



The Catholic Parishes of Immaculate Conception @BICESTER

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Solemnity of All Saints 1st November 2020

WHO CAN RECEIVE BAPTISM?

1246 "Every person not yet baptized and only such a person is able to be baptized."46

The Baptism of adults: 1247 Since the beginning of the Church, adult Baptism is the common practice where the proclamation of the Gospel is still new. The catechumenate (preparation for Baptism) therefore occupies an important place. This initiation into Christian faith and life should dispose the catechumen to receive the gift of God in Baptism, Confirmation, and the Eucharist.

1248 The catechumenate, or formation of catechumens, aims at bringing their conversion and faith to maturity, in response to the divine initiative and in union with an ecclesial community. The catechumenate is to be "a formation in the whole Christian life . . . during which the disciples will be joined to Christ their teacher. The catechumens should be properly initiated into the mystery of salvation and the practice of the evangelical virtues, and they should be introduced into the life of faith, liturgy, and charity of the People of God by successive sacred rites."47

1249 Catechumens "are already joined to the Church, they are already of the household of Christ, and are quite frequently already living a life of faith, hope, and charity."48 "With love and solicitude mother Church already embraces them as her own."49

The Baptism of infants: 1250 Born with a fallen human nature and tainted by original sin, children also have need of the new

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birth in Baptism to be freed from the power of darkness and brought into the realm of the freedom of the children of God, to which all men are called.50 The sheer gratuitousness of the grace of salvation is particularly manifest in infant Baptism. The Church and the parents would deny a child the priceless grace of becoming a child of God were they not to confer Baptism shortly after birth.51

1251 Christian parents will recognize that this practice also accords with their role as nurturers of the life that God has entrusted to them.52

1252 The practice of infant Baptism is an immemorial tradition of the Church. There is explicit testimony to this practice from the second century on, and it is quite possible that, from the beginning of the apostolic preaching, when whole "households" received baptism, infants may also have been baptized.53 (to continue) (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*)

OCTOBER	TIME	IMMACULATE CONCEPTION & HOLY TRINITY	
SATURDAY 31ST	10.00 AM at Hethe	People of God	Solemnity of All Saints
	6.00 PM IC	Pauline Coughlan - 90th Birthday	
SUNDAY 1ST NOV	9.30 PM IC	People of God	
	11.00 AM IC	Jesse Smith (RIP)	
	6.00 PM IC	John Sanjeeva Rao & Dayaratnam Batthula (RIP)	
MONDAY 2ND	9.30 AM IC	Jean Withers - for her wellbeing	
	9.30 AM at Hethe	Holy Souls	
	12 NOON IC	Holy Souls	
	6.00 PM IC	Holy Souls	
TUESDAY 3RD	9.30 AM IC	Jamil Guevan (RIP) James McGilligan (RIP)	<i>Feria in ordinary time</i>
	2.00 PM	Divine Mercy Devotions	
WEDNESDAY 4TH	9.30 AM IC	Joan Bridle (RIP)	<i>Memorial of St Charles Borromeo B</i>
THURSDAY 5TH	9.30 AM IC	Intentions of Elizabeth Howell	<i>Feria in ordinary time</i>
FRIDAY 6TH	9.30 AM at School	Wellbeing of the pupils and staff	
	12 Noon IC	Matt McKeever (RIP)	<i>Feria in ordinary time</i>
SATURDAY 7TH	10.00 AM at Hethe	Holy Souls	32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time A
	6.00 PM IC	Holy Souls	
SUNDAY 8TH	9.30 AM IC	People of God	
	11.00 AM IC	Sylvia Rose Madden (RIP)	
	6.00 PM IC	Holy Souls	

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.

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.

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. If anyone is unable to visit the grave of their loved one at Bicester Cemetery, please email or telephone details to the Parish Office and Lucia will be happy to arrange for a grave light to be placed.

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 back of the Church, write the name(s) of those for whom you wish to pray, place an offering in the envelope and hand it to Priests/Sisters/Stewards or place it in the casket.

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 some images online.

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. **NHS TRACK AND TRACE APP** If you have a smart phone, please register using our QR codes in both of our churches when you attend Mass. The codes are on display as you enter. Anyone who does not have a smartphone can provide their contact details at the entrance.

SATURDAY MASS AT HETHE AT 10 AM. Please contact Breff by Thursday on 01280 702 500 or email breffkelly@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 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.

#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.

CHRISTMAS 2020

If Masses are able to continue as they currently are, I plan to celebrate them at the following times:

Christmas Eve, Thursday, 24th December

Bicester: 4.00pm, 6.00pm, 9.00 pm and 12 Midnight.

Hethe: 5.30 pm & 8.00pm.

Christmas Day, Friday, 25th December

Bicester: 8.00am, 9.30am & 11.00am.

Hethe: 10.00am.

However, there is no fair and equitable way of allocating spaces for the Christmas Masses. Therefore, I have decided that if you wish to attend any of them, then please email or telephone the Parish Office. **If you have not reserved a place in advance then unfortunately you will not be allowed entry into Church.** The maximum of 85 people will be allowed per Mass at Bicester & 22 people at Hethe. Please reserve in advance.

MORE STEWARDS REQUIRED FOR CHRISTMAS MASSES:

In order for all the planned Christmas Masses to take place we will require more volunteers to steward. If you would like to assist, please get in touch with me.

THE CATHOLIC MILITARY ASSOCIATION of Our Lady of Victories is the only Catholic organisation for members of the armed forces or veterans. If you are interested please see the website or contact Tim on 07854705205.

<http://catholicmilitaryassociation.org.uk/>

Winners 100 club for Sun 25 October 2020, drawn by Mrs Sue Wilde at Hethe on 24th October 2020: £100 Mary Lynch 92 ; £50 Eleanor King 70; £25 Mary Kelly 69. There are now only 4 numbers available: 30,50,94,96 - contact paulcous@yahoo.com, or tel: 01869 242838 for details of how to play - costs £5 per month

ST. MARY'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL: Parents of children who are due to start primary school in September 2021 are reminded that they must make an online, or paper application through Oxfordshire County Council between 1st Nov 2020 & 15th Jan 2021. Any queries, contact the school office, 252035. Next weekend along with the newsletter we will be providing a special flyer with more information. I would like to encourage our catholic parents to send their children to our school.

THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION (CONFESSION) Available on Saturday's from 5.20 pm to 5.45 pm and during the week day's by prior appointment.

HOLY HOUR & BENEDICTION: I would like to invite you all for the adoration of the Holy Eucharist & Benediction on Friday 20th November 2020 from 6.00-7.00pm. During this time there will be an opportunity to go for Confessions. (In Our Lady's Chapel)

CAKE AND PRODUCE STALL: Our next sale is on Sunday, 22nd November after Masses. Buy your Christmas goodies.

CHRISTMAS MARKET STALL: On Friday 27th November 2020 from 8.00 am - 1.00pm. Why don't you visit for your Christmas shopping? (Sheep Street Market) Please support our fundraising events. God bless you all.

ALL SOULS DAY: Conditions for obtaining a Plenary Indulgence as a suffrage for the Holy Souls: visit a Church on 2nd Nov & pray one Our Father and the Creed. Only one such indulgence can be gained by any one person on this day. **MASS TIMES:** Bicester: 9.30 am; 12 Noon and 6.00pm & Hethe: 9.30 am.

Lectors	1/11	8/11	15/11	22/11
Saturday 6pm	L Cleeve	P Sims	P Sims	P Sims
Sunday 9.30am	M Brown	S & L Taylor	C Moyse	S McCarthy
Sunday 11am	C Tett	N Ward	J Kokore	N Ward
Sunday 6pm	T Lane	L Cleeve	L Cleeve	H King



Church	Loose	Gift Aid	Total	Attended
Bicester	£ 419.38	£ 52.50	£ 471.88	245
Hethe	£75	DD £168	£243.00	18

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.



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