



The Catholic Churches of Immaculate Conception with Holy Trinity



Henley House, 12 Causeway, Bicester OX26 6AW

www.immaculate-conception.org.uk

The Parish is part of the Archdiocese of Birmingham: Registered Charity No: 234216

**12th Sunday in ordinary time (A)
21st June 2020**

Dear Parishioners

One week has passed since opening of our Church for limited time for people to come for private and individual prayer. And I sincerely thank to those who volunteered to be as Stewards and Cleaners for their support.

After discussing with Les Cleeve who is our Parish Health and Safety Officer to reassess the Risk Assessment we both have done 10 days ago. Now I feel that we will continue to open our Church every other day rather than everyday as there is no much demand from you.

Anybody who is considered vulnerable by the government either because of age or underlying health condition should not enter Church.

Please follow the signage in Church and the instructions of stewards. They are there to ensure your safety and the safety of all who enter to pray.

THIS WEEK OUR CHURCH WILL BE OPENED

**On Tuesday & Thursday 10am to 12 Noon & 4pm to 6pm
Saturday & Sunday 2pm to 4pm**

Creed: Paragraph 2 – The Lord Jesus

I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages. God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father; through him all things were made. For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven,

The Second Person of the Blessed Trinity is the Word of God, the Son. This Word of God, Jesus Christ, proceeds from the Father. He was “born” and “begotten” but not made. This is a mystery that is very difficult to understand.

Dean of Banbury Deanery & Parish Priest:

Very Rev. Canon John Y Batthula BA, MA, Dip. Cat., MA Ed

Assistant Priest: **Fr Robert Carey**

Retired Priest: **Rev. Fr. Pat Armstrong**

Parish Deacons:

Rev Mr Michael Panejko MA: 01869 246 459

Rev Mr Nick St John: 01869 246 787

Parish Sisters: **Sr Rose, Sr Sani & Sr Anu:** 01869 327 689

Parish Safeguarding: **Elizabeth Green**

email: safeguardingbicester@gmail.com

St Mary's RC Primary School, Queen's Avenue, Bicester, OX26 2NX

Head Teacher: **Miss. P. Pickering** Tel: 01869 252 035

Parish Office: Monday - Fridays 9am – 4.30pm

admin@immaculate-conception.org.uk 01869 253277

St John Paul II Centre – 01869 324 307 · info@johnpaulcentre.co.uk

Much ink has been spilled in theology on how Jesus can be both God and man.

In other words, Jesus is fully God and He is eternal, just as the Father is eternal. This paragraph emphasizes that there is one God but the Father is nonetheless distinct as a Person from the Person of the Son.

The Council Fathers went to great length to combat the Arian heresy which claimed that Jesus was created and was not truly God. We believe that Jesus is fully God and fully man. As the Word of God, He was existed forever and will always exist. He proceeds from the Father as God from God and Light from Light, true God from true God. I will go into more detail on this in the fifth paragraph on the Holy Spirit.

There is also the realization that it is through the Word of God that all things were made. God reveals to us in Genesis God speaks in order to create. He says, “Let there be light.” And there was light. Jesus Christ, the Word of God, was sent on a mission by the Father to come down from heaven in order to redeem humanity and offer us salvation.



God bless you

Canon John Y Batthula

Parish Priest & Dean



JUNE	TIME	IMMACULATE CONCEPTION & HOLY TRINITY	INFORMATION
SUNDAY 21ST	9.30 am	Joseph Thudathil (RIP)	12th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
	11.00 AM	People of God	
MONDAY 22ND	9.30 AM	Pauline Padley (RIP)	Feast of Ss John Fisher B & Thomas More MM
	12 NOON	Funeral service of Pauline Padley (RIP)	At Banbury Crematorium
TUESDAY 23RD	9.30 AM	Margaret Beswick	Feria in OT
	10.00 AM	Deans meeting with the Archbishop - Zoom Platform	
WEDNESDAY 24TH	9.30 AM	For the welfare of Staff & Students Singing & Reading by our School pupils	Solemnity of the Nativity of St John the Baptist
	12 NOON	Exposition of Blessed Sacrament & Midday Prayers	
THURSDAY 25TH	9.30 AM	Rodney Smith (RIP)	Feria in OT
	7.00 PM	Scripture Group meets—ZOOM Platform	
FRIDAY 26TH	9.30 AM	Fiona Beasley (RIP)	Feria in OT
	6 PM - 7 PM	Holy Hour	
SATURDAY 27TH	10.00 AM	Pedro Lusabia (RIP) 5th anniversary	Feria in OT
	10.20 - 11.00 AM	Exposition of Blessed Sacrament	
	6.00 PM	Rosary Group - ZOOM Platform	
SUNDAY 28TH	9.30 AM		Solemnity of SS Peter & Paul Aps
	11.00 AM	People of God	

Today's Liturgy of the Word in Brief:

Christ told his followers that they should not be afraid to declare themselves for him before other people. Are we sometimes afraid to speak and to act in a Christian way? If so, why is this? Is it because we are unwilling to suffer for Christ or is it simply that we are afraid of what others will say?

First Reading (Jeremiah 20: 10-13). The prophet is surrounded by, terror, but he doesn't lose his nerve, He remains faithful to his mission because he knows that God is with him and will uphold him.

Second Reading (Romans 5: 12-15). St Paul draws a contrast between Christ and Adam. Sin came into the world through Adam. Grace came through Christ.

Gospel (Matthew 10:26-33). Christ exhorts his disciples to bear witness to the Gospel openly and fearlessly. If they do so he will claim them as his own at the final tribunal.

SYMPATHY We extend our very deepest sympathy and the assurance of our prayers to the family of Pauline Padley who passed away on Friday 5th June 2020, aged 79 years. Funeral Service will be taking place at Banbury Crematorium on Monday 22nd June at 12 Noon. *May she rest in peace.*

Letter from Archbishop Bernard to Parishioners regarding Funerals

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

I wish to thank you all for your ongoing prayers during this Pandemic. We continue to pray for those who have died and all for all who have been bereaved.

One of the sacrifices in this Pandemic is not having funeral services in Church. As our churches begin to re-open safely, with the help of volunteers, those that do open, may from Monday 22nd June host funeral services in accordance with the Guidelines that have been shared with clergy and with the co-operation of undertakers.

These funeral services will necessarily involve volunteers to assist in cleaning churches after each funeral. The decision as to whether a funeral service may take place rests with the Parish Priest/Priest in charge. Not all churches will be able to comply with the guidelines at present, so please be aware that may be the case and please respect that situation.

The Government does not permit the celebration of public Mass at present. So these funeral services may not be funeral Masses. I realise that will cause upset to mourners and clergy alike. The Bishops' Conference is co-operating with the Government and we all hope that guidelines for the safe celebration of Mass will be agreed by the Government soon.

At a different time to the funeral service, priests are encouraged to celebrate Mass alone for those who have died. This Mass may be live-streamed for mourners, if the Church has that capacity. A Mass *in Memoriam* may be offered for the deceased with the family present at a later date, when we are able to gather again for Mass.

I anticipate that there will be further guidance agreed by the Government concerning Baptisms, Marriages and Mass in the future. These will be shared with our clergy in a timely manner.

Be assured of my prayers for you all,

Yours devotedly in Christ.

Archbishop Bernard Longley

PARISH GIVING A BIG "THANK YOU" to all who have signed up to new Standing Orders (Direct Debit). You can now donate online to either of our two parishes through the Archdiocesan Website. Select either "BICESTER" or "HETHE" on the dropdown menu. www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk/support-our-work 2. Use your Offertory Envelopes each week (maybe as you watch the live stream Mass for the full Sunday experience!) and save them until we can come back to Holy Mass. 3. If you would like to sign up for Standing Order, forms for this can be downloaded from the diocesan website above and then posted to me, Canon John Batthula, Henley House, 12 Causeway, Bicester OX26 6AW. 3. Post a cheque - please make sure you include a name and address on the back of the cheque and if you are able to Gift Aid by writing GA. Cheques can be posted to the Presbytery.

VERY SOON OUR PARISH EMAILS WILL BE CHANGING
(Office, Gift Aid, Safeguarding Rep., Health & Safety, Priests of the Parish.)

canon.john.batthula@rcaob.org.uk
tic.bicester@rcaob.org.uk (Office)
ga.tic.bicester@rcaob.org.uk (Gift Aid)

PRAY FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED RECENTLY...
Eternal Rest grant unto them O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. Amen



**FINANCIAL MATTER FOR MAY 2020
STANDING ORDERS**

CHURCH	NON GIFT AID	GIFT AID	TOTAL
Bicester			
Hethe			

Thank you for your ongoing support particularly in these difficult

LET US PRAY FOR THE SICK AND HOUSEBOUND:

K Cashman, Tim Charles, Joyce Thornley,
Mary Ashley, John Dunn & Marie Ollive.



Online Webcam

Go the website and follow link

<https://watchmcnmedia.tv/camera/church-of-the-immaculate-conception-bicester>