



# The Catholic Parishes of Immaculate Conception @BICESTER

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Holy Trinity Hethe

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## 8th Sunday in ordinary time C

27th February 2022 Psalter 4  
Sunday's - Year C & Weekday's - Year II  
Month of the Holy Family



FEBRUARY	TIME	INTENTIONS	FEASTS	LECTORS	STEWARDS
<b>SAT 26TH</b>	4.00 PM@ Hethe	Holy Souls	<b>8th Sunday in ordinary time</b>		<b>S Wilde/R Deane</b>
Vigil Mass	<b>6.00 PM</b>	Syron & Jeffers Families		C McArdle & Sr Sani	<b>M &amp; S Doherty</b>
<b>SUN 27TH</b>	9.00 AM	People of the Parish		S Joseph & R Silvy	<b>Andrade Family</b>
	11.00 AM	Urszula Steel (RIP)		C Tett & I Ziegart	<b>A Poole &amp; J Marshall</b>
<b>MON 28TH</b>	8.30 AM	Terence Thompson (RIP)		M Daniel	<b>P Sims &amp; A Farrell</b>
<b>TUE 1ST Mar</b>	9.30 AM	Holy Souls	Feast of St David B	J Kokore	<b>R &amp; R Deane</b>
<b>WED 2ND</b>	9.30 AM	Margaret Forsyth (RIP)	<b>Ash Wednesday</b>	Sister	<b>L &amp; C Cleeve</b>
	10.30 AM - 12 NOON	<b>EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT</b>	<b>PRAYING FOR PEACE</b>		
	12.00 MOON	Martin Mellett (RIP)			<b>Kokore Family</b>
	2.00PM@School	Kath O'Grady (RIP)			
	7.00PM	Dec. & Living mem of Connor & Doran families			<b>Sisters</b>
<b>THUR 3RD</b>	8.30 AM	Ivan Mihalciak (RIP)1/2/22	Lenten Feria	H King	<b>Kokore Family</b>
	7.00 PM	Vocations - Catenians Mass			
<b>FRI 4TH</b>	9.30 AM	John Wheildon (RIP)	Lenten Feria	E King	<b>Frankie</b>
	10 AM - 11.45 AM	<b>MONTHLY COFFEE MORNING</b>			
	7.00PM	<b>STATIONS OF THE CROSS</b>			
<b>SAT 5TH</b>	4.00PM@Hethe		<b>1st Sunday of Lent C</b>		<b>S Wilde/R Deane</b>
Vigil Mass	6.00 PM	People of the Parish		Confirmandi	<b>Thompsons</b>
<b>SUN 6TH</b>	9.00 AM	Peter Gajdos (RIP)		A Mutton & T Yarker	<b>C Stjohn &amp; C Conlon</b>
	11.00 AM			H King & M Lawrence	<b>M &amp; J Franta</b>
	3.00PM	<b>RITE OF ELECTION</b>			<b>Kokore family &amp; Sisters</b>

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

**BAPTISMS:** Please contact the Parish Office through email or phone to make necessary arrangements.

**CONFESSIONS:** Hethe: **Every Saturday from 3.30pm - 3.50 pm (Face covering compulsory) in the Sacristy**  
Bicester: **Every Saturday from 5.15 PM - 5.45 PM (Face covering compulsory) in the Confessional**

**Church is open  
for Private Prayer  
Monday to Friday  
9 am to 4pm**

**Saturday from 9am to 6.45pm  
Sunday: 8.15 am - 5.00 pm**

**Pope's Prayer Intention for March: For a Christian response to bioethical challenges :**

We pray for Christians facing new bioethical challenges; may they continue to defend the dignity of all human life with prayer and action.

This week we pray for...

SANCTUARY: Special Intention - ill Father ( Do Rego)

OUR LADY'S LIGHT: The O'Rourke Family

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

Victor Francis, K Cashman, Tim Charles, Joyce Thornley, Mary Ashley, John Dunn & Helena Nowak.

**SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATIONS:** Bishop William will be celebrating Holy Mass on Saturday 5th March at 6pm and during the Mass 23 of our young people will be receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation. Let us keep them in our prayers. That the Lord will guide them in their journey as His followers.

**RITE OF ELCTION:** On Sunday 6th March at 3.00pm. On Behalf of the Archbishop, Bishop William and our area Episcopal Vicar, Canon Paul Fitzpatrick will be here to welcome the new converts who will be received in to the full communion of Catholic Church at Easter Vigil Mass. I look forward to welcoming various clergy and the new converts from different parishes from Oxfordshire areas.

**APPEAL FOR AFRICAN MISSIONS:** One of the Missionary priest will be appealing in both our Parishes over the weekend of 12th & 13th March. I pray that we will be able to assist the missionary work of the Church with our prayers and financial support.

**ASH WEDNESDAY:** 2nd March 2022, is Ash Wednesday, the beginning of Lent, which is observed everywhere as a fast day. The Holy Father Pope Francis has called on us to mark this day as day of Prayer and Fasting for peace. We pray for the people of Ukraine and leaders of the world to work towards seeking peace rather than war.

**COVID: I encourage everyone to continue to wear a face covering when you come for Mass.** I respectfully request that no gatherings/ chatting etc, take place within the church and ask that you please vacate the church promptly to allow the stewards to sanitise the church immediately after masses. Please remember to sanitise your hands on entry and exit. Lets keep each other safe.

**RCIA:** The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults Course for those wishing to become a Catholic or those who wish to know more about our faith, is taking place every Tuesday from 7.30pm to 8.30pm at Centre..

**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.

**PARISH OUTREACH GROUP:** My sincere thanks to those who have volunteered to join the group. If you would like to join, please add your details to the list. For further information contact the Parish Office.

**WINTER WARMER LUNCH:** Sincere thanks to Jackie and others who have helped. Thanks also to those who came along to enjoy.

**EASTER RAFFLE:** There will be Easter Hamper raffle tickets available from next weekend.

**COFFEE AFTER SUNDAY MASSES:** We would like a few more volunteers to come forward before the end of the month before we make the final decision to restart Coffee after masses. We hope to recommence on Mothering Sunday, 27th March.

**COFFEE MORNING:** The next Coffee Morning will be held this coming Friday, from 10am to 11.45 am. Look forward to seeing you.

**2021 PARISH FINANCIAL STATEMENT:** Please take a copy of the our parish financial statement and remember that it is not for any publication or social media use except for your information only. Thank you for your support to the parish. Your financial assistance to the parish is very much appreciated.

**PROTECT OUR PLANET:** Weekly tip from our Environmental group: Try to book holidays which don't involve air travel. Only visit countries you can get to by train or ferry.

**WORLD DAY OF PRAYER 2022** Christian women of England, Wales, and Northern Ireland invite you to join them in a service that will take place on Friday, 4th March at St Edburg's Church at 10.30am. <https://www.wwdp.org.uk/>

**BICESTER AND ISLIP DEANERY, PILGRIM PATHS PROJECT** Sunday 1st May 2022, 2pm. Starting from St Edmund and St George, Hethe at 2pm. Tea at Hethe village hall at around 4.30pm. Followed by a short service in St Edmund and St George. All welcome. For further information please contact [diana.glover@btinternet.com](mailto:diana.glover@btinternet.com)

**PILGRIMAGE TO MADJEGORIE:** From Monday, 26th September to Monday, 3rd October 2022. By Air: London Gatwick; 7 nights and half board £695. For Booking contact: Joseph on 07748638402; Kirsten on 07538147505 or Lisa on 07896946039. For other details see the flyer on the notice board. Booking forms are available from the back of the Church or from the Parish Office.

**PIETY** St Patricks, Mothers Day & Confirmation & First Holy Communion gifts & items now available. Open Friday, and weekend Mass times.  
**CAKE SALE:** On Sunday 20th March after 9 am and 11 am Masses. Look forward to your support.

**ST PHILIP'S HALL, HETHE:** On Monday 28th Feb the film on the Creed continues with the 2nd episode by Bishop Robert Barron at 9.30 am.

**ENGLISH CLASSES:** We are looking for a volunteer/s to teach basic English to a small number of foreign (Portuguese speaking) parishioners who have recently joined the parish. If you can help, please speak to me or contact the Parish Office.

**FAIRTRADE FORTNIGHT:** Remember to support Fairtrade Fortnight between 21st February-6th March.

**QUEEN'S JUBILEE:** There are plans to organise some celebrations in our Centre. Information to follow.

**2022— Dates to remember**

**Ash Wednesday, 2nd March:** Start of the Holy Season of Lent

**Saturday 5th March:** Sacrament of Confirmation at 6pm

**Sunday 6th March:** Rite of Election at 3pm

**Monday 11th April:** Lenten Penitential Service and Confessions

**Saturday 14th May:** First Holy Communions (St Mary's)

**Saturday 21st May:** First Holy Communions (non St Mary's)

**Sunday 19th June:** Eucharistic Procession to Garth Park

**Sunday 3rd July:** Family Day & Presentation of Certificates

**Monday, 10th October:** Arrival of St Bernadette's Relics -AM

**Financial Information**

**SECOND COLLECTIONS**

26th/27th Feb. Parish Maintenance  
5th/6th Mar: Cathedral Maintenance



Church	Loose	Second Collection Justice Sunday	Standing Orders	Total	Attended
Bicester	£233.48	£135.43	£1100	£1468.91	310
Hethe	£60		£196	£256	21

**PARISH GIVING**

**BICESTER** <https://portal.myдона.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

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*God Bless you for your generosity during these difficult times!*



**MASS STIPENDS/OFFERINGS:**

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Canon John Y Bathula.

**PRAYER FOR THE DIOCESAN VISION:**



Spirit of God, descend on me this day.

Grant me the Spirit of joy, to lift me,

the Spirit of hope to inspire me,

the Spirit of love to surround me

and the Spirit of truth to enlighten my path.

Holy Spirit, I pray for a new outpouring of your grace, so that I may grow in worship of your name in love of you in my prayer and in my actions towards others.

Come Holy Spirit into my life to guide me.

Strengthen and defend me,

so that I may be drawn ever closer to you.

Help me this day and always

to be a channel of grace in all I say and do

and invite others into relationship with you. Amen

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