



The Catholic Parishes of Immaculate Conception @BICESTER

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34th Sunday in Ordinary Time A
22nd November 2020 Psalter 2



SOLEMNITY OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, THE KING OF THE UNIVERSE

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

IN BRIEF

1275 Christian initiation is accomplished by three sacraments together: Baptism which is the beginning of new life; Confirmation which is its strengthening; and the Eucharist which nourishes the disciple with Christ's Body and Blood for his transformation in Christ.

1276 "Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you" (Mt 28:19-20).

1277 Baptism is birth into the new life in Christ. In accordance with the Lord's will, it is necessary for salvation, as is the Church herself, which we enter by Baptism.

1278 The essential rite of Baptism consists in immersing the candidate in water or pouring water on his head, while pronouncing the invocation of the Most Holy Trinity: the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

1279 The fruit of Baptism, or baptismal grace, is a rich reality that includes forgiveness of original sin and all personal sins, birth into the new life by which man becomes an adoptive son of the Father, a member of Christ and a temple of the Holy Spirit. By this very fact the person baptized is incorporated into the Church, the Body of Christ, and

made a sharer in the priesthood of Christ.


1280 Baptism imprints on the soul an indelible spiritual sign, the character, which consecrates the baptized person for Christian worship. Because of the character Baptism cannot be repeated (cf. DS 1609 and DS 1624).

1281 Those who die for the faith, those who are catechumens, and all those who, without knowing of the Church but acting under the inspiration of grace, seek God sincerely and strive to fulfill his will, can be saved even if they have not been baptized (cf. LG 16).

1282 Since the earliest times, Baptism has been administered to children, for it is a grace and a gift of God that does not presuppose any human merit; children are baptized in the faith of the Church. Entry into Christian life gives access to true freedom.

1283 With respect to children who have died without Baptism, the liturgy of the Church invites us to trust in God's mercy and to pray for their salvation.

1284 In case of necessity, any person can baptize provided that he has the intention of doing that which the Church does and provided that he pours water on the candidate's head while saying: "I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit." (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*)

NOVEMBER	TIME	IMMACULATE CONCEPTION & HOLY TRINITY	FEASTS
SATURDAY 21ST	6.00 PM	Deceased members of Catenian Association	Solemnity of Christ the King
SUNDAY 22ND	9.30 AM	Lieutenant Colonel Philip Crook (RIP)	National Youth Sunday
	11.00 AM	People of God	
	1.30PM-2.30PM	Private Prayer—Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	
MONDAY 23RD	9.30 AM	Special intentions (KK)	Feria in ordinary time
TUESDAY 24TH	9.30 AM	Lily, Tommy & Terence Thompson (RIP)	Mem. St Andrew Dung-Lac, P & Cop. M
WEDNESDAY 25TH	9.30 AM	Philomena (RIP)	#Red Wednesday
	10.30AM-12.30PM	Private Prayer—Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	
THURSDAY 26TH	9.30 AM	Hombre (RIP)	Feria in ordinary time
FRIDAY 27TH	9.30 AM	Peter King (RIP)	Feria in ordinary time
SATURDAY 28TH	10.00 AM	Holy Souls	
	6.00 PM	Niamh Mooney (RIP)	FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT
SUNDAY 29TH	9.30 AM	People of God	
	11.00 AM	Deceased members of French & Hawke family	
	1.30PM-2.30PM	Private Prayer—Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	



This week we pray for.....

Louisa Hook - RIP
SANCTUARY LIGHT
The O'Rourke Family
OUR LADY'S LIGHT

Further to the Government announcement regarding lockdown restrictions from Thursday 5th November, we are in the position again, where we unfortunately have to cease celebrating public Masses. Masses will continue online so please join us live stream on:

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

Church will be open for private prayer with the Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament on:

Wednesdays from 10.30 am-12.30 pm & Sundays from 1.30pm -2.30 pm until further notice.

Please do wear masks to Mass and sanitise hands on entry and exit. Please do not come to church if you have symptoms.

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.fstjohn@btinternet.com or the Parish Office.

Confirmation Commitment Masses over the weekend of 22nd and 29th November Saturday 6pm, 9:30am and 6pm Sunday. Due to lockdown these Masses will be rearranged.

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

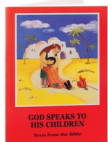
PARISH GIVING Donations can be made online through the Archdiocesan Website: www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk/support-our-work. Select either "BICESTER" or "HETHE" on the dropdown menu and follow instructions. Alternatively, Offertory Envelopes can be placed in the donation box in church. Standing order details: NatWest Bank, Account No: 02342731; Sort Code: 51 70 15.

#RED WEDNESDAY AT HOME 21st - 29th November 2020.

Although UK churches are gradually opening again, on 25th November, in solidarity with suffering Christians and all who are keeping the Faith alive in hidden places, especially the 'underground' church in China, we are asking you to mark #RedWednesday in your own home and to join the online #RedWednesday event, this will be a livestream Mass at Farm St Parish in central London: 'UNJUSTLY DETAINED' EVENT 6pm. Join this mass to make it a HUGE 'Virtual' #RedWednesday. To register your interest, and access the event schedule visit www.acnuk.org/redwednesday. No merchandise is available to purchase this year, however donations can be made online or by telephone 0345 6460110 to support ACN.

This **Aid to the Church in Need** classic presents key stories from the Bible to children aged six to nine. Around 51 million copies in more than 189 languages have been printed and distributed all over the world. For each Child's Bible you buy, APC are able to send out **three more** to the suffering Church around the world. You too can make more children happy! Polish version available too. Paperback, A lovely gift for any occasion. Perfect stocking filler! £3 each. Online orders:

admin@immaculate-conception.org.uk or speak to Sr Sani.



PRODUCE AND CAKE SALE: There will be a Cake and Produce sale on Sunday, 22nd November from 1.30 pm - 2.30 pm whilst the Church is open for Private Prayer. For pre-orders please contact Jackie Flynn.

CHRISTMAS 2020

If public Masses are able to be celebrated I plan for them to take place at the following times:

Christmas Eve, Thursday, 24th December

Bicester: 4.00pm, 6.00pm, 9.00 pm and 12 Midnight.

Hethe: 5.30 pm & 8.00pm.

Christmas Day, Friday, 25th December

Bicester: 8.00am, 9.30am & 11.00am. **Hethe:** 10.00am.

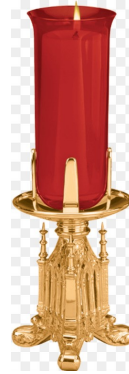
However, there is no fair and equitable way of allocating spaces for the Christmas Masses. Therefore, I have decided that if you wish to attend any of them, then please email or telephone the Parish Office. **If you have not reserved a place in advance then unfortunately you will not be allowed entry into Church.** The maximum of 85 people will be allowed per Mass at Bicester & 22 people at Hethe. Please reserve in advance.

MORE STEWARDS REQUIRED FOR CHRISTMAS MASSES:

In order for all the planned Christmas Masses to take place we will require more volunteers to steward. If you would like to assist, please get in touch with me.

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.

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? 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.



MORNING PRAYER:

Monday to Friday at 9.00am.

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT.

EVENING PRAYER AND BENEDICTION:

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday from 6pm to 6.45pm.

ROSARY: Saturday after 10am Mass.



Church	Loose	Gift Aid	Total		Attended
Bicester					
Hethe	£	DD £168			

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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