



# The Catholic Parishes of Immaculate Conception @BICESTER

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Holy Trinity Hethe



**Sunday Cycle A - Weekdays - Year 1**  
**Week beginning of 26th November to 3rd December 2023 Psalter 2**  
 Pope's Prayer Intention for November: We pray for the Holy Father; as he fulfils his mission, may he continue to accompany the flock entrusted to him, with the help of the Holy Spirit.



NOVEMBER	TIME	INTENTIONS	FEASTS	LECTORS	E O MINISTER	STEWARDS
SAT 25th	4.00 pm @Hethe	People of the Parish	Solemnity of Christ the King		B Kelly	R Deane
Vigil Mass	6.00 pm	Ints of Daniel Alexander	National Youth Sunday	Sr Rose/P Cousins	M Doherty	S Doherty
SUN 26th	9.00 am	In Thanksgiving (Carmen Teng)		D Price /C Moyse	C Drew/C St John	L Williams
	11.00 am	Ints of the Lawrence family		A Kearsley/E Green	J & J Kokore	Kokore Family
MON 27th	9.30 am @Hethe	Peter Edmund O'Connor (RIP)	Feria in OT			
	12 noon	Holy Souls		M Daniel	Sr Rose	
TUE 28th	12 noon	Miriam Smith (RIP)	Feria in OT	C St John	J Kokore	
WED 29th	12 noon	Mathew Waddington (RIP)	Feria in OT	J Kokore	Frankie	
	7.30 pm	"GROW YOUR FAITH" Group				St JP II Centre
THU 30th	12 noon	Benjamin David Burke (Baptism)	Feast of St Andrew Apostle	H King	J Kokore	
	7.00 pm	The Chosen - Season 2, Episode 4				St JP II Centre
FRI 1st December	10 am to 11.45 am	MONTHLY COFFEE MORNING				St JP II Centre
	12 noon	Ints of Sonya Drury	Feast of St Edmund Campion PM	L Cleeve	Sr Rose	
	6pm - 7pm	HOLY HOUR & BENEDICTION				
SAT 2nd	4.00 pm @Hethe	People of the Parish	1st Sunday of Advent	R Deane/V Burns		R Deane
Vigil Mass	6.00 pm	Catherine French		P Sims/Sr Sani	Sr Rose	B & K McFall
SUN 3rd	9.00 am	Sr Andrea SS (RIP) PO Kunjuvareed (RIP)		E Penhallow/ M Brown	Frankie/P Capretta	L & C Cleeve
	11.00 am	Patrick McCartan (RIP)		H King/T Lane	J & M Franta	Franta Family

## CHRISTMAS FAYRE

A very big thank you to all who supported and have given so generously. Total raised £1587.



This week we pray for...  
**SANCTUARY LIGHT: J J Ward and Family**  
**OUR LADY'S LIGHT: Marysia Gerald (RIP)**



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**Safeguarding:** Both our Parishes operate in accordance with Statutory Safeguarding Guidance & the National and Archdioceses policies and procedures at all times. Our Parishes Safeguarding Representatives are:  
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**Diocesan Safeguarding Team** can be contacted on 0121 2306240 or [safeguarding@rcaob.org.uk](mailto:safeguarding@rcaob.org.uk) if you have any concerns.

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Teams for	12/11	19/11	26/11	3/12	10/12	17/12
Children lit. (4)	4	1	2	None	3	4
Coffee 9am (10)	4	5	6	7	8	9
Coffee 11am (9)	6	7	8	9	1	2
Flowers	Jackie	Sisters	Sisters	Anita	none	none

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

Mary Lynch, Victor Francis, K Cashman, Tim Charles, Helena Nowak & Jean McIntosh.

**ROSARY:** Daily 25 minutes before Mass starts.

**DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET:** Every Tuesday at 2.00pm in Church

**BAPTISMS/WEDDINGS:** Please contact the Parish Office through email or phone.

**CONFESSIONS:** Hethe: **Saturday from 3.15pm - 3.50 pm (in the Sacristy)** Bicester: 5.15 pm - 5.45pm

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

**HOLY HOUR:** Every First Friday from 6.00pm to 7.00pm (Not during Lent)

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

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

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

**THE CHOSEN:** "The Chosen" is a television drama based on the life of Jesus Christ, portraying Jesus "through the eyes of those who met him." The fourth episode of Season Two, will take place on **Thursday, 30th November** in St John Paul II Centre at 7pm. All welcome.

**GROW YOUR FAITH** Find answers to questions you've ever wondered about. This month we will be talking about 'Saints'. Who are they? Why do we have them? Can anybody be one? Do they intercede for us? Come and share your questions and thoughts with us. Is there something you are curious about but never really wanted to ask, this is the forum; you suggest the subjects and we can explore those ideas. This month it will be on **Wednesday, 29th November at 7-30pm** in the St John Paul II Centre. Very informal and ALL welcome.

**FESTIVE AFTERNOON TEA** Sunday, 10th December from 2pm-4pm. This event has now sold out!

**MASS INTENTIONS:** We are currently short of Mass intentions, so please continue to request. Mass envelopes are available from the back of the Church/ Piety Shop or Parish Office.

**HOLY TRINITY HETHE** 'Monday Films' after 9.30am Mass in St Philip's Hall. All welcome!

**CHRISTMAS RAFFLE:** Please support your parish by taking some books to sell to your family and friends and then deliver the counterfoils with the correct amount as they are sold to the Parish Office by Friday 22nd. The draw will take place on **Sunday, 24th December** after 11 am Mass in St John Paul II Centre.

**FRIENDS OF THE HOLY LAND SALE** The FHL will be here on the weekend of 2nd/3rd December with a selection of olive wood products and more. Please come and support them and purchase some items. Their mission helps the Christians in the West Bank, Gaza, Israel and Jordan. **Cash or cheque sales only.**

**CAFOD Israeli-Palestinian Crisis Appeal** Donate to CAFOD's Israeli-Palestinian Crisis Appeal at [cafod.org.uk/ipc](http://cafod.org.uk/ipc) or call 0303 303 3030 to support those affected and get funds to local trusted experts in Gaza and southern Israel who have been working alongside communities helping those most in need.

**BICESTER FOOD BANK—CHRISTMAS REQUEST** New toys, wrapping paper, toiletries, cakes, mince pies, selection boxes. Please consider other extra food. Place in the container at the back of the Church or deliver to the Food Bank, The Beacon, Wesley Lane.

**REFUGEE SUPPORT GROUP** has some still outstanding needs for the Afghan families, nine families are expected before Christmas. See poster at the back of church. Thank you in advance for any contributions.

**YOUTH MINISTRY:** Last year, the Youth Ministry was resurrected with great success. The team is hoping to continue this exciting progress and would like to grow to include older children. To continue our ongoing success and plan for future growth, we are seeking both men and women who are willing to dedicate 1.25 hours per month and submit paperwork for DBS clearance for mandated safeguarding purposes. We currently have a strong, dedicated team who are excited to help with training and with any other support needed by new team members. Please see Lynn Williams, Liz Snipe, Nina, Mary Kirchens, Gianni or Deacon Nick if you have questions or are interested.

**CHRISTMAS BAZAAR RAFFLE DRAW:** Please see the notice board. Many uncollected prizes is your ticket a winner? Collect from St John Paul II Centre.

**Parish Environmental Recycling Tip of the Week: Energy.** Turn central heating thermostat down to minimum before you go to bed and whenever you leave the house. Keep internal doors closed to reduce drafts. Close curtains after dark.

**A SONG FOR CHRISTMAS:** Sunday, 17th December 6pm. This is a concert performed by Sponne School musicians in a joint fund-raising event. The programme will include solo instrumental and vocal items as well as festive small ensemble music, choral items and candlelit Carols. Tickets £10 available from the piety shop/ Coles from December 2nd.

**CHRISTMAS STARS OF REMEMBRANCE AND HOPE**

We will once again be decorating our trees with stars in remembrance and hope and invite you to purchase stars for loved ones. Forms can be found with bulletins this weekend.

1 star for £3 or 2 for £5.

Please deliver by Sunday 17th December.



**MASS TIMES**

**Christmas Eve - Sunday 24th December**

2.00 pm - Bicester

6.00 pm - Bicester

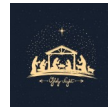
8.00 pm - Hethe

11.30 pm - Carols followed by

Midnight Mass - Bicester

**Christmas Day - Monday, 25th December**

9 am & 11 am - Bicester



**Dates to remember**

**December**

1st Coffee Morning 10am in St John Paul II Centre

9th First Confessions in Church at 11 am

10th: Festive Afternoon Tea in St John Paul II Centre at 2pm

14th Carol Service - St Mary's School at 6pm in Church

17th Carol Concert - Sponne School at 6pm in Church

18th Penitential Service & Confessions at 7pm in Church

24th: Christmas Raffle Draw after 11 am Mass in St Paul II Centre

26th: Altar Servers Mass & Social after 12 noon Mass



**PARISH GIVING**

**BICESTER** <https://portal.mydona.com/assets/webPay/index.php?cid=528>

**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. If you pay tax, please consider Gift Aiding your donation. Each time you make a subsequent donation using the same card, Gift Aid will be collected automatically.

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**Financial Information**

**SECOND COLLECTIONS**

25th/26th November: Catholic Youth Service

2nd/3rd December: Parish Maintenance

9th/10th December: Poor Parishes Fund

17th/18th December: Parish Maintenance

Church	First Collection	Second Collection	Standing Orders	Tap & Go Donations	Mass Attendance
<b>Bicester</b>	£434.32	£189.43	£1165	£105	503
<b>Hethe</b>	£54.20	£0	£170		26

**Gift Aid it!!- you could add 25% to the value of your donation. Contact the Parish Gift Aid Co-ordinator Sr Sani; or speak to me. (Canon John)**



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