



# The Catholic Parishes of Immaculate Conception @ BICESTER



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The Parishes of the Immaculate Conception & Holy Trinity are part of the Archdiocese of Birmingham: Registered Charity No: 234216

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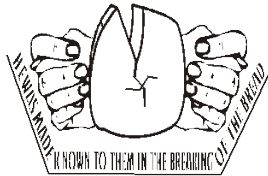
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## Third Sunday of Easter

Sunday Cycle A - Weekdays - Easter Season

Week beginning of 22nd April 2023 Psalter 3

Pope's Prayer Intention for April: For a culture of peace and non-violence. We pray for spread of peace and non-violence, by decreasing the use of weapons by States and citizens.



### Month of April dedicated to the Holy Spirit

APRIL	TIME	INTENTIONS	FEASTS	LECTORS	STEWARDS
SAT 22nd	4pm@ Hethe	Maria Urbaniec (RIP)	3rd Sunday of Easter	B Kelly/ R Deane	S Wilde/R Deane
	6.00 pm	Intention of Carey Family		B & K McFall	S & M Doherty
SUN 23rd	9.00 am	Special Birthday - Jackie Flynn		P Cousins/S McCarthy	L & C Cleeve
	11.00 am	Matt McKeever (RIP)		S Joseph/R Silvy	Kokore Family
MON 24th	9.30 am@ Hethe	Mass followed by bible study		B Kelly	
	12 noon	Margaret O'Flynn (RIP)	Solemnity of St George, Martyr, Patron of England	M Daniel	
TUE 25th	9.30am	In Thanksgiving ( Dudu Cele)	Feast of St Mark, E	L Cleeve	
WED 26th	9.30 am (Sch)	Jackie Flynn ( Birthday)	Easter Feria	J Kokore	
THU 27th	9.30am	Robert Wallis	Easter Feria	H King	
FRI 28th	12 noon	Fiona Mary Beasley (RIP)	Easter Feria		
SAT 29th	4pm@ Hethe	Wellbeing of Helen McDermott & Family	4th Sunday of Easter	B Kelly/ R Deane	
	6.00 pm	Rory Edward O'Rourke (RIP)		A & C McArdle	B & K McFall
SUN 30th	9.00 am	Ints of Kubiak - Jones Family	World Day of Prayer for Vocations	C Moyses/C St John	A Mutton/L Williams
	11.00 am	People of the Parish		N Ward/ Volunteer	Franta Family



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

**ROSARY:** Everyday 25 minutes before Mass starts.

**BAPTISMS/WEDDINGS:** Please contact the Parish Office through email or phone.

**CONFESSIONS:** Hethe: *Saturday from 3.15pm - 3.50 pm (in the Sacristy)* Bicester: 5.15 pm - 5.45pm

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

**EAST TIMOR COMMUNITY PRAYER:** First Sunday of the month at 5.00pm @ Ursuline Convent

**PARISH OUTREACH GROUP:** Please contact the Office if you need some form of practical help -252 277.

**PIETY SHOP:** Open Friday, Saturday and Sunday around Masses.

**URSULINE LAY ASSOCIATES MEETING:** 2nd Wednesday of every month at 2pm @ Ursuline Convent

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**This week we pray for...**  
**SANCTUARY LIGHT:**  
**OUR LADY'S LIGHT: Annie & Joe O'Rourke & Family**

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**LET US PRAY FOR THE SICK AND HOUSEBOUND:**  
 Mary Lynch, Victor Francis, K Cashman, Tim Charles, Joyce Thornley,  
 Helena Nowak, Joy Martin & Jean McIntosh.

**2023 ACCOUNTS:** The Parish Financial Council will be presenting the parish accounts to the community this weekend. The statement of accounts will be for your information only, not for any other purposes/publication.

**EASTER OFFERINGS:** With grateful thanks to all of you for your generous offerings over Easter. God Bless you all! Be assured of my prayers.

**VISITING THE SICK:** If any parishioner who is housebound for various reasons and needs a priest visit, please contact the Parish Office so that arrangements can be made.

**HOUSE BLESSING DURING EASTER SEASON:** If you wish your house to be blessed during this Holy Season, you may contact the Parish Office and make arrangements. May the Risen Christ bless you and your household.

**HETHE** Monday 24th April, Mass at 9.30am followed by bible study video in St Philip's Hall afterwards.

**LOURDES PILGRIMAGE MEETING:** There will be a meeting in St John Paul II Centre on **Sunday 23rd April at 6pm** for all those who are going to Lourdes. A coach has been booked. Pick up from the Parish Church to Stanstead at 12.30 pm. £48 per person return. Deliver payments to the Parish Office or pay contactless under LOURDES COACH. I hope that you all have paid your dues to "All Saints travel".

**SILENCE IN CHURCH:** Please may I remind everyone to be mindful of other people who are praying in Church before and after Mass. Make sure that your mobiles and **any** devices are switched off and also not to speak during Mass itself. Why don't you come along to the Centre after Mass to speak to other parishioners while having a cup of tea?

**MASS INTENTIONS:** My sincere thanks to those who continue to have Masses offered for families and loved ones. We are currently very short of Mass intentions, so please continue to request. Mass envelopes are available from the back of the Church/ Piety Shop or Parish Office.

**EASTER RAFFLE** Thank you to all who supported the raffle. Prize details can be found on the notice board at the back of church. Total raised towards Parish funds was £710.

**PIETY SHOP** First Holy Communion gifts and cards now in stock.

**100 CLUB:** If you are new to the 100 club please make sure your payments have been set up in order to be in the 100 club for this month draw and inform Sr Anu on [ga.tic.bicester@rcaob.org.uk](mailto:ga.tic.bicester@rcaob.org.uk). Please complete and return the form to be 'in to win' if you haven't already got a number. There is no limit to the amount of numbers you can buy. It is our main annual fundraiser, please support this if you can. Only £5 monthly by standing order.

**MONTHLY COFFEE MORNING:** The event raised £244. The next one will be held on Friday 12th May at 10am.

**GROW YOUR FAITH** Find answers to questions you've ever wondered about. Why do we do this or that? Do all the articles in the church actually mean anything, or are they just decoration? The church teaches this; but that's certainly not been my experience. Come and share your questions and experience with us on Wednesday 10th May at 7-30pm in the St John Paul II Centre. Very informal and ALL welcome, new Catholics, long standing Catholics and everyone who is not Catholic.

**FINANCIAL SUPPORT TO THE PARISH:** Have you been supporting your parish financially? If not, consider supporting? It's very easy, you just set up a standing order with your bank, by providing our Parish bank details which can be found in the next column in 'Parish Giving' Give whatever you can. Thank you.

**GIFT AID** If you Gift Aid your contributions and have changed address, then please contact Sr Anu with your new details. Thank you.

**PARISH CORONATION PARTY** On Sunday the 7th May, after the 11am Mass in the St John Paul II Centre. I would like to invite you to a Bring and Share Afternoon Parish Party to mark the Coronation of King Charles III. I am inviting you all to bring a plate of food to share together and mark this historic day. The list is at the back of the Church, so please write, what you would like to bring to share with others. Thank you! All are welcome!

Teams for	23/4	30/4	7/5	14/5	21/5
Children lit. (4)	1	2	3	4	1
Coffee 9am (11)	5	6	7	8	9
Coffee 11am (9)	3	4	5	6	7
Flowers	Anita	Anita	Sisters	Sisters	Anne

**SYMPATHY** Pray for the repose of the souls of Kath Holliday and Margaret O'Flynn, who both died during the week. We pray for their families *May the peace of the Lord be with you, especially at this time of bereavement.* Funeral details will be announced in due course. May they rest in peace.

**BEING A WELCOMING CHURCH WORKSHOPS:** These workshops are being organised by Father Hudson Society. The evening workshop, 7.30 to 8.30 p.m. 22/05/23 - Disability, 19/06/23 - Homelessness. There is no charge for the workshops, but we do ask that people would register by emailing; [fundraising@fatherhudsons.org.uk](mailto:fundraising@fatherhudsons.org.uk) or visiting their Eventbrite page. They will then be sent a link to this online workshop.

**MASS FOR MARRIAGES:** If you celebrating a significant wedding anniversary in 2023 or are you engaged to be married this year, or would you simply like to give thanks to God for your marriage, and ask for His ongoing blessings? Then you are welcome to attend this year's thanksgiving Mass for Marriage on Saturday, 12 Noon, April 29th at St Chad's Cathedral, Birmingham, followed by light refreshments in the Grimshaw Room. Contact Paul Nathan by emailing: [marriage.Mass@rcaob.org.uk](mailto:marriage.Mass@rcaob.org.uk) or 0121 321 5148.

**PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES MAY 2023:** Parish pilgrimage to Lourdes from the 25th to 31st May 2023. Half board £789 per person sharing a room. Single rooms are an extra £247. The flight will be from London Stansted to Lourdes. 4 places are available. Online booking: [www.allsaintstravel.co.uk/LD0803](http://www.allsaintstravel.co.uk/LD0803)

**HOLY LAND NOVEMBER 2023:** Our pilgrimage to the Holy Land will take place from 27th Nov to 4th Dec 2023. Half board £1459 per person sharing a room. Single rooms incur a supplement of £325. Flights from London Luton. You can book online: <https://www.allsaintstravel.co.uk/HL0801> Coach transfers from church to airports have yet to be decided upon and will incur extra costs.

**Dates to remember**

- 13th May: First Holy Communions ( For non St Mary's ) 11 am
- 20th May : First Holy Communions (For St Mary's ) 11 am
- 11th June: Eucharistic Procession to Garth Park 11 am
- 2nd July: Family Day Mass @ 11am & Presentation of Certificates



**PARISH GIVING**

**BICESTER** <https://portal.mydona.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

**MASS STIPENDS/OFFERINGS:**  
 Canon John Y Batthula:  
 Sort code: 60-08-40 Acc. No. 75459760.

**CONTACTLESS** You can also donate by scanning the QR code with your phone or by card at the machine in the church



**Financial Information**

*Grateful Givers* **Easter Collections**  
 Lilies £295 /Holy Places £486.27

**SECOND COLLECTIONS**  
 22nd/23rd April: Parish Maintenance  
 29th/30th April: Clergy Training Fund

Church	First Collection	Second Collection	Standing Orders	Tap & Go For Parish	Mass Attendance
Bicester	£322.02	£117.44	£1185	£60	376
Hethe	£36.60	£N/A	£176		28

**Gift Aid it!!- you could add 25% to the value of your donation. Contact the Parish Gift Aid Co-ordinator Sr Anu; or speak to me. (Canon John)**

An Induction Loop system is provided. Please switch Hearing-Aid to 'T'

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