



# The Catholic Parishes of Immaculate Conception @ BICESTER

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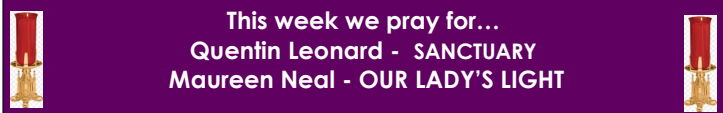
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**Fourth Sunday of Advent C**  
**19th December 2021 Psalter 2**  
**Month of the Immaculate Conception**

DECEMBER	TIME	INTENTIONS	FEASTS	LECTORS	STEWARDS
<b>SAT 18TH</b>	<b>4.00 PM</b>	Don Burton (RIP)	<b>THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT</b>		<b>R Dean &amp; S Wilde</b>
	<b>6.00 PM</b>	People of the Parish		Sr Anu/R John	<b>Thompson Family</b>
<b>SUN 19TH</b>	<b>9.00 AM</b>	John, Eddie, and Neil Ward (RIP)		L & R Weaver	<b>L &amp; C Cleeve</b>
	<b>11.00 AM</b>	People of the Parish		R Evans/N Ward	<b>Kokore Family</b>
<b>MON 20TH</b>	<b>9.30 AM@ Hethe</b>		<b>Advent Feria</b>	<b>R Deane</b>	<b>R Dean &amp; S Wilde</b>
	9.30AM			M Daniel	<b>P Sims &amp; A Farrell</b>
	7.00PM	<b>PENITENTIAL SERVICE &amp; CONFESSIONS</b>			
<b>TUE 21ST</b>	9.30 AM	Thomas Edward Thompson (RIP)	Advent Feria	J Kokore	<b>R &amp; R Deane</b>
<b>WED 22ND</b>	9.30 AM	Marc Mackenzi (RIP)	Advent Feria		
<b>THUR 23RD</b>	9.30 AM	Antony Abraham (RIP)	Advent Feria		<b>Kokore Family</b>
<b>FRI 24TH</b>	2.00PM	Decs. Members & Ints. of Ostrowski Family	<b>CHRISTMAS EVE</b>	H King/Sisters	<b>H King/Frankie</b>
	<b>4.00PM@Hethe</b>	People of the Parish			<b>S Wilde/R Deane</b>
	6.00PM	Bill & Kitty Hornby & Angela Nelson (RIP)		C Moyse/P Sims	<b>B &amp; K McFall</b>
	9.00PM	Mona Doherty (RIP)		S & R Thundathil	<b>A Poole/Frankie</b>
	12 MIDNIGHT	Fiona Mary Beasley (RIP)		R Evans/J Franta	<b>Kokore &amp; Franta Family</b>
<b>SAT 25TH</b>	<b>9.00AM@Hethe</b>		<b>NATIVITY OF OUR LORD</b>		<b>R Deane &amp; S Wilde</b>
	9.00 AM	People of Parish		A Mutton/Daniela	<b>A Olweira/C St John</b>
	11.00 AM	Joan Bridle (RIP)		T Lane/C Tett	<b>J &amp; J Kokore/Frankie</b>
<b>SUN 26TH</b>	<b>9.00 AM @ Hethe</b>		<b>Feast of The Holy Family</b>		<b>S Wilde/R Deane</b>
	9.00 AM	Trehy Family (RIP)		Evans/S McCarthy	<b>Andrade Family</b>
	11.00 AM	Intentions of Cowley Family		A Kearsley/ M Lawrence	<b>Kokore Family</b>
<b>MON 27TH</b>	<b>9.30 AM Hethe</b>	<b>People of the Parish</b>	<b>Feast of St John A, E</b>		<b>R Dean &amp; S Wilde</b>
	<b>12 Noon</b>	Martin Mellett (RIP) 1st Anniversary		M Daniel	<b>P Sims &amp; A Farrell</b>

Pope's Prayer Intention for December: Catechesis: Let us pray for catechists, summoned to announce the Word of God: may they be its witnesses, with courage & creativity & in the power of the Holy Spirit



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

K Cashman, Tim Charles, Joyce Thornley, Mary Ashley, John Dunn & Helena Nowak.

**COVID—UPDATE** Due to the recent uncertain situation regarding the new covid variant and especially as we approach Christmas, I suggest that we make **mask wearing mandatory once again**. We do not want to be in the position to have to change our plans for our Christmas celebrations and need to do what we can to keep ourselves and others safe. I also continue to respectfully request that no gatherings/ chatting etc, take place around mass times within the church and ask that you please vacate the church **promptly** to allow the stewards to sanitise the church immediately after masses. The hand sanitisers continue to be available for all, please remember to sanitise your hands on entry and exit. Lets keep each other safe. Thank you for your cooperation with this.

**CHRISTMAS OFFERINGS:** This is your traditional offering to your parish priest which is collected at all Masses on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day. Please use the envelope that is attached to the bulletin this weekend for your offerings. There will be only one collection at all Masses over the Christmas.

**CHRISTMAS CONCERT** Thanks to all who supported this wonderful event. £500 was raised towards Church Maintenance. Grateful thanks to Catherine Underwood and all the children who performed.

**PENITENTIAL SERVICE** This will take place on Monday, 20th December 2021 at 7pm. It is an opportunity to all our parishioners to prepare to celebrate Our Lord's birthday by going to Confession. I have invited 5 priests to come and hear our confessions. Please make time to receive this sacrament.

**MISSIO/APF** As we approach the end of the year we would be grateful if you could empty or return your red boxes and deliver to the parish office or Piety Shop. Empty boxes can be found at the back of church. Thank you.

**CANON JOHN:** It has been 2 years since I had a break and I am therefore planning to go home to India on 28th December and return on 26th January. During my absence, weekend Masses will be celebrated by Bishop William and Father Pat. During the weekdays, Monday to Thursday, Rosary will be recited at 9.15 am followed by morning prayers. On Friday's Rosary will be recited at 11.35 am followed by Mass.

**SYMPATHY:** We extend our deepest sympathy to Martin Doherty and his family, on the death of his mother, Mona Doherty. Her funeral took place last Friday. *May she Rest in Peace.*

**SYMPATHY:** We extend our condolences and assurance of prayers to the family of Daniel Roberto Gallinari died at JR Hospital, aged 53 years. His Funeral service is on Thursday 30th December at North Oxfordshire crematorium at 3.00pm.

**CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES**

**No need to book -Masks mandatory**

**Hethe**

**Christmas Eve:** 4.00pm

**Christmas Day** at 9.00am

**Bicester**

**Christmas Eve:** 2.00 pm, 6.00 pm; 9.00 pm & 12 Midnight

**Christmas Day:** 9am & 11 am.



The Crib Collection this year will go towards **Bicester Food Bank**. *Although the church heating will remain on, please wrap up warm as windows need to be opened for Covid reasons.*

**LECTORS & STEWARDS** The new rota for Jan-April 2022 is being prepared. If you would like to read at masses or help steward please email the parish office on [tic.bicester@rcaob.org.uk](mailto:tic.bicester@rcaob.org.uk)

**BAPTISMS 2022:** I will be holding a Baptism Meeting on Saturday, 29th January at 1pm. If you are planning to have your child baptised next year & plan to attend the meeting please contact the parish office.

**RCIA:** The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults Course for those wishing to become a Catholic or those who wish to know more about our faith, is taking place every Tuesday from 7.30pm to 8.30pm at Centre. Restart Jan 18th 2022.

**COFFEE MORNING** Next one: 7th Jan 2022.

**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. The intentions will be placed in order as they are received and published in the weekly bulletin. Dates available from 1st January.

**2022— Dates to remember**

**Monday 20th Dec:** Penitential Service/Confessions at 7.00pm

**Saturday 5th March 2022:** Sacrament of Confirmation at 6pm

**Saturday 14th May 2022:** First Holy Communions (St Mary's)

**Saturday 21st May:** First Holy Communions (non St Mary's)

**Sunday 19th June 2022:** Eucharistic Procession to Garth Park

**Sunday 3rd July 2022:** Family Day & Presentation of Certificates

*Grateful to Givers*  
**Financial Information**  
**SECOND COLLECTIONS**  
18th/19th Dec. Parish Maintenance  
26th Dec. Parish Maintenance

Church	Loose £	Second Collection Poor Parishes	Standing Orders	Total	Attended
Bicester	£247.96	£100.50	£1100	£1347.96	310
Hethe	£46	£25	£196	£242	18

**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:**

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

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**HETHE**

**BICESTER**



*God Bless you for your generosity during these difficult times!*



**PRAYER FOR THE DIOCESAN VISION:**

Spirit of God, descend on me this day.

Grant me the Spirit of joy, to lift me,

the Spirit of hope to inspire me,

the Spirit of love to surround me

and the Spirit of truth to enlighten my path.

Holy Spirit, I pray for a new outpouring of your grace,

so that I may grow in worship of your name

in love of you in my prayer

and in my actions towards others.

Come Holy Spirit into my life to guide me.

Strengthen and defend me,

so that I may be drawn ever closer to you.

Help me this day and always

to be a channel of grace in all I say and do

and invite others into relationship with you. Amen

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