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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Sunday Cycle A - Weekdays—Year 1 Week beginning of 20th August - 27th August 2023 Psalter 4

Pope's Prayer Intention for August: We pray the World Youth Day in Lisbon will help young people to live and witness the Gospel in their own lives.



AUGUST	TIME	INTENTIONS	FEASTS	LECTORS	STEWARDS
SAT 19th	4pm@ Hethe	People of the Parish	20th Sunday in Ordinary time	B Kelly/ R Deane	
Vigil Mass	6.00 pm	Special Intentions — Castillo family		B & K McFall	S & M Doherty
SUN 20th	9.00 am	People of Parish		C Moyse	A Mutton
	11.00 am	Robert Moses (RIP) Anna Bridget Pereira (RIP) Special Birthday of Frances Beatrice		A Kearsley	Orleans Family
MON 21st	9.30 am @Hathe	Wellbeing of Helen McDermott	Mem of St Pius X, Pope		
	12 noon	Joyce Webster (RIP) Francisco Nolasco senior (RIP)		M Daniel	
TUE 22nd	9.30 am	Ints of Caroline Clifford	Mem of the Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary	J Kokore	
	7.00 pm	"Grow Your Faith"	St John Paul II Centre		
WED 23rd	9.30am	Ints of Caroline Clifford	Feast of St John Wall, P, M	L Cleeve	
THU 24th	9.30 am	Mark Mackenzie (RIP)	Feast of Bartholomew, A	H King	
FRI 25th	12 noon	<u>_</u>	Feria in Ordinary time	E King	
SAT 26th	2.00 pm	Nuptial Mass Devansh Adhia & Daniela Oliviera			
	4pm@ Hethe	Wellbeing of Helen McDermott	Feast of Blessed Domini Barberi, P, R	B Kelly/ R Deane	
Vigil Mass	6.00 pm	Angus Forsyth Jnr (RIP)	21st Sunday in Ordinary time	H Henwood	A Mutton
SUN 27th	9.00 am	People of the Parish		L & R Weaver	C St John
	11.00 am	Herbert Jeanne (RIP) Wendy Walmsley (RIP)		T Lane	Ursuline Sisters





URSULINE LAY ASSOCIATES MEETING: 2nd Wednesday of every month at 2pm @ Ursuline Convent
PIETY SHOP: Open Friday, Saturday and Sunday around Masses.





This week we pray for... SANCTUARY LIGHT: Intentions of Sruthi Varahese **OUR LADY'S LIGHT: Lucia Ostrowska**



LET US PRAY FOR THE SICK AND HOUSEBOUND: Mary Lynch, Victor Francis, K Cashman, Tim Charles, Helena Nowak & Jean McIntosh.

THANK YOU: Holy Ghost Fathers would like to thank you all for your prayers and financial support which is very much appreciated.

RIDE & STRIDE The Annual Oxfordshire Historic Churches Trust Ride & Stride will take place from 10.00am to 4.00pm on Saturday, 9 September. 50% of all funds raised by parishioners will be paid to the Parish. Enjoy a healthy day of exercise as a cyclist, walker or as a visitor welcomer and help preserve the history on our doorstep by raising funds for the OHCT and our own Church. For further information or to receive a sponsorship form, please contact Tim Lane on 01869 277523 or at tim.lane@live.co.uk.

FOOD BANK COLLECTIONS We will be reinstating our food bank collections in due course and need volunteers to come forward to help take the collections directly to the Food Bank on Wesley Lane during foodbank opening hours (10am-12pm, Mon-Sat). Please add your name to the list if you are able to help. A What's App group may be set up to organise this.

GROW YOUR FAITH Find answers to questions you've ever wondered about. Many of us have wondered about illness so this month's topic will be the 'Concept of Healing.' Come and share your questions and experience with us. Is there something you are curious about but never really wanted to ask, this is the forum; you suggest the subjects and we can explore those ideas. Please note this month it will be on TUESDAY, 22nd August at 7-30pm in the St John Paul II Centre. Very informal and ALL welcome, new Catholics, long standing Catholics and especially those who are not catholic.

EXTRAORDINARY MINSTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION: Holy Communion in both kinds will be reintroduced from the 2nd weekend of September. I would therefore, like invite parishioners who wish to be Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion to add their name to the list at the back of the Church. Training sessions will be held on Saturday, 2nd September at 11 am & on Monday, 4th September at 7pm.

LECTORS: If you are interested in becoming a Lector (we especially need more for the 6pm mass) please come along to the training sessions that will take place for new and existing readers/lectors on Saturday, 2nd Sept at 11 am & Monday, 4th Sept at 7.00pm in Church.

NEW ALTAR SERVERS AND TRAINING: Children who have made their First Holy Communion are invited to volunteer to become altar servers. It is an honour to assist the priest in Mass. If you wish to join the Guild of St Stephen, come to altar servers room 20 minutes before Mass to prepare. Alternatively, come along to the training session on Saturday, 9th September at 10 am to find out more.

DAY OF PRAYER AT HOLY TRINITY, HETHE: On Monday, 25th September. We start the day with Holy Mass at 9.30 am, followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Rosary, Divine Mercy Chaplet and we conclude the day with Benediction at 4pm. Throughout the day, refreshments will be available in St Philips Hall. All welcome.

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION 2023-2024: The Enrolment/ Information session for Reconciliation, 1st Holy Communion and Confirmation will be held on Monday, 25th September at 7pm at the St John Paul II Centre. All parents whose children are in Years 3 & 6, either attending St Mary's or any other non Catholic schools, who wish to make their sacraments need to attend this meeting and commit to all the sessions required. Please bring along copies of baptism certificates if you attend a non catholic school. For more information or dates, please visit our parish website, alternatively see our notice board.

COFFEE MORNING. Next ones to jot down on your calendars: September 1st & Oct 6th.

FLOWER TEAM The new rota for the church flower team will be arranged very soon. If you would like to joint the team, no experience needed, please speak to Anne at the 11am choir or contact the office. PIETY SHOP We currently have a selection of icons and statues, also

various greeting cards, rosary beads, incense, CTS booklets and many other items are available. New stock in come and have a browse.

Teams for	20/8	27/8	3/9	10/9	17/9	24/9
Children lit. (4)	None	None	None	3	4	5
Coffee 9am (10)	2	3	4	5	6	7
Coffee 11am (9)	2	3	4	5	6	7
Flowers	Jo	Jo (wedding)	New rota			

HIRE OF ST JOHN PAUL CENTRE: Due to the pressure of increased running costs we have decided to charge non parish charity & community groups for the use of the St John Paul II Centre. Any bookings have to be made via the Centre Office on office@johnpaulcentre.co.uk, **01869 324 307** and to pay accordingly.

MASS INTENTIONS: We are currently short of Mass intentions, so please continue to request. Mass envelopes are available from the back of the Church/ Piety Shop or Parish Office.

YOUTH GROUP During the last academic year, the Youth Ministry was resurrected with great success. The team is hoping to continue this exciting progress and would like to grow to include older children. To continue our ongoing success and plan for future growth, we are seeking both men and women who are willing to dedicate 1.25 hours per month once DBS cleared. We currently have a strong, dedicated team to support any new team members. Please contact Deacon Nick on 01869 246787 or email yth.tic.bicester@rcaob.org.uk if you have questions or are interested.

HOLY LAND PILGRIMAGE: Our pilgrimage to the Holy Land will take place from 27th Nov to 4th Dec 2023. Half board £1498 per person sharing a room. Single rooms incur a supplement of £325. Flights from London Luton. You can book online:

https://www.allsaintstravel.co.uk/HL0801

Dates to remember

September

24th: International Mass & Shared Lunch

25th: Enrolment meeting -First Confession/Holy Communion/ Confirmation 25th: Day of Prayer at Hethe from 9.30 am - 4.30pm

October

7th Baptism Course 10am-12 noon

15th First Reconciliation Commitment Mass at 9 am

28th Parish & Catenians Joint Quiz Night

November:

4th Filipino Day of Prayer

12th Confirmation Commitment Mass at 9 am

14th Annual Mass for the deceased Clergy of the Deanery

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







Financial Information

SECOND COLLECTIONS

19th/20th August: Parish Maintenance 26th/27th August: Parish Maintenance 2nd/3rd September: Parish Maintenance 9th/10th September: Parish Maintenance

Church	First Collection	Holy ghost Fathers	Standing Orders	Tap & Go Donations	Mass Attendance
Bicester	£405.74	£453.76 + £60	£1165	£55	408
Hethe	£32	£85	£170		16

Gift Aid it!!- you could add 25% to the value of your donation. Contact the Parish Gift Aid Co-ordinator Sr Anu; or speak to me. (Canon John)



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