note: one person/couple/intention per candle) If so, we are asking for a donation of £10 per week, which will go towards the costs of running the sacristy: candles, hosts, wine and other necessities for the celebration of Mass. Please hand in to Parish Clergy, post through Henley House letter box or to Parish Sisters in an envelope marked 'Sanctuary Lamp Donation' together with a note stating your particular intention. Lots of availability in the new year. The intentions will be placed in order as they are received and published in the weekly bulletin.

Baptism Courses 2023 The courses will be held at 10 am at the St John Paul II Centre on the following Saturdays: 11th February, 15th

Teams for	18/12	25/12	1/1	8/1	15/1
Children lit. (4)	3	None	None	None	4
Coffee 9am (11)	10	None	11	1	2
Coffee 11am (7)	2	None	3	4	5
Flowers	None	All teams	All	All	Anita

April, 24th June, 7th 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 more details: www.immaculate-conception.org.uk

St. Mary's Catholic Primary School: Parents of children born between 1st September 2018 and 31 August 2019 (inclusive) need to apply for a primary school place for September 2023 before 15th January 2023. Applications should be made through the Oxfordshire website: <https://www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/residents/schools/apply-school-place/reception-applications/make-application>

Parents are very welcome to visit and see what life is like at St. Mary's. Please telephone or email the school office to make an appointment. Miss Pickering will meet with you and take you on a tour of the school. Tel. 01869 252035 Email: office.3824@st-marys-bicester.oxon.sch.uk

PREPARING FOR CHRISTMAS If anyone would like to help with preparing the church for Christmas with cleaning, decorating the crib, trees or making the flower team cups of tea! Then please come along on Thursday/Friday and a job for you will be found!

PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES MAY 2023: Parish pilgrimage to Lourdes takes place from 25th to 31st May 2023. Half board £789 per person sharing a room. If you prefer a single room, it will cost an extra £247 and single rooms are limited. Flights from London Stansted to Lourdes. Booking forms can be obtained from Piety shop or Parish Office. If you need more information, please get in touch with me. Online booking: www.allsaintstravel.co.uk/LD0803

HOLY LAND NOVEMBER 2023: Pilgrimage to Holy Land is 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. Online booking: <https://www.allsaintstravel.co.uk/HL0801>

Dates to remember

- 19th December : Advent Penitential Service & Confessions at 7pm
- 21st/22nd January 2023: Survive Miva Appeal
- 18th March 2023: Sacrament of Confirmations Mass at 6 pm
- 23rd March 2023: Diamond Jubilee Celebrations @ 7pm - Archbishop
- 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 Bathula: 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.



Financial Information

SECOND COLLECTIONS

18th/19th Dec. Christmas Flowers
 24th/25th Dec. Parish Priest

The Christmas Crib Collection -towards: Parish Outreach Group

Church	First Collection	Second Collection	Standing Orders	Tap & Go For Parish	Mass Attendance
Bicester	£267.84	£1111.62	£1185	£150	336
Hethe	£30		£186		22



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