



The Catholic Parishes of Immaculate Conception @BICESTER

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Holy Trinity Hethe

Archbishop: **The Most Rev Bernard Longley**

Area Episcopal Vicar: **Very Reverend Canon Paul Fitzpatrick**

Dean of Banbury & Warwick Deanery & Parish Priest:

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

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Parish Safeguarding Representatives: **Elizabeth Green & Les Cleeve**

Gift Aid Organiser: **Sr Anu Joseph**

St John Paul II Centre: **Sr Sani Vijayan**

Parish Sisters: -Superior - **Sr Rose Mathew** - Convent 327 689

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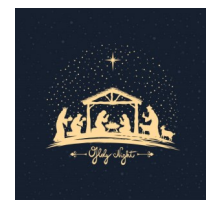
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NATIVITY OF THE LORD

24th December 2022 to 1st January 2023 - Psalter 1

Pope's Prayer Intention for December : For Volunteer non profit organisations: We pray for that these organisations committed to human development find people dedicated to the common good and ceaselessly seek out new paths to international cooperation.



DECEMBER	TIME	INTENTIONS	FEASTS	LECTORS	STEWARDS
THE SEASON OF CHRISTMAS					
SAT 24th	2.00 pm	Martin Mellett (RIP)	CHRISTMAS EVE	Sr Sani/	Frankie
	4 pm @ Hethe	People of the Parish	SOLEMNITY OF THE		S Wilde/R Deane
Vigil Mass	6.00 pm	Bill & Kitty Hornby & Angela Nelson (RIP)	NATIVITY	A Kirby-Hall/R Evans	S & M Doherty
	11.30 pm	Carols & Readings			
	12 Midnight	Fiona Mary Beasley (RIP) & Joan Bridle (RIP)		H King/ E Green	Ursuline Sisters
SUN 25th	9.00 am	Deceased Members of Cawley & Wards families	CHRISTMAS DAY	P Cousins/ C St John	L & C Cleeve
	11.00 am	People of the Parish		J Franta/ I Ziegart	Franta Family
MON 26th	12 Noon	Jackie & Jacob Kokore, 24th Wedd. Anniversary	Feast of St Stephen, Martyr	M Daniel	
TUE 27th	8.30 am	Canon John's Private Intentions	Feast of St John, Apostle & Evangelist	J Kokore	
WED 28th	9.30 am	Service of the Word with Holy Communion	Feast of the Holy Innocents M	L Cleeve	
THUR 29th	9.30 am	Service of the Word with Holy Communion	Feast of St Thomas Becket BM	H King	
FRI 30th	9.30 am	Service of the Word with Holy Communion	Feast of the Holy Family	E King	
SAT 31st	4.00 pm	People of the Parish		R Deane/S Wilde	
	6.00 pm	Ints of Hattam Family	Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God	P Sims/Sr Rose	McArdle Family
1st Jan	9.00 am	Mortimer Conlan (RIP)		S & R Silvy	Brown Family
2023	11.00 am	People of the Parish		R Evans/E Green	Orleans Family



The Crib collection this year will go towards: **St Chad's Sanctuary**

DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET: Every Tuesday at 2.00pm in Church

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

CONFESSIONS: Hethe: *Every 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

ROSARY: Everyday 25 minutes before Mass starts.

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

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

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

PARISH OUTREACH GROUP: Please contact the Parish Office if you need some form of practical help -01869 252 277.



This week we pray for...
SANCTUARY LIGHT: Helena Nowak
OUR LADY'S LIGHT: Kevin Anil Thomas (For Protection & Wisdom)

LET US PRAY FOR THE SICK AND HOUSEBOUND:

Mary Lynch, Victor Francis, K Cashman, Tim Charles, Joyce Thornley,
 John Dunn, Helena Nowak, Joy Martin & Jean McIntosh .

SILENCE IN CHURCH: Please may I remind everyone to be mindful of other people who are praying in Church before & after Mass. Make sure your mobiles are switched off & also not to speak during Mass itself.

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.

ALTAR SERVERS: All servers will be renewing their commitment as members of the guild of St Stephen on Monday, 26th December during 12 Noon Mass. Some of the new servers will be presented with their bronze medal.

CHRISTMAS OFFERINGS: This is your traditional annual gift to the parish priest. Please feel free to use the special envelopes that were given with the bulletin last weekend alternatively, you may give your offering via the contactless card machine which is in the front porch of the Church. Thank you.

SOLEMNITY OF THE EPIPHANY : (Holyday of Obligation) On Friday 6th January - Mass times as follows: 9.30 am; 12 Noon and 7.00pm. All Masses will be celebrated in Bicester.

SPONSORING SANCTUARY LAMPS: These lamps 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? (Please note: one person/couple/intention per candle) 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. Lots of availability in the new year. The intentions will be placed in order as they are received and published in the weekly bulletin.

Baptism Courses 2023 The courses will be held at 10 am at the St John Paul II Centre on the following Saturdays: 11th February, 15th April, 24th June, 7th October. If you are planning a baptism in the near future, you are welcome to come along. Please allow 2 hours and inform the Parish Office if you wish to attend tic.bicester@rcaob.org.uk more details: www.immaculate-conception.org.uk

St. Mary's Catholic Primary School: Parents of children born between 1st September 2018 and 31 August 2019 (inclusive) need to apply for a primary school place for September 2023 before 15th January 2023. Applications should be made through the Oxfordshire website: <https://www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/residents/schools/apply-school-place/reception-applications/make-application>

Parents are very welcome to visit and see what life is like at St. Mary's. Please telephone or email the school office to make an appointment. Miss Pickering will meet with you and take you on a tour of the school. Tel. 01869 252035 Email: office.3824@st-marys-bicester.oxon.sch.uk

Blessed George Napier Catholic Secondary School & Sixth Form Teaching Vacancies: Learning Support Assistants, Part-time, post commencing as soon as possible. Further details are available on the school website: www.bgn.oxon.sch.uk

CHRISTMAS RAFFLE DRAW: I wish express my sincere thanks to all those who supported the Christmas Raffle. The total amount raised was £1075 with expenditure of £185.00 of cash prizes & tickets. **WINNERS:** 1st Prize £100: Mrs Greenfield; 2nd Hamper: Tom Ellis; 3rd £25: Jo O'Rourke; 4th J O'Rourke; 5th ; J Marshall; 6th N Ward; 7th P Kallay; 8th M Jones. Most prizes have been collected and there are a couple of prizes to be collected from the Sacristy/ St John paul II Centre during the week.

PARISH OFFICE: Will be closed from Monday to Wednesday. Office will be open from Thursday as normal.

Teams for	25/12	1/1	8/1	15/1	22/1
Children lit. (4)	None	None	None	4	1
Coffee 9am (11)	None	11	1	2	3
Coffee 11am (7)	None	3	4	5	6
Flowers	All teams	All	All	Anita	

MERRY CHRISTMAS

On behalf of Fr Pat, Deacons Michael and Nick and The Ursuline Sisters

I would like to wish all parishioners and your families a blessed & holy Christmas and a prosperous happy New Year.

Canon John Batthula



PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES MAY 2023: Parish pilgrimage to Lourdes takes place from 25th to 31st May 2023. Half board £789 per person sharing a room. If you prefer a single room, it will cost an extra £247 and single rooms are limited. Flights from London Stansted to Lourdes. Booking forms can be obtained from Piety shop or Parish Office. If you need more information, please get in touch with me. Online booking: www.allsaintstravel.co.uk/LD0803

HOLY LAND NOVEMBER 2023: Pilgrimage to Holy Land is 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. Booking forms can be obtained from the Piety Shop or Parish Office. Online booking: <https://www.allsaintstravel.co.uk/HL0801>

Dates to remember

- 21st/22nd January 2023: Survive Miva Appeal
- 18th March 2023: Sacrament of Confirmations Mass at 6 pm
- 23rd March 2023: Diamond Jubilee Celebrations @ 7pm - Archbishop
- 13th May : First Holy Communions (For non St Mary's) 11 am
- PLEASE NOTE CHANGE OF DATE PREVIOUSLY ADVERTISED DUE TO THE KING'S CORONATION ON 6/5/23
- 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

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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 porch.

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Financial Information

SECOND COLLECTIONS

18th/19th Dec. Christmas Flowers

24th/25th Dec. Parish Priest

The Christmas Crib Collection will go towards the Parish Outreach Group

Church	First Collection	Second Collection	Standing Orders	Tap & Go For Parish	Mass Attendance
Bicester	£377.60	£224.60	£1185	£168	344
Hethe	£32		£186		21



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