



# The Catholic Parishes of Immaculate Conception @BICESTER

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**30th Sunday in ordinary time (A)**  
**25th October 2020**

### The mystagogy of the celebration:

1241 The anointing with sacred chrism, perfumed oil consecrated by the bishop, signifies the gift of the Holy Spirit to the newly baptized, who has become a Christian, that is, one "anointed" by the Holy Spirit, incorporated into Christ who is anointed priest, prophet, and king.<sup>41</sup>

1242 In the liturgy of the Eastern Churches, the post-baptismal anointing is the sacrament of Chrismation (Confirmation). In the Roman liturgy the post-baptismal anointing announces a second anointing with sacred chrism to be conferred later by the bishop Confirmation, which will as it were "confirm" and complete the baptismal anointing.

1243 The white garment symbolizes that the person baptized has "put on Christ,"<sup>42</sup> has risen with Christ. The candle, lit from the Easter candle, signifies that Christ has enlightened the neophyte. In him the baptized are "the light of the world."<sup>43</sup>

The newly baptized is now, in the only Son, a child of God entitled to say the prayer of the children of God: "Our Father."

1244 First Holy Communion. Having become a child of God clothed with the wedding garment, the neophyte is admitted "to the marriage supper of the Lamb"<sup>44</sup> and receives the food of the new life, the body and blood of Christ. The Eastern

Dean of Banbury Deanery & Parish Priest:

**Very Rev. Canon John Y Battula** 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

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Churches maintain a lively awareness of the unity of Christian initiation by giving Holy Communion to all the newly baptized and confirmed, even little children, recalling the Lord's words: "Let the children come to me, do not hinder them."<sup>45</sup> The Latin Church, which reserves admission to Holy Communion to those who have attained the age of reason, expresses the orientation of Baptism to the Eucharist by having the newly baptized child brought to the altar for the praying of the Our Father.

1245 The solemn blessing concludes the celebration of Baptism. At the Baptism of new born the blessing of the mother occupies a special place. *(To be continued)*

*(Catechism of the Catholic Church)*

OCTOBER	TIME	IMMACULATE CONCEPTION & HOLY TRINITY	
SATURDAY 24TH	10.00 AM at <b>Hethe</b>	<b>People of God</b>	<b>30th Sunday in Ordinary Time A</b>
	6.00 PM <b>IC</b>	<b>Mieczyslaw Sniezko (RIP)</b>	
SUNDAY 25TH	9.30 PM <b>IC</b>	<b>People of God</b>	
	11.00 AM <b>IC</b>	<b>Dimple Eugine (RIP)</b>	
	6.00 PM <b>IC</b>	<b>People of God</b>	
MONDAY 26TH	9.30 AM <b>IC</b>	<b>Ronald Hawke (RIP)</b>	
TUESDAY 27TH	9.30 AM <b>IC</b>	<b>Bill Hornby (RIP)</b>	
	2.00 PM	Divine Mercy Devotions	At Clare Whitehead's flat
WEDNESDAY 28TH	9.30 AM <b>IC</b>	<b>Dimple Eugine (RIP)</b>	<b>Feast of SS Simon &amp; Jude, Apostles</b>
THURSDAY 29TH	9.30 AM <b>IC</b>	<b>For the well being of Saira, Diya &amp; Desia Eugine</b>	
FRIDAY 30TH	12 Noon <b>IC</b>	<b>Kathleen Day (RIP) &amp; William Swanson (RIP)</b>	
SATURDAY 31ST	10.00 AM at <b>Hethe</b>	<b>People of God</b>	<b>Solemnity of All Saints</b>
	6.00 PM <b>IC</b>	<b>Pauline Coughlan - 90th Birthday</b>	
SUNDAY 1ST NOV	9.30 AM <b>IC</b>	<b>People of God</b>	
	11.00 AM <b>IC</b>	<b>Jesse Smith (RIP)</b>	
	6.00 PM <b>IC</b>	<b>John Sanjeeva Rao &amp; Dayaratnam Batthula (RIP)</b>	

**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.f.stjohn@btinternet.com](mailto:nick.f.stjohn@btinternet.com) or the Parish Office.

**Confirmation Commitment** Masses over the weekend of 22nd and 29th November Saturday 6pm, 9:30am and 6pm Sunday.

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

**BAPTISMS:** Please contact the office.

**REMEMBRANCE SERVICE** There will be no public Remembrance Parade this year due to the COVID-19 restrictions in place. Please follow the link to see details which have been planned in place of the usual commemorations and Remembrance: <https://www.bicester.gov.uk/event/remembrance-sunday-2020/>



**NOVEMBER - MONTH OF THE HOLY SOULS**

**Blessing of Graves**

Saturday 7th Nov - Hethe after 10am Mass.

Sunday 8th Nov - Foynes Memorial Garden after 11am Mass.

Sunday 15th Nov - Bicester Cemetery at 2.30 pm. Everyone to gather at the graves of their loved ones and Clergy will come and bless. Please follow the social distancing as per the government guidelines. If anyone is unable to visit the grave of their loved one at Bicester Cemetery, please email or telephone details to the Parish Office and Lucia will be happy to arrange for a grave light to be placed.

**HOLY SOULS ENVELOPES:** November is traditionally the month particularly set aside for prayers for the Holy Souls in Purgatory, especially for the deceased members of our families and for those who are without family to pray for them. Please take an envelope from the back of the Church, write the name(s) of those for whom you wish Mass to be offered, place an offering in the envelope and hand it to Priests/Sisters/Stewards or place it in the casket.

**PIETY SHOP:** Although currently closed, orders can be placed via email to the parish office and collected and paid for at Mass times or by arrangement. Grave lights now in stock. Unfortunately, no new Christmas stock will be ordered this year. We do however, have a limited supply from last year: Boxed & individual Christmas cards, advent candles, children's books, olive tree decorations and other gifts. Items can be seen through the shop windows, and images online in the coming weeks.

**GUIDELINES FOR PARISHIONERS** When the Mass starts, the doors of the Church will be locked so please try to come early. Please make sure that you follow the instructions of the stewards and all signage that is in place. **If you arrive for Mass and you do not have a face covering you will not be allowed entrance** (unless you are asthmatic or under 5). The celebrant will be obliged to stop Mass if this obligation is ignored. Please be aware that the Church will be closed after each Mass **and there are no toilet facilities available.** Offerings/Donations can be placed in the casket/collection box at the entrance or exit. We provide a separate Lectern for the reader. **All Lectors please sanitize your hands before and after.** Do not congregate either inside or outside of church before or at the end of Mass. Please maintain silence before and after Mass. The social distance of 1m Plus must be observed at all times, including before and after Mass. **PLEASE FOLLOW THE ABOVE GUIDELINES WITHOUT FAIL, THEY ARE FOR YOUR SAFETY AND FOR THE SAFETY OF OTHERS.**

**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 Mass. The codes are on display as you enter. Anyone who does not have a smartphone can provide their contact details at the entrance.

**SATURDAY MASS AT HETHE AT 10 AM.** Please contact Breff by Thursday on 01280 702 500 or email [breffkelly@gmail.com](mailto:breffkelly@gmail.com). Please place your offering in the basket as you leave the Church through the Sacristy Door.

**PARISH GIVING** Donations can be made online through the Archdiocesan Website: [www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk/support-our-work](http://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.

**GIFT AID:** Due to COVID -19 the Diocese is not in a position to send out the letters to parishioners setting out the amount donated in the 2019/20 incoming tax year. If any parishioner needs this information

to complete an income tax return, please contact the parish office via email with your details. Sister Anu will respond to your email with the figure you require. Thank you

**#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](http://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.

**STRESS IN YOUR MARRIAGE? -This has been a very difficult year for many couples.** RETROUVAILLE is a program for married couples that feel bored, disillusioned, frustrated, or angry in their marriage. Some experience coldness. Others experience conflict. Most don't know how to change the situation or even communicate with their spouse about it. This programme has helped 6,000 couples who were experiencing difficulties in their marriage in the past year alone. There is no group therapy or group work For confidential information about Retrouvaille or to register for the next programme commencing with a Virtual weekend on 12th -15th Nov 2020, call or text 0788 7296983 or 0797 3380443 - or email [retrouvailleukinfo@gmail.com](mailto:retrouvailleukinfo@gmail.com) or visit [www.retrouvaille.org.uk](http://www.retrouvaille.org.uk)

**CHRISTMAS 2020**

If Masses are able to continue as they currently are, I plan to celebrate them 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:** 9.30am.

However, there is no one obvious 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. To avoid disappointment 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. There will be a total of 7 Masses at Bicester and 3 Masses at Hethe. If you would like to assist, please get in touch with me.

**SUE AND JANET** completed the walk to Hethe on Sunday 18th. We would like to thank every- one who sponsored us, and request sponsor money by October 31st. Please ring 01869 244893 to arrange collection.

Lectors	25/10	1/11	8/11	15/11
Saturday 6pm	L Cleeve	L Cleeve	P Sims	P Sims
Sunday 9.30am	S McCarthy	M Brown	S & L Taylor	C Moyse
Sunday 11am	L Cleeve	C Tett	N Ward	N Ward
Sunday 6pm	H King	T Lane	L Cleeve	L Cleeve



Church	Loose	Gift Aid	Total	Attended
Bicester	£ 433.57	£ 42.10	£ 475.67	282
Hethe	35	DD £168	£208	18

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.



**Online Webcam**

Go the website and follow link

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