## 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

Archbishop: **The Most Rev Bernard Longley** Area Bishop: **Rt. Rev. William Kenney** 

Dean of Banbury Deanery & Parish Priest:

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Year of Family



# 4th Sunday of Easter B 25th April 2021 Psalter 4

Year of St Joseph



2020 - 8th December 2021

APRIL	TIME	INTENTIONS	FEASTS	LECTORS	STEWARDS
SAT 24TH	6.00 PM	Private Intention (LH)	4th Sunday of Easter	P Sims & C McArdle	M & S Doherty
SUN 25TH	8.00 AM @Hethe	People of the Parish			R Dean & S Wilde
	9.30 AM	Norma Santiago (Birthday) RIP		G Andrade & A Kojta	C St John & C Conlon
	11.00 AM	Paul Durrant (RIP)		C Tett	J Marshall & A Poole
MON 26TH	9.30 AM	Private Intention (LH)	Easter Feria	M Daniel	L Cleeve & P Sims
TUE 27TH	9.30 AM	Silver wedding anniversary of Charlie & Caroline Conlon	Easter Feria		R & R Deane
	2.00 PM	DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET	MEMORIAL GARDEN		
WED 28TH	9.30 AM	Fiona Mary Beasley (RIP) & Rory O'Rourke (RIP)	Easter Feria	Sisters	L & C Cleeve
	6.30 PM	Talk on " Christology"	Zoom Platform		
THUR 29TH	9.30 AM	Anisha Wilson Varghese & E I Jacob Birthdays - Thanksgiving Mass	Feast of St Catherine of Siena V D & Patron of Europe		Kokore family
FRI 30TH	12 NOON	Alvaro Eslava - Wellbeing	Easter Feria	E King	J Marshall
SAT 1ST MAY	11.00 AM	CONFIRMATION MASS	St Joseph the Worker	Entry by ticket only	Kokore
	6.00 PM	Intentions of Carey Family	5th Sunday of Easter	B & K McFall	B & K McFall & L O'Flynn
SUN 02ND	8.00 AM @ HETHE	People of the Parish			R Deane & S Wilde
	9.30 AM	People of the Parish		Rev Nick & C St John	L & C Cleeve
	11.00 AM	Rita Gomez (RIP)		E King	J & J Kokore & Portia



**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 (not during Lent & Advent)

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

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







#### This week we pray for... For children & grand children (R Evans) - SANCTUARY Fiona Conboy (RIP) - OUR LADY'S LIGHT



#### **LET US PRAY FOR THE SICK AND HOUSEBOUND:**

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

#### **EASTER SEASON**

Talks on Zoom Platform - Father Robert Carey
During the Easter Season our talks are going to be on
"Christology —The Person of Christ." On Wednesdays - April 28th,
May 5th, 12th and 19th. From 6.30 pm to 7.30 pm.

Join Zoom Meeting

https://zoom.us/j/5777711999?

pwd=THBBb05rV1NRRURGbW1LUTdmZzY1UT09

Meeting ID: 577 771 1999

Passcode: 4upBK0

**REQUEST** To speed up entry into church for Mass please bring along a slip of paper with your name and contact number and place it in the container provided in the entrance. Alternatively if you have a smart phone, register by using the **NHS TRACK AND TRACE** QR Code which is displayed on the notice boards in the entrance. This applies to both churches.

As we enter a gradual relaxing of restrictions may we still remind you: **Not to come** if symptomatic or self-isolating. That **masks are** compulsory. **To 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.

Please refer to the bulletin for our Mass times if you are able to attend. We are grateful to all of you who faithfully comply with the Governments regulations and we must continue to do all we can to keep everybody safe in church.

**CONFIRMATIONS:** The second group of young people will be receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation this coming Saturday during 11 am Mass. Each candidate will be given 6 entry tickets and I expect one of the parent to be a proxy as a sponsor in order to follow the Covid restrictions. I would like to congratulate them as they make their commitment to be our Lord's messengers. God bless them. My sincere thanks to teachers and catechists for preparing these young people to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation.

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION:** First Holy Communions will take place on Saturdays 15th & 22nd May at 11am. Due to restrictions there are limits



on numbers attending, therefore each family will be given 6 tickets, this number to include the candidate. Contact details of all family members and guests attending will be required 10 days before the actual date. School will contact you with more information, so please do not contact the school and the same with all non St Mary's, Mrs Clare St

John will contact you. Please keep all children wishing to prepare for these sacraments in your daily prayers.

**100 CLUB:** Renewals for the next 12 months are due from 1 April with the first draw in the new financial year taking place on Sunday, 25 April. The annual fee remains at £60, payable in full by cheque or monthly standing order. In the coming year there will once again be three monthly prizes; £100, £50 and £25 and a £100 Christmas bonus in December. Payments can be made online using the reference '100 Club' with your name, by cheque with '100 Club' on the back or by cash in an envelope with your name and '100 Club' written on it posted through the Henley House door. If you would like your payment collected, please call Paul Cousins (01869 242838) or Tim Lane (01869 277523). If you currently pay by Standing Order no further action is necessary. With sincere thanks for your support, both in the past and in future. My sincere thanks to Tim Lane and Paul Cousins.

STALL OUTSIDE THE CHURCH & MARKET STALL: Throughout this Pandemic, Jackie and Les have been very generous with their time and energy in raising funds for the parish at this difficult time. I sincerely would like to express my thanks to Jackie and Les. It is not easy but your commitment to the parish is much appreciated. I also would like to thank those who have supported generously. God bless you.

**APF/MISION BOXES** Now is the time to please empty your boxes and deliver your donations to the piety shop or parish office. Thanks.

**WAYS YOU CAN FINANCIALLY SUPPORT YOUR PARISH:** Join the 100 club £5 a month; Set up a regular Standing Order; Gift Aid any of your donations; Sponsor a Sanctuary lamp £10; Buy a Commemorative brick £250; Purchase from the Piety shop

<u>CHRISTIAN AID</u> week commencing on May  $10^{\rm th}$  to  $16^{\rm th}$ , all donations can be given online: hhps://justgiving.com/fundraising/OR26099 . I am also looking for a volunteer who could coordinate annually with the local Christian Aid organisers. If you would like to assist, please contact the parish office.

SPONSORING SANCTUARY AND OUR LADY'S 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 one of the priests or in one of the donation boxes in an envelope marked 'Sanctuary Lamp or Our Lady Lamp Donation', together with a note stating your particular intention. The intentions will be published in our weekly bulletin. Thank you.

WELCOME VISITORS & NEW PARISHIONERS: If you have moved to the area, or have recently joined our Church Community, please speak to Canon John and take one of the welcome leaflets from the back of the Church. There is also a Registration Form (which also includes a Gift Aid registration form) which we hope you will complete for the Parish records. We hope you will enjoy our lively and inclusive parish, and participate in our worship and activities

ALTAR SERVERS: I would like to begin exploring the possibility of reintroducing Altar Servers at Holy Mass from 2nd weekend of May. There will only be space for one server (or two if they are siblings) and jobs will be limited but we miss you! Face Mask and gloves are a must. If you would be interested in joining a rota for this, please get in touch with me via parish email. <a href="mailto:tic.bicester@rcaob.org.uk">tic.bicester@rcaob.org.uk</a>

**BICESTER REFUGEE SUPPORT GROUP**, fundraiser St George's Launton Quest Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> of April to Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> May. Find Dragons and Knights around Launton to complete the quest. For Map and information <a href="https://www.Launton.org/ouest-Launt

**THANK YOU:** Sincere thanks to Janet Marshall & Sue Wilde and those supported in raising £260, which will be shared between CAFOD & Batthula Care Trust.

**SECOND COLLECTION:** This Sunday is celebrated as a Vocations Sunday and we are invited to pray for vocations to the Priesthood and Religious life. This weekend's 2nd collection is towards the Clergy Training Fund for the archdiocese of Birmingham. Please support with your prayers and by contributing generously to train the future Clergy.

### **Financial Information**



#### SECOND COLLECTIONS

April 24th/25th - Clergy Training Fund

May 1st/2nd - Parish Maintenance

Church	Loose £	Second Collection £	Standing Orders £	Total £	Attended
Bicester	332.30	118.88	1009.00	1460.18	222
Hethe	£37		£182	£219	22

**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.

**Bicester:** Acc. No: 02342731; Sort Code: 51 70 15. **Hethe:** Acc. No: 02301466; Sort Code: 517015

Thank you for your ongoing support particularly in these difficult times!



#### Online Webcam

Go the website and follow link https://mcnmedia.tv/iframe/ e8896647923e089406131a3b96e45994de4a89c4