



# The Catholic Parishes of Immaculate Conception @BICESTER

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
## First Sunday of Lent A

Sunday Cycle A - Weekdays - Season of Lent  
25th February to 5th March 2023 Psalter 1

Pope's Prayer Intention for February for parishes: We pray that parishes, placing communion at the centre, may increasingly become communities of faith, fraternity & welcome towards those most in need..

The Holy Family



FEBRUARY	TIME	INTENTIONS	FEASTS	LECTORS	STEWARDS
<b>SAT 25th</b>	<b>Hethe 4.00 pm</b>	Mary Evans (RIP)		B Kelly/ R Deane	<b>S Wilde/R Deane</b>
	<b>6.00 pm</b>	Sean O'Neill (RIP)	1st Sunday of Lent	B & K McFall	McArdle Family
<b>SUN 26th</b>	<b>9.00 am</b>	People of the Parish		M Daniel/M Daniel	C St John
	<b>11.00 am</b>	Stephen Booth (RIP)		C Tett/I Ziegart	A Orleans
<b>MON 27th</b>	<b>9.30am@Hethe</b>	Wellbeing of Helen McDermott	<i>Lenten Feria</i>		
	<b>12 Noon</b>	For all the deceased of our Parish		M Daniel	
	<b>1.00 pm</b>	<b>Requiem Mass of Alicia Phillips (RIP)</b>			L Cleeve
	<b>7.00 pm</b>	<b>Parish Finance Council Meeting</b>			
<b>TUE 28th</b>	<b>9.30 am</b>	Safety of everyone in Ukraine, Turkey & Syria	<i>Lenten Feria</i>	L Cleeve	
<b>WED 1st</b>	<b>9.30 am</b>		Feast of St David B, Patron of Wales	Year 3 Pupils	
<b>March</b>	<b>7.00 pm</b>	<b>Jubilee Volunteers Meeting</b>			
<b>THUR 2nd</b>	<b>8am@ School</b>	Deceased members of Hawke & French families	Feast of St Chad, Bishop		
	<b>6.30 pm</b>	<b>Reception of William McDermott (RIP)</b>			
<b>FRI 3rd</b>	<b>10am - 11.45am</b>	<b>MONTHLY COFFEE MORNING</b>	<i>Lenten Feria</i>		
	<b>11.00 am</b>	<b>Requiem Mass of William McDermott (RIP)</b>		E King	Les Cleeve
	<b>7.00 pm</b>	<b>WAY OF THE CROSS</b>			
<b>SAT 4th</b>	<b>2pm - 3.45pm</b>	<b>EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT</b>			
	<b>Hethe 4.00 pm</b>	Wellbeing of Helen McDermott		B Kelly/ R Deane	<b>S Wilde/R Deane</b>
	<b>6.00 pm</b>	Rose Maria - 16th Birthday - Thanksgiving	2nd Sunday of Lent	C McArdle/A McArdle	K & B McFall
<b>SUN 5th</b>	<b>9.00 am</b>	People of the Parish		C Moyse/E Penhallow	Andrade Family
	<b>11.00 am</b>	John Dunn (RIP)		H King/M Lawrence	Kokore Family



**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. Mothers Day, St Patricks & Confirmation cards & gifts now available.

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



This week we pray for...  
**SANCTUARY LIGHT:** Angela McLellan (RIP)  
**OUR LADY'S LIGHT:** Margaret Mary Cawley (RIP)

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

Mary Lynch, Victor Francis, K Cashman, Tim Charles, Joyce Thornley, 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 and after Mass. Make sure that your mobiles 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?

**JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS:** On Thursday 23rd March, we as a Catholic Community will mark the three fold celebrations: 80th anniversary of the establishment of the parish, 70th anniversary of Guild of St Stephen in the parish and 60th anniversary of the parish Church. To mark this occasion, our Archbishop, The Most Reverend Bernard Longley will join us and will be the principle celebrant at the Concelebrated Mass, at 7.00pm, followed by light supper in the Centre. I wish to invite all parishioners past, present & school community to join us in our jubilee celebrations. If you would like to volunteer to assist us on the day, please come for the meeting on **Wednesday 1st March at 7pm. We need to have an idea for the catering purposes**, how many people will be participating at Jubilee celebrations. The list at the back of the Church, so please write your name & how many people will be coming.

**CONFIRMATIONS:** Sacrament of Confirmation will be celebrated on Saturday 18th March during 6pm Mass. We look forward to welcome Canon Paul Fitzpatrick, our area Episcopal Vicar to our Parish. Let us keep our young people in our prayers.

**EASTER RAFFLE TICKETS:** This weekend we will be giving away our Easter Raffle tickets, so please take a number of books and support the parish in a generous way. First prize: £100; 2nd prize: Hamper; 3rd prize: £25 and many other good prizes.

**HOLY COMMUNION SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION**

Children/Parent Sessions Saturday 9-10am in St John Paul II Centre: 11th March, 25th March (Parents Session running alongside the children's session), 22nd April.

**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.

**CAKE & PRODUCE SALE AFTER MASS:** A very big thanks to Jackie and Les for their hard work. Total amount raised £301.00. Grateful to all those who have supported.

**MONTHLY COFFEE MORNING:** This coming Friday is our monthly Coffee morning, which is being held in St John Paul II Centre from 10am to 11.45 am. All are welcome. It will be nice to see some more parishioners.

**THE SEASON OF LENT:** Lent is ordered to preparing for the celebration of Easter, since the Lenten liturgy prepares for the celebration of the Pascal Mystery both Catechumens, various stages of Christian initiation, & the faithful, who recall their own baptism and do penance. Forty days of Lent run from Ash Wednesday up to but excluding the Mass of the Lord's Supper.

Devotional exercises that harmonise with the Lenten Season are to be encouraged, such as "Stations of the Cross". So every Friday during Lent, the Stations of the Cross will be celebrated at 7pm in Church. **Early Mass** at School every Thursday in Lent at 8am. All welcome.

**HETHE:** Mondays: Mass at 9.30am followed by Bible Study video in St Philip's Hall. Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays: Mid-week Stations of the Cross at 10.00am

**TIME TO PRAY WITH THE EUCHARISTIC LORD**

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament on Saturday 4th March from 2pm-3.45pm, followed by Mass at 4pm - **Hethe**  
 Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 17th March from 10am - 6.35pm - **Bicester** (12 Noon - Mass & 7pm - Stations of the Cross) All are invited.



Teams for	26/2	5/3	12/3	19/3	26/3
Children lit. (4)	1	2	3	none	4
Coffee 9am (11)	8	9	10	11	1
Coffee 11am (7)	4	5	6	7	1
Flowers	None	None	None	None	None

**Banbury Cluster Vocations Evening:** As a deanery, we are coming together to pray for vocations and I would like to invite you to join me and other clergy and parishioners on Monday, 20th March at St John's Church, Banbury. The Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament from 6pm to 6.50pm, followed by concelebrated Mass at 7pm. Please come along and pray for vocations.

**The Women's World Day of Prayer** being held at The Methodist Church, Sheep Street, on March 3rd at 4pm. All are welcome to pray together, especially for the people of Taiwan.

**ALTAR SERVERS:** I would like to see all our altar servers being available for our Jubilee Mass as I would like all of them serve at this momentous Jubilee Mass of Thanksgiving.

**ALICIA PHILLIPS:** Died on 20th February, aged 67. We express our condolences to the family and friends. Funeral service is on Monday, 27th February at 1pm followed by burial at Buckingham Town cemetery at 3pm. *May her soul rest in peace.*

**SYMPATHY** Please pray for the repose of the soul of **Cio Kisack:** We express our condolences and offer our prayers to the family. Funeral most probably will take place at the end of March. Let us wait for more details. *May he rest in peace.*

**PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES MAY 2023:** Parish pilgrimage to Lourdes will take place from the 25th to 31st May 2023. Half board £789 per person sharing a room. Single rooms are an extra £247 with limited availability. The flight will be from London Stansted to Lourdes. Booking forms can be obtained from Piety shop or Parish Office, alternatively online via All Saints. If you need more information, please get in touch with me. 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. Booking forms can be obtained from the Piety Shop or Parish Office. Alternatively 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**

18th March 2023: Sacrament of Confirmations Mass at 6 pm

23rd March 2023: Diamond Jubilee Celebrations @ 7pm

13th May: First Holy Communions ( For non St Mary's ) 11 am

PLEASE NOTE CHANGE OF DATE PREVIOUSLY ADVERTISED DUE TO THE KINGS CORONATION ON 6/5/23

20th May : First Holy Communions (For St Mary's ) 11 am



**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 Battthula: 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 - FEBRUARY**

25th/26th Parishes Maintenance

4th/5th March: Cathedral Maintenance

11th/12th; 18th/19th 25th/26th: Lenten Charities



Church	First Collection	Second Collection	Standing Orders	Tap & Go For Parish	Mass Attendance
<b>Bicester</b>	£ 346.39	£ 381+ 140	£1185	£40	386
<b>Hethe</b>	£45	£68.20	£186	Coffee £65	20



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