



# The Catholic Parishes of Immaculate Conception @BICESTER

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**First Sunday of Lent B**  
**21st February 2021 Psalter 1**

**YEAR OF ST JOSEPH**  
**2020 - 8TH DECEMBER - 2021**



FEBRUARY	TIME	INTENTIONS	FEASTS	LECTORS	STEWARDS
<b>SAT 20TH</b>	6.00 PM	Canon Giles Goward (RIP)	<b>1st Sunday of Sunday of Lent</b>	P Sims/C McArdle	McArdle Family
<b>SUN 21ST</b>	8.00 AM @Hethe	People of the Parish	<b>1st Sunday of Sunday of Lent</b>	R Deane	R Dean & S Wilde
	9.30 AM	People of the Parish		S Taylor	L & C Cleeve
	11.00 AM	Martin Mellett (RIP)		Sisters	Kokore Family
	<b>4.00 PM @Hethe</b>	<b>ROSARY</b>			R Deane & S Wilde
MON 22ND	9.30 AM	Peter Gajdos (RIP)	<i>Feast of the Chair of St Peter Ap</i>		L Cleeve & P Sims
TUE 23RD	9.30 AM	Martin Mellett (RIP)		<b>Lent Feria</b>	R & R Deane
WED 24TH	9.30 AM	Int. Churchill Hosp staff - Sheila Haydon		<b>Lent Feria</b>	L & C Cleeve
	6.30 PM—7.30PM	LENTEN TALK	<i>"Trinitarian Doctrine"</i>		Zoom Platform
THUR 25TH	9.30 AM	Int. JR Hospital staff - Mary Mellett		<b>Lent Feria</b>	Kokore family
FRI 26TH	12 NOON	"Thank you" - Mary Mellett		<b>Lent Feria</b>	Sisters
	<b>4.00 PM @Hethe</b>	<b>STATIONS OF THE CROSS</b>			R Deane & S Wilde
	6.00 PM	<b>STATIONS OF THE CROSS</b>			Sisters
SAT 27TH	10.30AM -11.30AM	<b>CONFESSIONS</b>			Sisters
	6.00 PM	Thanksgiving - Marissa Ramos	<b>2nd Sunday of Sunday of Lent</b>	P Sims/C McArdle	McArdle Family
<b>SUN 28TH</b>	8.00 AM @ HETHE	People of the Parish		D McDermott	R Deane & S Wilde
	9.30 AM	People of the Parish		L Cleeve	C St John/B Nichols
	11.00 AM	Thanksgiving - Ursuline Sisters		T Lane	A Poole & J Marshall
	<b>4.00 PM@ Hethe</b>	<b>ROSARY</b>			R Deane & S Wilde



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

**CONFESSIONS:** Every Saturday from 10.30 am to 11.30 am. (Masks compulsory)

**HOLY HOUR:** Every First Friday from 6.00pm to 7.00pm

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

**ROSARY:** During weekdays 25 minutes before Mass starts.



**Pope's Prayer Intention for February: Violence against Women:**

We pray for women who are victims of violence, that they may be protected by society and have their sufferings considered and heeded.



This week we pray for...  
 John & Joan Calnan (RIP) - SANCTUARY LIGHT  
 Lt Col Philip Crook (RIP) - OUR LADY'S LIGHT



### THE SEASON OF LENT

#### TALKS VIA THE ZOOM PLATFORM BY FR ROBERT CAREY

**During the Season of Lent** on "The formation of Trinitarian Doctrine in the 4th Century." On Wednesdays February 24th and March 3rd, Tuesday 9th March, Wednesdays 17th and 24th March. 6.30pm-7.15pm.  
**During the Easter Season** on "Christology—The Person of Christ." On Wednesdays April 21st, 28th, May 5th, 12th and 19th. 6.30 pm to 7.30 pm.

#### Topic: Lenten Talk One

To join Zoom Meeting clicking below link:

[https://zoom.us/j/97123087951?](https://zoom.us/j/97123087951?pwd=VVBEEFFVQ0F5NnllSswaO0ekxpzd09)

[pwd=VVBEEFFVQ0F5NnllSswaO0ekxpzd09](https://zoom.us/j/97123087951?pwd=VVBEEFFVQ0F5NnllSswaO0ekxpzd09)

Meeting ID: 971 2308 7951

Passcode: 047541

**WALK WITH ME** booklets and calendars for Lent 2021 are available. A donation of £1 per copy for the books would be appreciated. If you are unable to attend Mass please contact the parish office if you would like a copy posting/delivering. We will do our best to get a copy to you.

#### **HOLY WEEK VOICES FROM THE HOLY LAND: POEMS AND REFLECTIONS**

Holy Week Voices from the Holy Land is a unique spiritual prayer resource with 15 contributors from the Holy Land drawn from across the main Christian denominations. It features prayers and resources to offer support for many people in this year's Lenten and Easter Journey. Click on link:

[https://drive.google.com/file/d/1epSyMq\\_WpISbhYJPBSwYM3lhbGB1rZg/view](https://drive.google.com/file/d/1epSyMq_WpISbhYJPBSwYM3lhbGB1rZg/view)

**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. 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.

Do not come if symptomatic or self-isolating. Sunday obligation remains suspended and live-stream Masses will continue. Please refer to the bulletin for our Mass times if you are able to attend. We have to continue to comply with the Governments very strict safety regulations and we must do all we can to keep everybody safe in church. Masks are compulsory and we ask that you register for Track and Trace as you enter. You must observe social distancing at all times, and tempting as it is, you must not mingle with anyone outside of your household or support bubble when you attend Mass. Thank you to those who clean and steward our churches for their generosity of service to the local community, and thank you for your cooperation and understanding in these difficult times. Keep safe and well.

**THE SACRAMENT RECONCILIATION: First Confessions** are taking place on Saturdays from 10.30 am to 11.30 am. Please contact/email the parish office for more information.

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION & CONFIRMATIONS:** Dates for these celebrations will be announced after 22nd Feb. Please keep all children wishing to prepare for these sacraments in your daily prayers.

**MASS INTENTIONS:** Please continue to request for Masses as we do not have sufficient intentions. Thank you.

**HOLY TRINITY, HETHE:** The rosary will be offered every Sunday at 4.00pm in honour of St Joseph in response to Pope Francis declaration of this year being dedicated to this great saint and also for the children and grandchildren of parishioners. During Lent there will be Stations of the Cross at Hethe every Friday at 4.00pm. If you require further information please telephone Breff Kelly on 01280 702500 or email: [brefkelly@gmail.com](mailto:brefkelly@gmail.com)

**READY, STEADY, CENSUS** The decennial census is almost upon us. Households across Bicester will soon be asked to take part in the nationwide survey of housing and the population. It has been carried out every decade since 1801, with the exception of 1941. Information from the digital-first census will help decide how services are planned and funded in your local area. This could mean things like doctors' surgeries, housing or new bus routes. Households will receive a letter with a unique access code in the post, allowing them to complete their questionnaire online. Paper questionnaires will be available on request. **Census day is March 21.** For more information, visit [census.gov.uk](http://census.gov.uk).

**AMORIS LAETITIA** (The Joy of Love) Year of the Family. On 19 March 2021, the fifth anniversary of the Apostolic Exhortation *Amoris laetitia*, on the joy and beauty of family love, Pope Francis will inaugurate the Year "Amoris Laetitia Family," which will conclude on 26 June 2022 on the occasion of the X World Meeting of Families in Rome. The Year of the

Family is in addition to the Year of St Joseph, and not related in any way. Pope Francis asks that we continue to focus on the theme of Family Life, as outlined in his teaching document of 5 years ago, The Joy of Love. Click on link to read the document [http://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/apost\\_exhortations/documents/papa-francesco\\_esortazione-ap\\_20160319\\_amoris-laetitia.html](http://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/apost_exhortations/documents/papa-francesco_esortazione-ap_20160319_amoris-laetitia.html)

**STEWARDS:** I am very grateful to all our stewards who have been very generous with their time. Now I appeal for more stewards to assist at weekday or weekend Masses. If you would like to assist, please get in touch with me for which I would be very grateful.

**LECTORS:** We need more lectors to read at the weekend Masses. If you would like to read, please email the parish office and state which Mass you wish to read at.

**PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL - PARISH FINANCE COUNCIL** - In the month of March, I plan to have meetings with both Councils in the St John Paul II Centre if the pandemic rules permit us. If that is not possible then the meetings will take place via Zoom & livestream. Dates to be confirmed after 22nd February.

**ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY:** The Archdiocese of Birmingham would like all parishes to have an Environmental Policy. When the present situation changes, I hope to seek your involvement in creating a policy for our parish.

**CAFOD:** To contribute to the Family fast day, please visit Cafod's website: [www.cafod.org.uk](http://www.cafod.org.uk). Sue and Janet will be doing a sponsored walk to raise funds for CAFOD and the Bathula Care Trust charitable work. If you would like to donate contact [marshall-jm@uwclub.net](mailto:marshall-jm@uwclub.net), or speak to either Sue or Janet.

**WORLD DAY OF PRAYER** on March 5th 10.30am on Zoom. Please contact Janet for the link, and booklet. [marshall-jm@uwclub.net](mailto:marshall-jm@uwclub.net)

**PARISH FINANCES** Every parish is struggling financially at the moment, and we are no different. As we approach the end of the financial year I would like to thank you all for your continued financial support to our parishes, especially during the past, incredibly difficult year. Both parishes have run at a deficit this year, particularly the Parish of The Immaculate Conception where we have carried out some building works (presbytery chimney, kitchen, bathrooms and the sacristy roof). From January 2021, the levies that every parish pays to the Archdiocese (for curial support etc) have increased substantially. I intend to speak about this, and the impact it will have on our parishes in the coming weeks. We have also come to the decision, that as of April 2021 we will cease to use the Gift Aid 'envelopes' due to the ever decreasing number of parishioners opting for them. We will be contacting the small number of parishioners who are currently registered users of them directly, regarding this, in due course.

In the meantime I would like to encourage you to consider if:

+ you might be able to Gift Aid your donations? If you are a UK taxpayer, we can claim an extra 25p for every £1 you give at no extra cost to you!

+ you could sign up to a Standing Order rather than using cash?

Finally, thank you, once again for your continued support.



Church	Loose	Gift Aid	2nd C	Total	Donations	Attended
Bicester	153.08	£4.00	84.39	£241.47	£500	117
Hethe	£ 32.50	DD £165		£197.50		12

**PARISH GIVING:** The best way you can support the parish financially is by setting up a Standing Order using the following bank details:

NatWest Bank. Account No: 02342731; Sort Code: 51 70 15.

*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 Olive.



#### **Online Webcam**

Go the website and follow link

<https://mcnmedia.tv/iframe/e8896647923e089406131a3b96e45994de4a89c4>