



The Catholic Parishes of Immaculate Conception @BICESTER

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**25th Sunday in ordinary time (A)
20th September 2020**

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM: 1213 Holy Baptism is the basis of the whole Christian life, the gateway to life in the Spirit (vitae spiritualis ianua),⁴ and the door which gives access to the other sacraments. Through Baptism we are freed from sin and reborn as sons of God; we become members of Christ, are incorporated into the Church and made sharers in her mission: "Baptism is the sacrament of regeneration through water in the word."⁵

I. WHAT IS THIS SACRAMENT CALLED?

1214 This sacrament is called Baptism, after the central rite by which it is carried out: to baptize (Greek baptizein) means to "plunge" or "immerse"; the "plunge" into the water symbolizes the catechumen's burial into Christ's death, from which he rises up by resurrection with him, as "a new creature."⁶

1215 This sacrament is also called "the washing of regeneration and renewal by the Holy Spirit," for it signifies and actually brings about the birth of water and the Spirit without which no one "can enter the kingdom of God."⁷

1216 "This bath is called enlightenment, because those who receive this [catechetical] instruction are enlightened in their

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understanding . . . "8 Having received in Baptism the Word, "the true light that enlightens every man," the person baptized has been "enlightened," he becomes a "son of light," indeed, he becomes "light" himself:9

Baptism is God's most beautiful and magnificent gift. . . We call it gift, grace, anointing, enlightenment, garment of immortality, bath of rebirth, seal, and most precious gift. It is called gift because it is conferred on those who bring nothing of their own; grace since it is given even to the guilty; Baptism because sin is buried in the water; anointing for it is priestly and royal as are those who are anointed; enlightenment because it radiates light; clothing since it veils our shame; bath because it washes; and seal as it is our guard and the sign of God's Lordship.¹⁰ (Catechism of the Catholic Church)

SEPTEMBER	TIME	IMMACULATE CONCEPTION & HOLY TRINITY	
SATURDAY 19TH	10.00 AM at HT Hethe	People of God	24th Sunday in ordinary time A
	6.00 PM IC	John O'Grady (RIP) & Kath O'Grady	56th Wedding anniversary
SUNDAY 20TH	9.30 PM IC		
	11.00 AM IC		
	6.00 PM IC	Int. Anita, Piotr Bielski, Dominic Adamczyk	
MONDAY 21ST	9.30 AM IC	Parishioners of the Immaculate Conception	Feast of St Matthew A E
TUESDAY 22ND	9.30 AM IC	Maria Slobodova (RIP) & Anton Sloboda (RIP)	
	2.00 PM	Divine Mercy Devotions	In Father Foynes Memorial Garden
	7.00 PM	Rosary - Zoom Platform	
WEDNESDAY 23RD	9.30 AM IC	Peter Flynn (RIP)	Memorial of St Pio of Pietrelcina
THURSDAY 24TH	9.30 AM IC	Margaret Glynn (RIP)	Memorial of Our Lady of Walsingham
	7.00 PM	Scripture Group meets—ZOOM Platform	
FRIDAY 25TH	9.30 AM @ School		Pupils and Staff only
	12 Noon IC	Intentions of Kath & Gabrielle O'Grady	Feria
SATURDAY 26TH	10.00 AM at HT Hethe	People of God	26th Sunday in ordinary time A
	6.00 PM IC		
SUNDAY 27TH	9.30 AM IC	People of God	
	11.00 AM IC	Thanksgiving: Maricel Liporada Franta -B'day	
	6.00 PM IC		

PARISH GIVING A BIG "THANK YOU" to all who have signed up to new Standing Orders (Direct Debit). Donations can also be made online to either of our two parishes through the Archdiocesan Website: www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk/support-our-work. Select either "BICESTER" or "HETHE" on the dropdown menu and follow instructions. Alternatively, use your Offertory Envelopes each week. These can be placed in the donation box in church, or, if you would like to sign up for Standing Order, use the following details: NatWest Bank, Account No: 02342731; Sort Code: 51 70 15. Standing order forms can also be downloaded from the diocesan website above and then posted to me, Canon John Batthula, Henley House, 12 Causeway, Bicester OX26 6AW.

NHS TRACK AND TRACE: Following government advice we now have to request a contact phone number from all those attending Mass, this is in case we need to trace you to inform you of a virus risk. These details will be kept for a period of 21 days, then destroyed. If you do not wish to provide your phone number, you will still be able to attend Mass, but we will still require details of your name.

GUIDELINES FOR STEWARDS

Please arrive half an hour before Mass commences to prepare and allow time afterwards to assist in vacating church of parishioners and sanitising all touched areas.

Please close the main doors as the Mass commences.

Always observe the one way system, entrance is via Main doors, exit via side door via Memorial Garden.

Assist with managing procession for Holy Communion.

Direct visitors to assigned seats/seating areas. Same households and bubbles are allowed to be seated together. Remember to give our Parish newsletter and remind them that they can place their offering/donation into the casket at the entrance or the exit. **No one should be allowed to stand at the back of the Church.**

GUIDELINES FOR PARISHIONERS 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.**

The Celebrant will not wear a face covering until it is time for the distribution of Holy Communion, but they will at that point.

Stewards will guide people forward for Holy Communion or a blessing. We would also like to remind people that their mask must cover their mouth and nose at all times, except to place the Eucharist/Holy Communion in your mouth. (On approach remove face covering, stretch out hands, receive Holy Communion, move across, consume, re-apply face covering and return to place.)

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.

MASS AT HETHE IS ON SATURDAY'S AT 10 AM.

If you would like to go for Mass at Holy Trinity, please contact Breff Kelly on 01280 702 500 or email him: breffkelly@gmail.com

Please place your offering in the basket as you leave the Church through the Sacristy Door.

MORE VOLUNTEERS NEEDED AS STEWARDS AT ALL MASSES: It's not too late to volunteer to help with stewarding at Mass, especially at the weekend masses. Please get in touch with me if you would like to help us.

CONGRATULATIONS: I would like to congratulate children who are making their First Holy Communion over the coming week.

PIETY SHOP: First Holy Communion cards, prayer books and other souvenirs. Although currently closed, orders can be placed via email to the parish office and collected and paid for at Mass times or by arrangement.

SEASON OF CREATION: Starts from 1st September to 10th October. Please say a prayer for the Creation and be mindful of our environment. (www.catholicclimatemovement.global)

CAKE AND PRODUCE STALL: The sale of cakes and other produce will be taking place on Sunday, 27th September. All proceeds towards the Parish Funds. Please support generously.

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. We will be setting up some sessions for children and parents via Zoom video link. **Parents of St Mary's children please do not contact the school. The school will send you the required information.**

Reconciliation Commitment Masses over weekend of the 11th October and 18th October 6pm (Saturday evening) 9:30am and 6pm Sunday

Confirmation Commitment Masses over the weekend of 22nd and the 29th November 6pm (Saturday evening) 9:30am and 6pm Sunday

Holy Communion Commitment Masses over the weekend of 31st January and 7th February 6pm (Saturday evening) 9:30am and 6pm Sunday

BPATISMS: As some restrictions have been relaxed we are more in the position to be able to celebrate Baptisms, I would like to invite you to choose a date. We cannot unfortunately offer group Baptisms, or Baptisms within the Mass or indeed on a Sunday at the moment. If you would prefer to wait until a later date, then then that is perfectly fine. Just please let me know that that is what you would prefer. However, if you would like your child's baptism in the coming weeks then please send me some preferred dates on either of these following days:

Fridays between 1-3pm & Saturdays between 12-3pm

Please note that only up to 15 people will be able to attend and that regulations must be adhered to whilst in church, please see further instructions below. Please feel free to forward these to your guests. I would be grateful if you could also forward surnames and contact numbers in one list by email, of all those attending, prior to the baptism itself.

Please make sure that you and your guests follow the instructions of the clergy and all signage that is in place. Face coverings are compulsory (unless you are asthmatic or under 5)

Please be aware that the Church will be closed immediately after the Baptism have taken place. Time will be allowed for photographs. There are no toilet facilities available.

Offerings/Donations can be placed in the casket/collection box at the entrance or exit.

Do not congregate either inside or outside of church before or at the end of the Baptism. The social distance of 1m plus must be observed at all times.

Prayer for the "Year of the Word"

Living God, you walk alongside us and speak to us throughout the Scriptures. Your Son, Jesus Christ, listens to our hopes and fears and shows us how to live for one another. Send us the Holy Spirit to open our hearts and minds so that we may be your witnesses throughout the world. **Amen**

Lectors	20/9	27/9	4/10
Saturday 6pm	P Sims	P Sims	L Cleeve
Sunday 9.30am	C Moyse	S McCarthy	M Brown
Sunday 11am	H King	N Ward	T Lane
Sunday 6pm	L Cleeve	H King	H King



Church	Loose	Gift Aid	Total	Donations	Attended
Bicester	£ 326.95	£ 36.50	£363.45		216
Hethe	£ 20		£20		14

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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