



The Catholic Parishes of Immaculate Conception @BICESTER

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29th Sunday in ordinary time (A)
18th October 2020

The mystagogy of the celebration:

1234 The meaning and grace of the sacrament of Baptism are clearly seen in the rites of its celebration. By following the gestures and words of this celebration with attentive participation, the faithful are initiated into the riches this sacrament signifies and actually brings about in each newly baptized person.

1235 The sign of the cross, on the threshold of the celebration, marks with the imprint of Christ the one who is going to belong to him and signifies the grace of the redemption Christ won for us by his cross.

1236 The proclamation of the Word of God enlightens the candidates and the assembly with the revealed truth and elicits the response of faith, which is inseparable from Baptism. Indeed Baptism is "the sacrament of faith" in a particular way, since it is the sacramental entry into the life of faith.

1237 Since Baptism signifies liberation from sin and from its instigator the devil, one or more exorcisms are pronounced over the candidate. The celebrant then anoints him with the oil of catechumens, or lays his hands on him, and he explicitly renounces Satan. Thus prepared, he is able to confess the faith of the Church, to which he will be "entrusted" by Baptism.³⁹

1238 The baptismal water is consecrated by a prayer of epiclesis (either at this moment or at the Easter Vigil). The Church asks God that through his Son the power of the Holy Spirit may be sent upon the water, so that those who will be baptized in it may be "born of water and the Spirit."⁴⁰

1239 The essential rite of the sacrament follows: Baptism properly

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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speaking. It signifies and actually brings about death to sin and entry into the life of the Most Holy Trinity through configuration to the Paschal mystery of Christ. Baptism is performed in the most expressive way by triple immersion in the baptismal water. However, from ancient times it has also been able to be conferred by pouring the water three times over the candidate's head.

1240 In the Latin Church this triple infusion is accompanied by the minister's words: "N., I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit." In the Eastern liturgies the catechumen turns toward the East and the priest says: "The servant of God, N., is baptized in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit." At the invocation of each person of the Most Holy Trinity, the priest immerses the candidate in the water and raises him up again. *(To be continued)*

(Catechism of the Catholic Church)

OCTOBER	TIME	IMMACULATE CONCEPTION & HOLY TRINITY	
SATURDAY 17TH	10.00 AM at Hethe	People of God	29th Sunday in Ordinary Time A
	6.00 PM IC	James Carey (RIP)	
SUNDAY 18TH	9.30 PM IC	Intentions of Brian McLaughlin	
	11.00 AM IC	Teresa Gallagher (RIP)	
	6.00 PM IC	People of God	
MONDAY 19TH	9.30 AM IC	Wellbeing of the University Students	
TUESDAY 20TH	9.30 AM IC		
	2.00 PM	Divine Mercy Devotions	At Clare Whitehead's flat
WEDNESDAY 21ST	9.30 AM IC		
THURSDAY 22ND	9.30 AM IC		<i>Feast of St John Paul II Pope</i>
	7.00 PM	Scripture Group meets—ZOOM Platform	
FRIDAY 23RD	12 Noon IC	Mary Murphy (RIP)	
SATURDAY 24TH	10.00 AM at Hethe	People of God	30th Sunday in Ordinary Time A
	6.00 PM IC	Mieczyslaw Sniezko (RIP)	
SUNDAY 25TH	9.30 AM IC	People of God	
	11.00 AM IC		
	6.00 PM IC		

Preparation for the Sacraments of Reconciliation, 1st Holy Communion and Confirmation 2020/21.

All children who **do not attend St Mary's School** please contact Clare St John (Parish Catechist) and Deacon Nick at nick.f.stjohn@btinternet.com or the Parish Office.

Reconciliation Commitment This weekend at the Saturday 6pm, 9:30am and 6pm Sunday Masses.

Confirmation Commitment Masses over the weekend of 22nd and 29th November Saturday 6pm, 9:30am and 6pm Sunday.

Holy Communion Commitment Masses over the weekend of 31st January and 7th February Saturday 6pm, 9:30am and 6pm Sunday.

BAPTISMS: Please contact the office.

MONTH OF THE HOLY ROSARY: During this month of the Holy Rosary I would like to invited parishioners to say the rosary at home as a family. Here in Church, we will do so at 9.05 am from Monday to Thursday and on Friday at 11.35 am.

NOVEMBER - MONTH OF THE HOLY SOULS

Blessing of Graves

Saturday 7th Nov - Hethe after 10am Mass.

Sunday 8th Nov - Foynes Memorial Garden after 11am Mass.

Sunday 15th Nov - Bicester Cemetery at 2.30 pm. Everyone to gather at the graves of their loved ones and Clergy will come and bless. Please follow the social distancing as per the government guidelines.

HOLY SOULS ENVELOPES: November is traditionally the month particularly set aside for prayers for the Holy Souls in Purgatory, especially for the deceased members of our families and for those who are without family to pray for them. Please take an envelope from the stewards/attached to the newsletter, write the name(s) of those for whom you wish Mass to be offered (during the month of November the Masses will be offered for the Holy Souls). Envelopes can be given to the priests/Sisters/Stewards or place in the casket.

WORLD MISSION SUNDAY -18TH OCTOBER The one day in the year when the entire global Church comes together in support of mission. If you are a box holder and currently able to attend Mass, we would be grateful you could please delivery any donations/red boxes to the Parish Clergy. Donations can also be made online <https://missio.org.uk/donate/> Thank you in advance for you donations. For more information on Missio and the work they do as a result of your donations go to: mission.org.uk



IN AID OF REFUGEE ACTION and the local Refugee Support Group. Weather permitting, Sue Wilde and Janet Marshal will walk from Church starting at 12 noon on 18th of October to Hethe. Parishioners and friends are welcome to join them, Sponsor forms will be available from Janet. Contact her on 01869 244893.

PIETY SHOP: Although currently closed, orders can be placed via email to the parish office and collected and paid for at Mass times or by arrangement. Grave lights now in stock. Unfortunately, no new Christmas stock will be ordered this year. We do however, have a limited supply from last year: Boxed & individual Christmas cards, advent candles, children's books, olive tree decorations and other gifts. Items can be seen through the shop windows, and images online in the coming weeks.

NHS TRACK AND TRACE APP If you have a smart phone you will now be able to register using our QR codes in both of our churches when you attend Mass. The codes are on display as you enter. Using QR codes should reduce queues at the church doors. A QR code allows members of the public who have downloaded the app onto their smartphones to keep a record within their phone of the places they have been to, and to receive public health messages quickly. This is designed to make it quicker and easier to trace contacts of those who contract Covid, with a view to slowing the spread of the virus. Anyone who does not have a smartphone can provide their contact details at the entrance.

GUIDELINES FOR PARISHIONERS When the Mass starts, the Doors of the Church will be locked so please try to come early. Please make sure that you follow the instructions of the stewards and all signage that is in place. **If you arrive for Mass and you do not have a face covering you will not be allowed entrance** (unless you are asthmatic or under 5). The celebrant will be obliged to stop mass if this obligation is

ignored. Please be aware that the Church will be closed after each Mass and there are no toilet facilities available. Offerings/Donations can be placed in the casket/collection box at the entrance or exit. We provide a separate Lectern for the reader. **All Lectors please sanitize your hands before and after.**

Do not congregate either inside or outside of church before or at the end of Mass. Please maintain silence before and after Mass. The social distance of 1m Plus must be observed at all times, including before and after Mass.

PLEASE FOLLOW THE ABOVE GUIDELINES WITHOUT FAIL, THEY ARE FOR YOUR SAFETY AND THE SAFETY OTHERS.

MASS AT HETHE IS ON SATURDAY'S AT 10 AM. Space is limited therefore please contact Breff on 01280 702 500 or email him: brefkelly@gmail.com. Please place your offering in the basket as you leave the Church through the Sacristy Door.

PARISH GIVING Donations can be made online to either of our two parishes through the Archdiocesan Website: www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk/support-our-work. Select either "BICESTER" or "HETHE" on the dropdown menu and follow instructions. Alternatively, Offertory Envelopes can be placed in the donation box in church. Standing order details: NatWest Bank, Account No: 02342731; Sort Code: 51 70 15.

GIFT AID: Due to COVID -19 the Diocese is not in a position to send out the letters to parishioners setting out the amount donated in the 2019/20 incoming tax year. If any parishioner needs this information to complete an income tax return, please contact the parish office via email with your details. Sister Anu will respond to your email with the figure you require. Thank you

PORTRAIT OF OUR LADY OF CZESTOCHOWA We have been contacted by a historian working on the biography of Aniela Pawlikowska, a Polish painter who painted a portrait of Our Lady of Czestochowa (pol. Matka Boska Częstochowska), that was donated by Poles and brought here to The Immaculate Conception in January 1950. It was a very great ceremony led by Fr. Thomas Foynes and the Polish priest - Bronisław Michalski. Polish General Władysław Anders and his wife participated in the ceremony. Perhaps you remember the ceremony? or perhaps you have photographs? If you do and would like to share these with the historian, please contact the parish office. <http://www.immaculate-conception.org.uk/gallery-archive/Procession-with-Polish-Icon> a photo of the procession can be viewed on our website.

#RED WEDNESDAY AT HOME 21st- 29th November 2020.

Although UK churches are gradually opening again, on 25th November, in solidarity with suffering Christians and all who are keeping the Faith alive in hidden places, especially the 'underground' church in China, we are asking you to mark **#RedWednesday** in your own home and to join the online **#RedWednesday** event, this will be a livestream Mass at Farm St Parish in central London: 'UNJUSTLY DETAINED' EVENT 6pm. Join this mass to make it a HUGE 'Virtual' #RedWednesday. To register your interest, and access the event schedule visit www.acnuk.org/redwednesday. No merchandise is available to purchase this year, however donations can be made online or by telephone 0345 6460110 to support ACN.

Lectors	18/10	25/10	1/11
Saturday 6pm	P Sims & C McArdle	L Cleave	L Cleave
Sunday 9.30am	C Moyse	S McCarthy	M Brown
Sunday 11am	N Ward	L Cleave	C Tett
Sunday 6pm	H King	H King	T Lane



Church	Loose	Gift Aid	Total	Donations	Attended
Bicester	£ 365.63	£ 62.00	£ 427.63		253
Hethe	12	DD £168	£180		16

Thank you for your ongoing support particularly in these difficult times!

LET US PRAY FOR THE SICK AND HOUSEBOUND:

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



Online Webcam

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