



The Catholic Parishes of Immaculate Conception @BICESTER

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Holy Trinity Hethe

Archbishop: **The Most Rev Bernard Longley**

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

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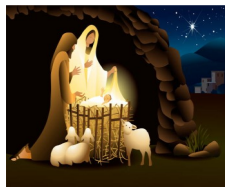
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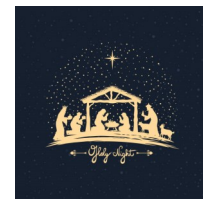
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Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God

31st December 2022 to 8th January 2023 - Psalter 2

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 31st	4 pm @ Hethe	<i>People of the Parish</i>			S Wilde/R Deane
Vigil Mass	6.00 pm	Ints of Hattam Family		P Sims/Sr Rose	McArdle Family
SUN 1st	9.00 am	Mortimer Conlan (RIP)	Solemnity of Mary,	S & R Silvy	Volunteers
January	11.00 am	People of the Parish	The Holy Mother of God	R Evans/E Green	Orleans Family
MON 2nd	9.30 am	Service of the Word with Holy Communion	Mem of St Basil the Great & St Gregory Nazianzen, B, Drs		
TUE 3rd	9.30 am	Service of the Word with Holy Communion	Christmas Feria	J Kokore	
WED 4th	9.30 am	Service of the Word with Holy Communion	Christmas Feria	L Cleeve	
THUR 5th	9.30 am	Service of the Word with Holy Communion	Christmas Feria	H King	
FRI 6th	9.30 am	Intentions of Jane, Guy, Sue & Dale	Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord		
	12 Noon	Golden Wedding Anniversary Pete and Gill Sims	HOLIDAY OF OBLIGATION	E King	
	7.00 pm	Deceased members of Friends of Suffering Souls		L Cleeve/H King	
SAT 7th	4.00 pm	People of the Parish	Christmas Feria	B Kelly/ R Deane	S Wilde/R Deane
	6.00 pm	Bridget McDermott (RIP)	Feast of the Baptism of the Lord	A McArdle/ C McArdle	S & M Doherty
SUN 8th	9.00 am	People of the Parish		A Mutton/ T Yarker	L & C Cleeve
	11.00 am	John & Joan Calnan (RIP) & The Calnan Family		H King/M Lawrence	Kokore family



The Crib collection this year will go towards: St Chad's Sanctuary



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.



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

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 .

SOLEMNITY OF THE EPIPHANY : (Holyday of Obligation) On Friday 6th January - Mass times as follows: 9.30 am; 12 Noon and 7.00pm. All Masses will be celebrated in Bicester.

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.

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.

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 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

MARRIAGE Engaged couples seeking marriage in Church should inform Canon John at least six months before the intended wedding date so that there is enough time for all the necessary administration to be completed. This requirement applies to marriages taking place here in the parish, in other parts of the UK, and overseas. Please contact the Parish Office for further details.

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

Blessed George Napier Catholic Secondary School & Sixth Form Teaching Vacancies: Learning Support Assistants, Part-time, post commencing as soon as possible. Further details are available on the school website: www.bgn.oxon.sch.uk

CHRISTMAS RAFFLE DRAW: I wish express my sincere thanks to all those who supported the Christmas Raffle. The total amount raised was £1075 with expenditure of £185.00 of cash prizes & tickets. **WINNERS:** 1st Prize £100: Mrs Greenfield; 2nd Hamper: Tom Ellis; 3rd £25: Jo O'Rourke; 4th J O'Rourke; 5th ; J Marshall; 6th N Ward; 7th P Kallay; 8th M Jones. Contact Sr Sani to collect prizes.

PARISH ENVIROMENTAL GROUP TIPS ON Travel: Hold virtual work meetings via Zoom or Microsoft Teams instead of travelling - Book a flight-free holiday for next summer - Avoid weekend city breaks by air-Get a railcard and buy advance and/or split tickets to get cheap train travel.

CHRISTMAS STARS raised £335.00. God Bless you for your support.



Teams for	1/1	8/1	15/1	22/1	29/1
Children lit. (4)	None	4	1	2	4
Coffee 9am (11)	11	1	2	3	4
Coffee 11am (7)	3	4	5	6	7
Flowers	All	All	Anita	Anita	Anne

THANK YOU!

Canon John would like to thank everyone for their gifts, cards and generous Christmas offerings, as well as all those who decorated the church so beautifully and who contributed in any way to the Christmas liturgies. As always, our Christmas Masses were memorable and very well attended. Thank you for all your hard work and for your witness to the Faith. He along with Fr Pat, Deacons Michael and Nick and the Ursuline Sisters, wish all parishioners, their families and their friends, a very happy, holy and peaceful New Year.

BICESTER UKRAINIAN COMMUNITY SUPPORT (BUCS)

This group established after the humanitarian collections for Ukraine last February. They now run weekly sessions at Southwold Community Hall on Saturdays 11am—1pm where they offer information, support, refreshments, English lessons to Ukrainian refugees and their hosts. They organise job fayres, counselling, trips and various other activities. They also run a free clothes centre at the McKay Unit, Station Approach, Bicester, OX26 6BZ They are appealing for volunteers to join the team to assist at the Clothing Unit, currently open Mon/Tue 10-12, Thu/Fri 10-2 Sat 2-4, and also for donations of clothes, shoes and toiletries, for women, children and men, as well as NEW underwear for all. The first Southwold session will be held on Saturday 14th January—why not come along to find out more about the group? Alternatively contact Lucia at the Parish Office for more information. **Fundraiser: Rags for Cash** collection in March - hold onto any old clothes /shoes - more info to follow.

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

Dates to remember

- 18th March 2023: Sacrament of Confirmations Mass at 6 pm
- 23rd March 2023: Diamond Jubilee Celebrations @ 7pm
- 13th May : First Holy Communions (For non St Mary's) 11 am
PLEASE NOTE CHANGE OF DATE PREVIOUSLY ADVERTISED DUE TO THE KINGS CORONATION ON 6/5/23
- 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

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 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.

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Financial Information

SECOND COLLECTIONS - JANUARY

31st & 1st/7th & 8th /28th & 29th - Parish Maintenance
 14th/15th Pax Christi
 21st/22nd Survive Miva Appeal

Church	First Collection	Second Collection	Standing Orders	Tap & Go For Parish	Mass Attendance
Bicester	N/A	N/A	£1185	N/A	N/A
Hethe	N/A	N/A	£186	N/A	N/A



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