



# The Catholic Churches of Immaculate Conception with Holy Trinity



Henley House, 12 Causeway, Bicester OX26 6AW

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The Parish is part of the Archdiocese of Birmingham: Registered Charity No: 234216

**Solemnity of SS Peter & Paul ( A )  
28th June 2020**

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Dear Parishioners

Exciting news from Catholic Bicester!! EVERY DAY IS A SUNDAY!! We are returning for Mass from next Saturday 4 July at Immaculate Conception and Holy Trinity. There are strict rules and regulations. Please read the attached. They must be complied with. Each Mass will be live streamed.

## Everyday is a Sunday:

From Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> July we will be able to celebrate public Mass once more. After such a long break, we know that people will want to return to Mass, but please, please be careful, be confident and you must follow the rules. Mass will not be the same as before. Be prepared for a difference.

First of all, remember that the Sunday obligation remains suspended. We are encouraged by the Church to stagger our attendance at Mass to include weekdays to avoid over-capacity on Sunday. Parishes are encouraged to continue to live stream Mass.

We have plenty of Catholics in Bicester that start initially with Immaculate Conception and we will need to see how we progress from there. We are dependent however on volunteers to steward Mass; even they not present we can not have Mass. Please consider if you can help as a steward to welcome people, assist with managing procession for Holy Communion, to help people leave and clean the Church after each Mass.

We are proposing to have Mass at 9.30 am on Tuesday & Thursday, 12 Noon on Friday & starting on Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> July at 10 am & 6.00pm. Sunday Mass will be at 11.00 am from Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> July.

Each mass will be live streamed and available via

<https://mcnmedia.tv/iframe/>

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**Mass at Hethe will be from Saturday 11th July at 10 am.**

I look forward to your support and cooperation.

God bless you

**Canon John Y Bathula**

Parish Priest & Dean



JUNE	TIME	IMMACULATE CONCEPTION & HOLY TRINITY	INFORMATION
SUNDAY 28TH	9.30 am		Solemnity of SS Peter & Paul Aps
	11.00 AM	People of God	
MONDAY 29TH	9.30 AM	Ron Hawke (RIP) 3rd anniversary Brian Penhallow (RIP) 1st anniversary	
TUESDAY 30TH	9.30 AM	Johnson Association	Feria in OT
	10 - 12	Church is opened for private prayer	
WEDNESDAY 1ST	9.30 AM	Johnson Association	Feria in OT
	12 NOON	Exposition of Blessed Sacrament & Midday Prayers	
THURSDAY 2ND	9.30 AM	Johnson Association	Feast of St Thomas A
	10 - 12	Church is opened for private prayer	
	7.00 PM	Scripture Group meets—ZOOM Platform	
FRIDAY 3RD	9.30 AM	Johnson Association	Feria in OT
	6 PM - 7 PM	Holy Hour	
SATURDAY 4TH	10.00 AM	Johnson Association	Feria in OT
	6.00 PM	Parishioners Intentions	
SUNDAY 5TH	9.30 AM		Livestream only
	11.00 AM	People of God	WITH PARISHIONERS

## **PUBLIC MASS - VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:**

Dear Parishioners

As our restrictions are becoming more relaxed and we are able to reopen our churches for worship I am appealing to you to help me make this possible. Initially, I hope to make public masses available on just a number of days a week, and weekend (tbc).

In the first instance we will need more volunteers to help with monitoring of visitors and sanitisation of the church on a strict and regular basis.

By return of this email please let me know if and when you might be available to assist .

Please note even though you may wish to help you may fall under this category: If a person is in the extremely vulnerable category of shielding and has received specific personal instructions from the Government not to attend religious services then, obviously, they must not attend. Nothing in any church guidelines seeks to overrule that Government advice to that individual.

In which case we are not able to accept your offer of help but thank you for your intentions .

Guidance is as you know being updated on a frequent basis, so please be patient with any changes we need to make . We will endeavour to keep you informed as best we can with any updates .

**BULLETIN** If you know someone who does not have the internet but would like a copy of the bulletin please print and safely give it to that person. It is important that we keep up communication wherever possible. Thank you.

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**PARISH GIVING A BIG “THANK YOU”** to all who have signed up to new Standing Orders (Direct Debit). You can now donate online to either of our two parishes through the Archdiocesan Website. Select either “BICESTER” or “HETHE” on the dropdown menu. [www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk/support-our-work](http://www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk/support-our-work) 2. Use your Offertory Envelopes each week (maybe as you watch the live stream Mass for the full Sunday experience!) and save them until we can come back to Holy Mass. 3. If you would like to sign up for Standing Order, forms for this can be downloaded from the diocesan website above and then posted to me, Canon John Batthula, Henley House, 12 Causeway, Bicester OX26 6AW. 3. Post a cheque - please make sure you include a name and address on the back of the cheque and if you are able to Gift Aid by writing GA. Cheques can be posted to the Presbytery.

## **ESSENTIAL RULES TO FOLLOW AND COMPLY WITH**

The existing arrangements in place for individual private prayer will remain; access for all via front door, no access from the St John Paul II Centre, use of hand gel on arrival, candles lit by yourselves, one-way system and exit via the fire door (near to the first pew on your right) towards the Memorial Garden.

There is no one obvious fair and equitable way of allocating spaces for Mass. Therefore, I have decided that people who wish come for Mass must email or telephone the Parish. If place is not available, you will receive an email or phone call. When the Church reaches capacity no further entry will be allowed. If you volunteer to steward/Clean you have a place.

The Archdiocese has decided that it will permit social distancing of 1 metre plus in our Churches ***SUBJECT TO COMPULSARY WEARING OF FACE COVERING***. 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.

We will provide seating family groups. At the same time, we will allocate four benches for the family groups of four. Elsewhere in the Church there will be places for couples and individuals. Only occupy the family accommodation if you are from the same household or in a pre-arranged bubble.

Children are welcome but there will be no children's liturgy, no reading resources and it will be essential that parents can ensure that they satisfy the special distance requirements.

There must be no standing at the back of Church. Once capacity is reached there will be no entrance allowed.

## **DETAILS OF THE MASS**

Mass will be shorter than a normal Sunday Mass. There will be no singing, no bidding prayers, a shorter homily and no offertory procession.

We will provide a separate Lectern for the reader

There will be close attention to details to ensure social distancing and cleanliness during Mass by celebrant and deacon.

After the “Lord I am not worthy to receive you...” the celebrant will raise the host and say, “The Body of Christ” to which the response will be “Amen” and the Holy Communion will be distributed on the hand only in SILENCE.

The celebrant and deacon 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. As one approaches remove face covering, stretch out hands, receive Holy Communion, may move across, consume, re-apply face covering and return to place.

## **OTHER POINTS TO NOTE**

As there is no offertory, there will be collection at the entrance and exit.

If you are watching online, please consider making an online contribution or set up a standing order.

### ***Toilets will remain closed***

The Choir loft will not be accessible.

Choir area and Our Lady Chapel will not be accessible.

There will be no Sacrament of Reconciliation in Church. If you wish to make your confession, you will need to make an appointment to see me or Father Robert in the Presbytery garden. You do this by contacting the office between 9 am and 10 am on the day you wish to make confession.

The Church will be cleaned after every Mass.

Thank you for your ongoing support particularly in these difficult

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

K Cashman, Tim Charles, Joyce Thornley,  
Mary Ashley, John Dunn & Marie Ollive.



### **Online Webcam**

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