



The Catholic Parishes of Immaculate Conception @BICESTER

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26th Sunday in ordinary time (A)
27th September 2020

II. BAPTISM IN THE ECONOMY OF SALVATION

Prefigurations of Baptism in the Old Covenant

1217 In the liturgy of the Easter Vigil, during the blessing of the baptismal water, the Church solemnly commemorates the great events in salvation history that already prefigured the mystery of Baptism: Father, you give us grace through sacramental signs, which tell us of the wonders of your unseen power. In Baptism we use your gift of water, which you have made a rich symbol of the grace you give us in this sacrament.¹¹

1218 Since the beginning of the world, water, so humble and wonderful a creature, has been the source of life and fruitfulness. Sacred Scripture sees it as "overshadowed" by the Spirit of God:¹²

At the very dawn of creation your Spirit breathed on the waters, making them the wellspring of all holiness.¹³

1219 The Church has seen in Noah's ark a prefiguring of salvation by Baptism, for by it "a few, that is, eight persons, were saved through water":¹⁴

The waters of the great flood you made a sign of the waters of Baptism, that make an end of sin and a new beginning of goodness.¹⁵

1220 If water springing up from the earth symbolizes life, the water of the sea is a symbol of death and so can represent the mystery of the cross. By this symbolism Baptism signifies communion with Christ's death.

Dean of Banbury Deanery & Parish Priest:

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

Assistant Priest: **Fr Robert Carey**

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1221 But above all, the crossing of the Red Sea, literally the liberation of Israel from the slavery of Egypt, announces the liberation wrought by Baptism:

You freed the children of Abraham from the slavery of Pharaoh, bringing them dry-shod through the waters of the Red Sea, to be an image of the people set free in Baptism.¹⁶

1222 Finally, Baptism is prefigured in the crossing of the Jordan River by which the People of God received the gift of the land promised to Abraham's descendants, an image of eternal life. The promise of this blessed inheritance is fulfilled in the New Covenant.

(To be continued) (Catechism of the Catholic Church)

SEPTEMBER	TIME	IMMACULATE CONCEPTION & HOLY TRINITY	
SATURDAY 26TH	10.00 AM at Hethe	People of God	26th Sunday in Ordinary Time A
	6.00 PM IC		
SUNDAY 27TH	9.30 PM IC		
	11.00 AM IC	Thanksgiving: Maricel Liporada Franta -B'day	
	6.00 PM IC	Walenty Nowak (RIP)	
MONDAY 28TH	9.30 AM IC	Patricia Manley (RIP)	
TUESDAY 29TH	9.30 AM IC	Denis Cashman (RIP) 14th Anniversary	Feast of Ss Michael, Gabriel & Raphael
	2.00 PM	Divine Mercy Devotions	In Foynes Memorial Garden
	7.00 PM	Rosary - Zoom Platform	
WEDNESDAY 30TH	9.30 AM IC	Louis Francisco Eslava (RIP)	Memorial of St Jerome PD
OCTOBER THURSDAY 1ST	9.30 AM IC	Deceased & living members of The Brazil family	Memorial of St Therese of the Child Jesus VD
	7.00 PM	Scripture Group meets—ZOOM Platform	
FRIDAY 2ND	9.30 AM @ School	Wellbeing of the Staff and Pupils	Memorial of the Guardian Angels
	12 Noon IC	A U Joseph (RIP) & Pio Corpus (RIP)	
SATURDAY 3RD	10.00 AM at Hethe	People of God	27th Sunday in Ordinary Time A
	6.00 PM IC	Maurizo Okely (RIP)	
SUNDAY 4TH	9.30 AM IC	Rose McKeon (RIP)	
	11.00 AM IC	For all God's Creatures	
	6.00 PM IC	People of God	

PARISH GIVING A BIG "THANK YOU" to all who have signed up to new Standing Orders (Direct Debit). Donations can also be made online to either of our two parishes through the Archdiocesan Website: www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk/support-our-work. Select either "BICESTER" or "HETHE" on the dropdown menu and follow instructions. Alternatively, use your Offertory Envelopes each week. These can be placed in the donation box in church, or, if you would like to sign up for Standing Order, use the following details: NatWest Bank, Account No: 02342731; Sort Code: 51 70 15. Standing order forms can also be downloaded from the diocesan website above and then posted to me, Canon John Batthula, Henley House, 12 Causeway, Bicester OX26 6AW.

NHS TRACK AND TRACE APP If you have a smart phone you will now be able to register using our QR codes in both of our churches when you attend Mass. The codes are on display as you enter. Using QR codes should reduce queues at the church doors. A QR code allows members of the public who have downloaded the app onto their smartphones to keep a record within their phone of the places they have been to, and to receive public health messages quickly. This is designed to make it quicker and easier to trace contacts of those who contract Covid, with a view to slowing the spread of the virus. Anyone who does not have a smartphone can provide their contact details, as previously, to the stewards when they attend.

GUIDELINES FOR STEWARDS

Please arrive half an hour before Mass commences to prepare and allow time afterwards to assist in vacating church of parishioners and sanitising all touched areas.

Please close the main doors as the Mass commences.

Always observe the one way system, entrance is via Main doors, exit via side door via Memorial Garden.

Assist with managing procession for Holy Communion.

Direct visitors to assigned seats/seating areas. Same households and bubbles are allowed to be seated together. Remember to give our Parish newsletter and remind them that they can place their offering/donation into the casket at the entrance or the exit. **No one should be allowed to stand at the back of the Church.**

GUIDELINES FOR PARISHIONERS 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.**

The Celebrant will not wear a face covering until it is time for the distribution of Holy Communion, but they will at that point.

Stewards will guide people forward for Holy Communion or a blessing. We would also like to remind people that their mask must cover their mouth and nose at all times, except to place the Eucharist/Holy Communion in your mouth. (On approach remove face covering, stretch out hands, receive Holy Communion, move across, consume, re-apply face covering and return to place.)

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.

MASS AT HETHE IS ON SATURDAY'S AT 10 AM.

If you would like to go for Mass at Holy Trinity, please contact Breff Kelly on 01280 702 500 or email him: breffkelly@gmail.com

Please place your offering in the basket as you leave the Church through the Sacristy Door.

PIETY SHOP: Mass cards, prayer books and other souvenirs. Although currently closed, orders can be placed via email to the parish office and collected and paid for at Mass times or by arrangement.

CAKE AND PRODUCE STALL: The sale of cakes and other produce will be taking place this Sunday after 9.30am & 11 am Masses. All proceeds towards the Parish Funds. Please support generously.

READERS FOR HOLY MASS: I am thankful to those who have already volunteered to read at Holy Mass. If you were previously on the rota and would like to read again at the weekend Mass, please do get in touch. If you've not been on the rota before, and would like to help, please think about it. Proclaiming the Word of God at Holy Mass is such an important ministry.

PRESBYTERY Extensive essential maintenance works involving the roof, kitchen, dining room and bathrooms will be taking place in the presbytery over the next couple of months.

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 or the Parish Office. We will be setting up some sessions for children and parents via Zoom video link. **Parents of St Mary's children please do not contact the school. The school will send you the required information.**

Reconciliation Commitment Masses over weekend of the 11th October and 18th October 6pm (Saturday evening) 9:30am and 6pm Sunday

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

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

BAPTISMS: Although some restrictions are still in place we are able to celebrate Baptisms. We cannot unfortunately offer group Baptisms, or Baptisms within the Mass or indeed on a Sunday at the moment. If you would prefer to wait until a later date, then then that is perfectly fine. However, if you would like your child's baptism in the coming weeks then please send me some preferred dates on either of these following days and times: **Fridays between 1-3pm & Saturdays between 12-3pm.** Please note that only up to 15 people will be able to attend and that regulations must be adhered to whilst in church.

SYMPATHY

Please pray for the repose of the soul of William Greenall aged 95. A funeral service will be held for William at Oxford Crematorium on Monday, 5th October at 11am. *May he rest in peace. Pray for all those who have died and for all who mourn.*

Prayer for the "Year of the Word"

Living God, you walk alongside us and speak to us throughout the Scriptures. Your Son, Jesus Christ, listens to our hopes and fears and shows us how to live for one another. Send us the Holy Spirit to open our hearts and minds so that we may be your witnesses throughout the world. **Amen**

V. Your word is our path and your truth is our light.

R. This day and every day.

Our Lady of the Annunciation - Pray for us

St Matthew - Pray for us

St Jerome - Pray for us

Lectors	27/9	4/10	11/10
Saturday 6pm	P Sims	L Cleeve	P Sims
Sunday 9.30am	S McCarthy	M Brown	S & L Taylor
Sunday 11am	N Ward	T Lane	H King
Sunday 6pm	H King	H King	L Cleeve



Church	Loose	Gift Aid	Total	Donations	Attended
Bicester	£ 345.67	£ 49.50	£ 395.17	£300	229
Hethe	£ 20.59	DD £168	£188.59		15

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.



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