



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

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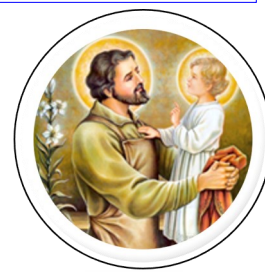


Fourth Sunday of Lent A

Sunday Cycle A - Weekdays - Season of Lent

18th - 26th March 2023 Psalter 4

Pope's Prayer Intention for March: For victims of abuse. We pray for those who have suffered harm from members of the church; may they find within the Church herself a concrete response to their pain and suffering.



Month of March dedicated to St Joseph

MARCH	TIME	INTENTIONS	FEASTS	LECTORS	STEWARDS
SAT 18TH	Hethe 4.00 pm	Melanie Mulheran (RIP)		B Kelly/ R Deane	S Wilde/R Deane
	6.00 pm	Thanksgiving - Confirmandi	4th Sunday of Lent	Confirmandi	S & M Doherty
SUN 19th	9.00 am	Malachy McKeon (RIP)		A Kirby-Hall/R Evans	L & C Cleeve
	11.00 am	Private intentions (NW)		T Lane/ N Ward	Kokore Family
MON 20th	9.30am@Hethe		Solemnity of St Joseph, spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary	R Dean/B Kelly	
	12 Noon	Intentions of Canon John		M Daniel	
TUE 21st	9.30 am	Sarah Ann & Alexander Beattie (RIP)	Lenten Feria	L Cleeve	
WED 22nd	9.30 am	Mark Mackenzie (RIP) 2nd anniversary	Lenten Feria	Key Stage One	
THUR 23rd	7.00 pm	JUBILEE MASS OF THANKSGIVING	60th Anniversary		S & M Doherty J & M Franta
FRI 24th	12 Noon	Thanksgiving - Les & Colette Cleeve Golden Wedding anniversary	Lent Feria	E King	
	7.00 pm	WAY OF THE CROSS			
SAT 25th	Hethe 4.00 pm	People of the Parish	Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord	B Kelly/ R Deane	S Wilde/R Deane
	6.00 pm	For Vocations (Catenian Mass Intention)	5th Sunday of Lent		L Hattam/A Mutton/ L O'Flynn
	7pm - 9pm	YOUTH MEETING			
SUN 26th	9.00 am	Claramma Joseph (RIP) Noah Jose Varghese (3rd Birthday)			Brown Family
	11.00 am	Bernard Chellar (RIP)			Orleans Family



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 (Not during Lent)
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. Easter gifts & cards now available.
EAST TIMOR COMMUNITY PRAYER: First Sunday of the month at 5.00pm @ Ursuline Convent



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

LET US PRAY FOR THE SICK AND HOUSEBOUND:

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

CONFIRMATIONS: We welcome Canon Paul Fitzpatrick, Episcopal Vicar for the Pastoral Area of Coventry, Warwickshire and Oxfordshire who will confirm the children at the 6pm Vigil Mass. Please pray for the candidates, their families, teachers and catechists who have prepared them for this important sacrament.

JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS: On Thursday 23rd March, we as a Catholic Community will mark the three fold Jubilee celebrations: The Most Reverend Bernard Longley will join us at the Concelebrated Mass at 7.00pm, followed by light supper in the Centre. I wish to invite all parishioners past, present & the school community to join us in our celebrations. **Please note:**

CAR PARK: The Parish car park will be reserved for Clergy & guests, and for those who find it difficult to walk. Please do not park in front of the Centre. We have permission to use the Littlebury Hotel car park, alternatively there are plenty of local car parks in the vicinity. Thank you.

ALTAR SERVERS: I would like for all Servers to **arrive by 6.30 pm** to prepare. Archbishop's Secretary, Father Dominic will give guidance. Please all remain silent as you prepare in the Sacristy. Thank you.

JUBILEE MEMORIAL GROTTO TO OUR LADY: thankfully the project is just about complete and will be blessed on Thursday by Archbishop Bernard. The Grotto will be dedicated to past and present clergy and parishioners.

VOLUNTEERS: Are needed this coming Wednesday to set up the hall in the Centre from 5 pm. For Thursdays celebration. It shouldn't take more than an hour. Thank you in advance.

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 TICKETS: Please would you start bringing back the counterfoils with the amount. First prize: £100; 2nd prize: Hamper; 3rd prize: £25 and many other good prizes.

HOLY COMMUNION SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION

Children/Parent Sessions Saturday 9-10am in St John Paul II Centre: 25th March (Parents Session running alongside the children's session), 22nd April.

HETHE: Mondays: Mass at 9.30am followed by Bible Study video in St Philip's Hall. Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays: Mid-week Stations of the Cross at 10.00am.

EASTER LILIES If you would like to buy a lily in memory of a relative or friend please complete the attached slip and deliver to the parish office /piety shop. Lilies cost £2.50 each.

HOSTS NEEDED You may be considering to offer a home/room to Ukrainian guests who continue to arrive here in Bicester. If so then please come to the pop in session to get more information and meet with current hosts and Ukrainian guests and other organisations for hosting information. Saturday, 25th March between 2pm-4pm.

9.00AM CHOIR: Do you sing? Do you play an instrument? Guitar / Flute / Clarinet / Piano / Violin / Mandolin.....We would love for you to join us on a Sunday morning at 9.00am mass! We can't do this without you! New members - both musicians and singers, are vital for us to be able to continue the music liturgy at the 9.00am mass. We practice after mass in the centre on a Sunday (usually about once per month) and music copy is provided for you to practice at home. Please come and speak to Siân after mass or come and join us one Sunday morning! You are most welcome!



Teams for	19/3	26/3	2/4	9/4	16/4
Children lit. (4)	none	4	none	none	none
Coffee 9am (11)	11	1	2	3	4
Coffee 11am (9)	7	8	9	1	2
Flowers	None	None	Sisters	All	All

SYMPATHY - HELEN PARNABY RIP: Helen died suddenly at home in the early hours of Thursday morning. We express our deepest condolences to David and his family. We assure Helen's family of our prayers. May she rest in peace.

Banbury Cluster Vocations Evening: I would like to invite you to join me and other clergy and parishioners on Monday, 20th March at St John's Church, Banbury. The Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament from 6pm to 6.50pm, followed by concelebrated Mass at 7pm. Please come along and pray for vocations.

100 CLUB The new year starts from April 1st. Please complete and return the attached form with this week's bulletin 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 parish fundraiser, please support this if you can. £5 monthly by standing order.

Parish Youth Meeting for Year 6-9: Saturday 25th March 2023, 7pm-9pm: This is the first of our monthly parish youth meetings. It will be held in the Parish Centre. No need to book, just turn up. Parents will need to sign young people into the meeting for Safeguarding reasons. For more information contact Deacon Nick on 01869 46787 or dcn.nick.f.stjohn@rcaob.org.uk.



HOLY TRIDUUM

Maundy Thursday Mass at 7.30 pm (Bicester)
Good Friday Liturgy at 12 Noon (Hethe) 3pm at Bicester
Easter Vigil Mass at 7.30 pm
Easter Sunday Masses:
9 am (Bicester) 10 am (Hethe) & 11 am (Bicester)
Lectors & Welcomers—the new rota has been sent out via email and some copies are available at the back of church.

PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES MAY 2023: Parish pilgrimage to Lourdes will take place from the 25th to 31st May 2023. Half board £789 per person sharing a room. Single rooms are an extra £247 with limited availability. The flight will be from London Stansted to Lourdes. Booking forms can be obtained from Piety shop or Parish Office, alternatively online via All Saints. If you need more information, please get in touch with me. Online booking: www.allsaintstravel.co.uk/LD0803

Dates to remember

23rd March 2023: Diamond Jubilee Celebrations @ 7pm
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



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.



CONTACTLESS You can also donate by scanning the QR code with your phone or by card at the machine in the church porch.

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Financial Information

SECOND COLLECTIONS - MARCH

18th/19th, 25th/26th: Lenten Charities



Church	First Collection	Second Collection	Standing Orders	Tap & Go For Parish	Mass Attendance
Bicester	£ 329.60	£ 149.60	£1185	£185	448
Hethe	£30	£	£176		22



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