



The Catholic Parishes of Immaculate Conception @BICESTER

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4th Sunday of Advent B 20th December 2020 Psalter 4



YEAR OF ST JOSEPH 2020 - 8TH DECEMBER - 2021



DECEMBER	TIME	IMMACULATE CONCEPTION & HOLY TRINITY	FEASTS	LECTORS
SAT 19TH	6.00 PM	Don Burton (RIP)	4th Sunday of Advent	L Cleeve & C McArdle
SUN 20TH	8.00AM @Hethe	Don Burton (RIP)		
	9.30 AM	Betty Cartin (RIP)		C. Moyse
	11.00 AM	William Swanson (RIP)		N. Ward
	6.00 PM	Martin Mellett (Sick)		C. St John
MON 21ST	9.30 AM	Noel Whelan (RIP)	Advent feria	
	7.00 PM	Service of Reconciliation & Confessions		
TUE 22ND	9.30 AM	John McRoberts (RIP)	Advent feria	
	7.30 PM - 8.15 PM	Carol Service	Live stream only	
WED 23RD	9.30 AM	Angela Nelson (RIP)	Advent feria	
THUR 24TH	4.00 PM	Bill & Kitty Hornby (RIP) & Angela Nelson (RIP)	Christmas Eve	H King & A Hall
	5.30PM @ Hethe	Wellbeing of Jean Withers		
	6.00 PM	Frank Ward (RIP)		S McCarthy & C McArdle
	8.00PM@ Hethe	People of the Parish		
	9.00 PM	People of the Parish		R Evans & R Reji
	12 MIDNIGHT	Fiona Mary Beasley (RIP)		A Kirby Hall
FRI 25TH	8.00 AM	Patrick & Irene Burke (RIP)	Christmas Day	H King
	9.30 AM	Intentions of Noeline Winter		C Moyse
	10.00 AM @ Hethe	Joan Bridle (RIP)		T Lane
SAT 26TH	12 NOON	For the wellbeing of our Parish Altar Servers	St Stephen's Day	
	6.00 PM	Intentions of Jo & Leo Hurst		P Sims
SUN 27TH	8.00 AM at Hethe	People of the Parish	Feast of the Holy Family	
	9.30 AM	John, Neil & Eddie Ward (RIP)		S McCarthy
	11.00 AM	Cyril & Gertrude Hurst (RIP)		L Cleeve
	6.00 PM	People of God		H King



This week we pray for.....
 Margaret O'Flynn
SANCTUARY LIGHT
 Father Burton Whitehead (RIP)
OUR LADY'S LIGHT

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 private prayer. The codes are on display as you enter. Anyone who does not have a smartphone can provide their contact details at the entrance to the stewards.

BAPTISMS: Please contact the Parish Office.
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 Dates to be arranged.
Holy Communion Commitment Masses over the weekend of 31st January and 7th February Saturday 6pm, 9:30am and 6pm Sunday.

PARISH GIVING : The best way you can support the parish financially is by setting up a Standing order. Bank details are: NatWest Bank, Account No: 02342731; Sort Code: 51 70 15. Or you may contact the parish office for a set of envelopes.

CHRISTMAS STARS: Stars that will decorate our Church Christmas tree can be bought for Lost Loved Ones. Cost £2.50 each. Where possible email names and arrange payment via BACS (preferable) use: Surname/Star as reference. Forms can be downloaded from our website these can be placed into offerings box on leaving church.

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. For more information, please see a special flyer available on our website. I would like to encourage our catholic parents to send their children to our school.

SACRISTY ROOF: It is necessary for us to replace the flat roof of the sacristy due to age and wear and tear. This work is right now talking place. Any donations towards it would be much appreciated.

SPONSORING SANCTUARY LAMPS As you may be aware, there are lamps which 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 published in the weekly bulletin. Intentions will be placed in order as they are received.



SYMPATHY We extend our very deepest sympathy and the assurance of our prayers to the family of Patrick Bradley who passed away on Tuesday 8th December 2020, aged 81 years. Funeral Service will be taking place here in Church on Monday 4th January 22nd June at 12 Noon followed by burial at Bicester Cemetery. *May he rest in peace. Pray for all those who have died and for all who mourn.*

FIRST CONFESSIONS: Children of the parents who are ready for the First Confession are invited to get in touch with the office to make necessary arrangements.

PIETY & TRADECRAFT A stall with Christmas items will be held outside the church this weekend at all Masses.

CHRISTMAS 2020
Christmas Eve, Thursday, 24th December
Bicester: 4pm, 6pm, 9pm and 12 Midnight
Hethe: 5.30 pm & 8.00 pm

Christmas Day, Friday, 25th December
Bicester: 8.00am, (50 places available), 9.30am & 11.00am
Hethe: 10.00am.
 For Hethe, please contact Mr. Breff Kelly on 01280702500 or email: brefkelly@gmail.com

If you have not reserved a place in advance then unfortunately you will not be allowed entry into Church. Please reserve in advance.

CHRISTMAS OFFERINGS: All collections at Christmas eve and Christmas Masses will be a traditional gift to Priests of the Parish. I thank you for your generosity and prayers.

PENITENTIAL SERVICE
 Monday, 21st December at 7.00pm in Church. Everyone must follow the same guidance as for attending Mass. Other priests will be available to hear our confessions.

CHRISTMAS CAROLS 11AM CHOIR
 On Tuesday, 22nd December from 7.30pm to 8.15pm (Live stream only)



CAKE AND PRODUCE SALE: My sincere thanks to Jackie Flynn and Les Cleeve for their hard work in raising funds for the parish in these difficult times. Since August total amount raised was £2763.26. Thanks also to all those who have supported & contributed. Monthly Coffee morning in Jan, Feb and March, total raised was £1027. A very big thank you. God bless you all.

CHRISTMAS CARDS: Please do not leave any cards for parishioners to be collected. Anything left at the back of the Church will be removed as it is not permitted. Let us follow the Covid-19 guidelines for the good the community.

OFFERTORY COLLECTION: From now onwards we will be taking two collections as before. I would be grateful if our usual Wardens to look after the collections.

STEWARDS ROTA: This weekend I will be sending the Rota for up to March. Please may I request you if you are unable to do it on that particular day/weekend, please would you mind arranging with other stewards. When it is not possible, please speak to one of the Parish Sisters/ contact the Parish Office. Thank you.

STEWARDS AT CHRISTMAS

Thu 24th Dec	Stewards
4pm	H King, A Mutton, Frankie L O'Flynn & M Tywnham
6pm	McArdle Family
9pm	B & K McFall & B Nichols
Midnight	J & M Franta & J Marshall
Fri 25th Dec	Stewards
8am	Frankie & H King
9.30am	Les & Colette Cleeve & Frankie
11am	J & J Kokore, Portia & Frankie

SECON COLLECTIONS
THIS WEEKEND 20/12
 For the Parish Maintenance
NEXT WEEKEND: 27/12
 For the Parish Maintenance



Church	Loose	Gift Aid	2nd Coll	Total	Attended
Bicester	£ 306.70	£ 23	£ 83.89	£413.59	186
Hethe	£ 22	DD £168		£ 190	17

Thank you for your ongoing support particularly in these difficult times!

LET US PRAY FOR THE SICK AND HOUSEBOUND:
 Martin Mellett, K Cashman, Tim Charles, Joyce Thornley, Mary Ashley, John Dunn & Marie Olive.

Online Webcam
 Go the website and follow link
<https://mcnmedia.tv/iframe/e8896647923e089406131a3b96e45994de4a89c4>