



# The Catholic Parishes of Immaculate Conception @BICESTER

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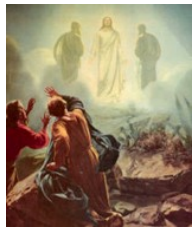
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## 3rd Sunday of Lent C

20th March 2022 Psalter 3

Sunday's - Year C & Weekday's - Lenten Season

**Month of St Joseph**



MARCH	TIME	INTENTIONS	FEASTS	LECTORS	STEWARDS
<b>SAT 19th</b>	4.00pm @ Hethe	People of Ukraine	<b>3rd Sunday of Lent C</b>		<b>S Wilde/R Deane</b>
<b>Vigil Mass</b>	<b>6.00pm</b>	People of Ukraine	<b>Solemnity of St Joseph, husband of the Blessed Virgin Mary</b>	Sr Anu & Rufus	McArdle Family
<b>SUN 20th</b>	9.00pm	Malachy McKeon (RIP)		P Cousins & S McCarthy	Andrade Family
	11.00am	Helen Grant (RIP)		J Franta & A Kearsley	Franta Family
<b>MON 21st</b>	9.30am	<i>Service of the Word with Holy Communion</i>	Lenten Feria	M Daniel	P Sims & A Farrell
<b>TUE 22nd</b>	9.30am	<i>Service of the Word with Holy Communion</i>	Lenten Feria	J Kokore	R & R Deane
<b>WED 23rd</b>	9.30am	<i>Service of the Word with Holy Communion</i>	Lenten Feria	Sister	L & C Cleeve
<b>THUR 24th</b>		<b>NO MASS</b>			
<b>FRI 25th</b>	7.00pm	<b>STATIONS OF THE CROSS</b>	Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord		
<b>SAT 26th</b>	11.00am - 12noon	<b>EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT</b>			
	3pm - 4pm at Hethe	<b>EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT</b>			
<b>Vigil Mass</b>	4.00PM@Hethe	People of the Parish	<b>4th Sunday of Lent C</b>		<b>S Wilde/R Deane</b>
<b>Vigil Mass</b>	6.00pm	Claramma & Joseph (RIP)		P Sims & C McArdle	M & S Doherty
<b>SUN 27th</b>	9.00am	Syron Jeffers Families (RIP)		L & S Taylor	St John & C Conlon
	11.00am	George & Ella Tett (RIP)		T Lane & N Ward	J Marshall & A Poole



*Stations of the Cross: Bicester: Friday 7pm—Hethe: Mon 10am, Tue-Fri 9.30am*



**DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET:** Every Tuesday at 2.00pm in Church

**BAPTISMS:** Please contact the Parish Office through email or phone to make necessary arrangements.

**CONFESSIONS:** Hethe: *Every Saturday from 3.30pm - 3.50 pm (Face covering compulsory) in the Sacristy*

Bicester: *Every Saturday from 5.15 PM - 5.45 PM (Face covering compulsory) in the Confessional*

**HOLY HOUR:** Every First Friday from 6.00pm to 7.00pm (not during Lent)

**WEDDINGS:** Please contact the Parish Office through email or phone to make necessary arrangements.

**ROSARY:** During weekdays 25 minutes before Mass starts. Saturday's at 5.35 pm (before Vigil Mass)

**URSULINE LAY ASSOCIATES MEETING & HOLY HOUR:** 2nd Wednesday of every month at 2pm - Ursuline Convent

**Church is open  
for Private Prayer  
Monday to Friday  
9 am to 4pm**

**Saturday from 9am to 6.45pm  
Sunday: 8.15 am - 5.00 pm**

**Pope's Prayer Intention for March: For a Christian response to bioethical challenges :**

We pray for Christians facing new bioethical challenges; may they continue to defend the dignity of all human life with prayer and action.

This week we pray for...

**SANCTUARY:** Special Intention - Sruthi Susan Varghese  
**OUR LADY'S LIGHT:** In Thanksgiving & Hope

**LET US PRAY FOR THE SICK AND HOUSEBOUND:**

Victor Francis, K Cashman, Tim Charles, Joyce Thornley,  
Mary Ashley, John Dunn & Helena Nowak.

**UKRAINE** We are supporting the Catholic charity Aid to the Church in Need (ACN) Donations to be given preferably via our contactless system to **Ukraine ANC**. Alternatively, cash or cheque to 'Immaculate Conception' Donations can also be made directly through: <https://acnuk.org/news/ukraine-charity-rolls-out-emergency-aid/> and further information: <https://acnuk.org/news/ukraine-charity-announces-extra-aid/>  
**DONATIONS FOR UKRAINE Have moved** to bigger premises, their new location: Unit 1 Mackay Trading Estate, OX26 6BZ (the old Sobell House unit on the way to Bicester Village Station, opposite side of Bicester Bodyshop) between 10am-4pm daily. Thank you to the Ursuline Sisters for their help with the collections over the past 2 weeks.

**APPEAL FOR AFRICAN MISSIONS:** My sincere thanks to you all for your support to the missionary work of the Catholic Church, especially for your generous donations to Father Henry's appeal last weekend. God bless you all. £665.80 was raised from both parishes.

**COVID UPDATE :** I encourage everyone to continue to wear a face covering when you come for Mass. I continue to also respectfully request that no gatherings/chatting etc, take place within the church and ask that you please vacate the church promptly to allow the stewards to sanitise the church immediately after masses. Please remember to sanitise your hands on entry and exit. Lets keep each other safe.

**CAKE SALE:** This weekend after 9am and 11am Masses. I look forward to your support.

**FAMILY MASS ON MOTHERING SUNDAY:** I would like to invited all families to participate actively at 9am Mass by volunteering to be involved in any of the following: Lector, Steward/Welcomer, reading bidding prayers, offertory or collecting offerings. Please contact Nina, who is one of the coordinators for this Mass on [nhendersonandrade@gmail.com](mailto:nhendersonandrade@gmail.com)

**COFFEE AFTER SUNDAY MASSES** Coffee will restart upstairs in the St John Paul II Centre after Masses next weekend, Mothering Sunday, 27th March. Please remember that the centre will need vacating by 1pm and that reasonable donations are politely requested for the refreshments.

**BAPTISM COURSE** The next Baptism Course will take place at the St John Paul II Centre on Saturday, 30th April at 12 noon. If you are planning to have your child baptised this year please contact the Parish Office to inform them that you will attend.

**COFFEE MORNING:** Next one will take place on Friday, 1st April from 10am - 11.45 am. All are welcome.

**EASTER RAFFLE:** Easter Hampers raffle tickets are now available from Jackie Flynn and the Parish Office. £1 a strip of tickets.

**PIETY** Mothers Day, First Holy Communion gifts, Easter cards & items now available. Open Friday, and weekend Mass times.

**PROTECT OUR PLANET:** Weekly tip from our Environmental group: Almost anything can pollute our groundwater and we can all do our bit to protect it. Switch to eco-friendly or natural household products.

**CATHOLICISM IN NORTH OXFORDSHIRE** An article written by Tim Guile will be published by the Banbury Historical Society journal Cake and Cockhorse in April. It is about the Fermor family and recusancy in the villages north of Bicester and includes Holy Trinity, Hethe. It's based on the talk Tim gave in January last year after the mass at Somerton and may be of interest especially to Hethe parishioners.

**EASTER LILIES** As in pre-covid years Easter lilies can be bought in memory of loved ones. As always, the flower team will create beautiful displays that will incorporate lilies along with other seasonal flowers for Easter. Forms are available in this week's bulletin. Lilies £2.50 each.

**STELLA MARIS** On the one-year anniversary of the Ever Given ship getting stuck in the Suez Canal, Catholic charity Stella Maris (Apostleship of the Sea) is hosting a webinar about modernisation in the shipping industry. It will look at the history of the container ship, the rise of the ultra-large container vessels, and explore what impact modernisation of the shipping industry has had on seafarers around the world. Please register now at [www.stellamaris.org.uk/modernisation](http://www.stellamaris.org.uk/modernisation) to join online on **23 March at 7.30pm** to hear how shipping has changed in the last century, the impact this is having on seafarers today, and the important role Stella Maris has in supporting them.



**EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT:** Archbishop Bernard has asked for parishioners to have an opportunity to pray before the Blessed Sacrament. This will be made available on Saturday, 26th March from 11am -12noon at Bicester & from 3pm-4pm at Hethe. Please take this opportunity.



**CONTACTLESS GIVING:** As you may have noticed we now have a parish contactless machine which is installed at the back of church in Bicester. This is simple and quick to use. We recommend that if you are a Gift Aider to please take a minute and enter your details via our website link with whichever card you intend to use. This will save time at the machine as you only need to enter your details once (per card), however, these details can also be entered when you use the machine for the first time if you prefer. You can give donations and offerings via the machine and also pay for piety, Sanctuary candles, baptism and wedding fees, and any other parish payments.



We have also got our own Immaculate Conception Parish and Holy Trinity Hethe QR codes which are up and running and can be found here on the bulletin in 'Parish Giving' and also on our website. For any assistance please speak to Canon John, Lucia or the Parish Sisters.

**GIFT AID** As the new financial year approaches, please let us know if you have moved address in the past year so that our details are up to date for any claims. Email any changes to [ga.tic.bicester@rcaob.org.uk](mailto:ga.tic.bicester@rcaob.org.uk)

**2022— Dates to remember**

**Monday 11th April:** Lenten Penitential Service and Confessions

**Saturday 14th May:** First Holy Communions (St Mary's)

**Saturday 21st May:** First Holy Communions (non St Mary's)

**Financial Information**

**SECOND COLLECTIONS**

19th/20th March: Lenten Charities  
26th/27th March: Lenten Charities



Church	Loose	Second Collection African M	Standing Orders	Total Parish	Attended
Bicester	£322	£524.65	£1100	£1422	358
Hethe	£15.30	£141.15	£196	£211.30	23

**PARISH GIVING**

**BICESTER** <https://portal.myдона.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

**You can also donate by scanning the QR code with your phone**  
**HETHE BICESTER**



*God Bless you for your generosity during these difficult times!*



**MASS STIPENDS/OFFERINGS:**

Sort code: 60-08-40 Acc. No. 75459760.

Canon John Y Bathula.

**PRAYER FOR THE DIOCESAN VISION:**



Spirit of God, descend on me this day.  
Grant me the Spirit of joy, to lift me,  
the Spirit of hope to inspire me,  
the Spirit of love to surround me  
and the Spirit of truth to enlighten my path.

Holy Spirit, I pray for a new outpouring of your grace,  
so that I may grow in worship of your name  
in love of you in my prayer  
and in my actions towards others.

Come Holy Spirit into my life to guide me.  
Strengthen and defend me,  
so that I may be drawn ever closer to you.

Help me this day and always  
to be a channel of grace in all I say and do  
and invite others into relationship with you. Amen

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