



The Catholic Parishes of Immaculate Conception @BICESTER

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Holy Trinity Hethe

Archbishop: **The Most Rev Bernard Longley**

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Fifth Sunday of Lent A Sunday Cycle A - Weekdays - Season of Lent 25th March - 2nd April 2023 Psalter 1

Pope's Prayer Intention for March: For victims of abuse. We pray for those who have suffered harm from members of the church; may they find within the Church herself a concrete response to their pain and suffering.



Month of March dedicated to St Joseph

MARCH	TIME	INTENTIONS	FEASTS	LECTORS	STEWARDS
SAT 25TH	Hethe 4.00 pm	People of the Parish		B Kelly/ R Deane	S Wilde/R Deane
	6.00 pm	For Vocations (Catenian Mass Intention)	Fifth Sunday of Lent	B & K McFall	L Hattam/L O'Flynn
	7pm-9pm	Youth Meeting in the St John Paul II Centre			
SUN 26th	9.00 am	Claramma Joseph (RIP) Noah Jose Varghese (3rd Birthday)		S Joseph/R Silvy	Brown Family
	11.00 am	Bernard Chellar (RIP) Antonio Augusto Bogo Barcelos (RIP)5th Ann		I Ziegart/volunteer	Orleans Family
MON 27th	9.30am@Hethe	Helen Parnaby (RIP)	Lenten Feria	R Dean/B Kelly	
	12 Noon	Les & Colette Cleeve (anniversary)		M Daniel	
	1.30 pm	Internment of Ashes of William McDermott (RIP)	Wolvercote Cemetery		
TUE 28th	9.30 am	Bridie Conlon (RIP)	Lenten Feria	L Cleeve	
WED 29th	9.30am@School	Mark Mackenzie (RIP)	Lenten Feria		
THUR 30th	8.00am @School	Jean Slater (RIP)	Lenten Feria		
	12 Noon	Rita & Phil Corcoran (anniversary)		H King	
FRI 31st	12 Noon	Bill & Kitty Hornby & Angela Nelson (RIP)	Lenten Feria	E King	
	7.00 pm	WAY OF THE CROSS			
SAT April	Hethe 4.00 pm	Helen Parnaby (RIP)	Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord	B Kelly/ R Deane	S Wilde/R Deane
1st	6.00 pm	Mathew Joseph (RIP) Margaret Cook (RIP)		H Henwood/R John	Thompson Family
SUN 2nd	9.00 am	People of the Parish		A Mutton/T Yarker	C St John
	11.00 am	Helen Nowak (Birthday)		R Evans/E Green	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 (Not during Lent)

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. Easter gifts & cards now available.



This week we pray for...
SANCTUARY LIGHT: Kathleen Cashman - Healing
OUR LADY'S LIGHT: Antonio Augusto Bogo Barcelos (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.

JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS: My sincere thanks to everyone for all their efforts in helping and supporting our Jubilee celebrations. God bless you all.

PALM SUNDAY PROCESSIONS FROM THE CONVENT: Next weekend, 2nd April, we will gather in the Convent Garden, Kings End, opposite Lissiters at 10.50am for the blessing of palms, followed by procession to the parish church.

LENTEN PENITENTIAL SERVICE: Please make time to participate at our annual Lenten Penitential Service on Monday 3rd April at 7pm, which is followed by individual confessions. There will a good number of visiting priests with us to hear our confessions. May I therefore encourage all of you to come along and embrace the opportunity to seek God's forgiveness by going to confession.

MULTILINGUAL WAY OF THE CROSS: If anyone would like to read one of the Stations in your native language, please speak to me or email to the parish office as early as possible.

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 TICKETS: Please would you start bringing back the counterfoils with the amount. First prize: £100; 2nd prize: Hamper; 3rd prize: £25 and many other good prizes. Draw 16th April after 11 am Mass in St John Paul II Centre.

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.

EASTER LILIES If you would like to buy a lily in memory of a relative or friend please complete a slip and deliver to the parish office /piety shop. Lilies cost £2.50 each.

9.00AM CHOIR: Do you sing? Do you play an instrument? Guitar / Flute / Clarinet / Piano / Violin / Mandolin.....We would love for you to join us on a Sunday morning at 9.00am mass! We can't do this without you! New members - both musicians and singers, are vital for us to be able to continue the music liturgy at the 9.00am mass. We practice after mass in the centre on a Sunday (usually about once per month) and music copy is provided for you to practice at home. Please come and speak to Siân after mass or come and join us one Sunday morning! You are most welcome!

SYMPATHY-HELEN PARNABY RIP: Our sincere and deepest condolences to David and his family. We assure Helen's family of our prayers. Funeral details to follow at a later date. May she rest in peace.

100 CLUB The new year starts from April 1st. Please complete and return the attached form with this week's bulletin 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 parish fundraiser, please support this if you can. £5 monthly by standing order.

HARVINGTON HALL HISTORY FESTIVAL: The Festival will take place in the grounds of Harvington Hall, in Worcestershire from 25 - 30 July, featuring 16 talks from top historians, authors and broadcasters, as well as a concert by the Birmingham Oratory Consort. This year is an important one for Harvington as it is celebrating the centenary of its purchase, which rescued it from ruin 100 years ago. Tickets are now on sale for the first ever Harvington History Festival, taking place this July. To book call 01562777555.



12 TIMES A DAY PRAYER CHALLENGE. As we enter into the Passiontide, I am asking all parishioners for the next two weeks to say at least 12 times during the day, the following prayer: "Jesus Christ, Son of God, have mercy on me, a sinner". The prayers are to be recited 12 times during the day but only three times at any one time: It means that the prayers will be prayed at least four times during the day. - the challenge is to say this prayer in our Lenten journey for the next two weeks. We pray for one another on this challenge and I would encourage you to ask friends or members of your family who are not attending Mass regularly to join you in this challenge "Jesus Christ, Son of God, have mercy on me, a sinner".

HOLY TRIDUUM
Maundy Thursday Mass at 7.30 pm (Bicester)
Good Friday Liturgy at 12 Noon (Hethe) 3pm at Bicester
Multilingual Way of the Cross at 7pm
Easter Vigil Mass at 7.30 pm
Easter Sunday Masses:
9 am (Bicester) 10 am (Hethe) & 11 am (Bicester)
Lectors & Welcomers—the new rota has been sent out via email and some copies are available at the back of church.



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

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


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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


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Financial Information
SECOND COLLECTIONS - MARCH
 25th/26th: Lenten Charities
 2nd April: Lenten Charities
 7th April—Good Friday—Holy Places in Holy Land

Church	First Collection	Second Collection	Standing Orders	Tap & Go For Parish	Mass Attendance
Bicester	£ 651.93	£ 216.69	£1185	£165	633
Hethe	£60	£	£176		47

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'

 We use live streaming Go to the website and/or follow this link <https://mcnmedia.tv/iframe/>

Teams for	26/3	2/4	9/4	16/4
Children lit. (4)	4	none	none	none
Coffee 9am (11)	1	2	3	4
Coffee 11am (9)	8	9	1	2
Flowers	None	Sisters	All	All