



# The Catholic Parishes of Immaculate Conception @BICESTER

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## Second Sunday of Lent B 28th February 2021 Psalter 2



## YEAR OF ST JOSEPH 2020 - 8TH DECEMBER - 2021



FEBRUARY	TIME	INTENTIONS	FEASTS	LECTORS	STEWARDS
<b>SAT 27TH</b>	6.00 PM	Thanksgiving - Marissa Ramos	<b>2nd Sunday of Sunday of Lent</b>	P Sims/C McArdle	McArdle Family
<b>SUN 28TH</b>	8.00 AM @Hethe	Jean Withers—for continued recovery		D McDermott	R Dean & S Wilde
	9.30 AM	People of the Parish		L Cleeve	C St John/B Nichols
	11.00 AM	Thanksgiving - Ursuline Sisters		T Lane	A Poole & J Marshall
<b>MARCH</b>	<b>4.00 PM @Hethe</b>	<b>ROSARY</b>			R Deane & S Wilde
MON 1ST	9.30 AM	Blessings to Noah Jose Varghese - Birthday	<i>Feast of St David, B, Patron of Wales</i>		L Cleeve & P Sims
TUE 2ND	9.30 AM	Seeking God's blessings to Renu & Aswin	<i>Feast of St Chad, B</i>	<b>Lent Feria</b>	R & R Deane
WED 3RD	9.30 AM	A good marriage proposal - Karuna Chacko		<b>Lent Feria</b>	L & C Cleeve
	6.30 PM—7.30PM	LENTEN TALK	<i>"Trinitarian Doctrine"</i>		Zoom Platform
THUR 4TH	9.30 AM	Peggy Farrell (RIP)		<b>Lent Feria</b>	Kokore family
FRI 5TH	12 NOON	A good marriage proposal - Karuna Chacko	<i>Women's World day of Prayer</i>	<b>Lent Feria</b>	Sisters
	<b>4.00 PM @Hethe</b>	<b>STATIONS OF THE CROSS</b>			R Deane & S Wilde
	6.00 PM	<b>STATIONS OF THE CROSS</b>			Sisters
<b>SAT 6TH</b>	10.30AM -11.30AM	<b>CONFESSIONS</b>			Sisters
	6.00 PM	People of the Parish	<b>3rd Sunday of Sunday of Lent</b>	P Sims/C McArdle	McArdle Family
<b>SUN 7TH</b>	8.00 AM @ HETHE	People of the Parish		R Deane	R Deane & S Wilde
	9.30 AM	Edward Farrell (RIP)		S Taylor	L & C Cleeve
	11.00 AM	Martin Mellett (RIP) (EK)		E King	Kokore Family
	<b>4.00 PM@ Hethe</b>	<b>ROSARY</b>			R Deane & S Wilde



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

**CONFESSIONS:** Every Saturday from 10.30 am to 11.30 am. (Masks compulsory)

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

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

**ROSARY:** During weekdays 25 minutes before Mass starts.



### Pope's Prayer Intention for March: Sacrament of Reconciliation

Let us pray that we may experience the sacrament of reconciliation with renewed depth, to taste the infinite mercy of God.



This week we pray for...  
 Eleanor King (HK) - SANCTUARY LIGHT  
 Bud (Leonard) & Edith Colburn - OUR LADY'S LIGHT



**THE SEASON OF LENT**

**TALKS VIA THE ZOOM PLATFORM BY FR ROBERT CAREY**

On "The formation of Trinitarian Doctrine in the 4th Century."  
 March 3rd, 9th, 17th and 24th. From 6.30pm-7.30pm.

**Topic: Lenten Talk Two**

To join Zoom Meeting clicking below link:

[https://zoom.us/j/97123087951?](https://zoom.us/j/97123087951?pwd=VVBEEFFVQ0F5NnJldSswa0xekxpzd09)

[pwd=VVBEEFFVQ0F5NnJldSswa0xekxpzd09](https://zoom.us/j/97123087951?pwd=VVBEEFFVQ0F5NnJldSswa0xekxpzd09)

Meeting ID: 971 2308 7951 Passcode: 047541

**During the Easter Season on "Christology—The Person of Christ."**

On Wednesdays April 21st, 28th, May 5th, 12th and 19th. From 6.30 pm to 7.30 pm.

I am asking those attending weekday or weekend Masses to bring a piece of paper with your name and phone number written on it and place it in the container provided for this purpose. It will save a lot time at the entrance.

**NHS TRACK AND TRACE APP** If you have a smart phone, please register using our QR codes in both of our churches when you attend. The codes are on display as you enter. Anyone who does not have a smartphone can provide their contact details at the entrance to the stewards.

Do not come if symptomatic or self-isolating. Sunday obligation remains suspended and live-stream Masses will continue. Please refer to the bulletin for our Mass times if you are able to attend. We have to continue to comply with the Governments very strict safety regulations and we must do all we can to keep everybody safe in church. Masks are compulsory and we ask that you register for Track and Trace as you enter. You must observe social distancing at all times, and tempting as it is, you must not mingle with anyone outside of your household or support bubble when you attend Mass.

**THE SACRAMENT RECONCILIATION: First Confessions** are taking place on Saturdays from 10.30 am to 11.30 am. Please contact/email the parish office for more information.

**CONFIRMATIONS:** Will take place on Saturday, 24th April at 11am & Saturday, 1st May at 11 am. Due to restrictions there are limits on numbers attending, therefore each family will be given 6 tickets, this number to include the candidate & Sponsor. Contact details of all family members and guests attending will be required 10 days before the actual date. School will contact you after 8th March with more information, so please do not contact the school and the same with all Non St Mary's, Mrs Clare St John will contact you.

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION:** First Holy Communion will take place on Saturdays 15th & 22nd May at 11am. Due to restrictions there are limits on numbers attending, therefore each family will be given 6 tickets, this number to include the candidate. Contact details of all family members and guests attending will be required 10 days before the actual date. School will contact you after 8th March with more information, so please do not contact the school and the same with all Non St Mary's, Mrs Clare St John will contact you. Please keep all children wishing to prepare for these sacraments in your daily prayers.

**MASS INTENTIONS:** Please continue to request for Masses as we do not have sufficient intentions. Thank you.

**HOLY TRINITY, HETHE:** The rosary will be offered every Sunday at 4.00pm in honour of St Joseph in response to Pope Francis declaration of this year being dedicated to this great saint and also for the children and grandchildren of parishioners. During Lent there will be Stations of the Cross at Hethe every Friday at 4.00pm. If you require further information please telephone Breff Kelly on 01280 702500 or email: breffkelly@gmail.com

**ARCHDIOCESAN E-NEWS:** To keep up-to-date with all the latest news, information and online events from across the Archdiocese and beyond please sign up to the newsletter, issued every few weeks via email. Please visit [www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk/e-news](http://www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk/e-news) to sign up.

**STEWARDS:** I am very grateful to all our stewards who have been very generous with their time. Now I appeal for more stewards to assist at weekday or weekend Masses. If you would like to assist, please email the Parish office.

**LECTORS:** We need more lectors to read at the weekend Masses. If you would like to read, please email the parish office and state which Mass you wish to read at.

**PASTORAL COUNCILS Bicester:** Pastoral Council Meeting will take place on Zoom Platform on Monday, 22nd March at 6.30pm. Agenda will be sent out in due course. **Hethe:** Pastoral and Finance Council will take place on Sunday, 7th March after 8am Mass.

**ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY:** There will be a meeting on Zoom platform on Monday, 15th March at 6pm. If you would like to be involved, please request the link by email to the Parish Office.

**CAFOD:** To contribute to the Family Fast Day, please visit Cafod's website: [www.cafod.org.uk](http://www.cafod.org.uk). Sue and Janet will be doing a sponsored walk to raise funds for CAFOD and the Bathula Care Trust charitable work. If you would like to donate contact [marshall-jm@uwclub.net](mailto:marshall-jm@uwclub.net), or speak to either Sue or Janet.

**WORLD DAY OF PRAYER** on March 5th 10.30am on Zoom. Please contact Janet for the link and booklet on [marshall-jm@uwclub.net](mailto:marshall-jm@uwclub.net)

**PARISH FINANCES** Every parish is struggling financially at the moment, and we are no different. As we approach the end of the financial year I would like to thank you all for your continued financial support to our parishes, especially during the past, incredibly difficult year. Both parishes have run at a deficit this year, particularly the Parish of The Immaculate Conception where we have carried out some building works (presbytery chimney, kitchen, bathrooms and the sacristy roof). From January 2021, the levies that every parish pays to the Archdiocese (for curial support etc) have increased substantially. I intend to speak about this, and the impact it will have on our parishes in the coming weeks. We have also come to the decision, that as of April 2021 we will cease to use the Gift Aid 'envelopes' due to the ever decreasing number of parishioners opting for them. We will be contacting the small number of parishioners who are currently registered users of them directly, regarding this, in due course.

In the meantime I would like to encourage you to consider if:

+ you might be able to Gift Aid your donations? If you are a UK taxpayer, we can claim an extra 25p for every £1 you give at no extra cost to you!

+ you could sign up to a Standing Order rather than using cash?

**LENTEN PENITENTIAL SERVICE & CONFESSIONS:** On Monday 29th March at 6.30pm. Visiting priest will be available.

**EASTER TRIDUUM 2021**

**Maundy Thursday**, 1st April 6.30 pm - Mass of the Lord's Supper (B)  
**Good Friday**, 2nd April: 3.00pm- Liturgy of the Lord's Passion (B&H)

6.00pm- Stations of the Cross - Multilingual (B)

**Holy Saturday**, 3rd April: Blessing of Food at 1pm & 2pm (B)

6.30pm - Easter Vigil Mass (B)

**Easter Sunday**, 4th April: 8.00 am Mass at Bicester & Hethe

9.30 am, 11.00 am & 12.30pm at Bicester

There is no fair and equitable way of allocating spaces for the Easter Masses. Therefore, I have decided that if you wish to attend any of them, then please email or telephone the Parish Office. If you have not reserved a place in advance then unfortunately you will not be allowed entry into Church. The maximum of 85 people will be allowed per Mass at Bicester & 22 people at Hethe. Please reserve in advance.

Church	Loose	Gift Aid	2nd C	Total	Donations	Attended
Bicester	178.56	£50.63	69.96	£299.15	£30	161
Hethe	£30.00	DD £165		£195		10



**PARISH GIVING:** The best way you can support the parish financially is by setting up a Standing Order using the following bank details:

NatWest Bank. Account No: 02342731; Sort Code: 51 70 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 Olive.



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