



# The Catholic Parishes of Immaculate Conception @BICESTER

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Year of Family



**Palm Sunday of Lent B**  
**28th March 2021 Psalter 2**

Year of St Joseph



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

MARCH	TIME	INTENTIONS	FEASTS	LECTORS	STEWARDS
SAT 27TH	6.00 PM	Noah Jose Varghese - Blessings	Passion/Palm Sunday	Mr & Mrs McFall	McArdle Family
SUN 28TH	8.00 AM @Hethe	Melanie Mulhernan (RIP)		D McDermott	R Dean & S Wilde
	9.30 AM	People of the Parish		A Kirby-Hall	C St John/B Nichols
	11.00 AM	Deceased Swanson Family members		E King	A Poole & J Marshall
MON 29TH	9.30 AM	Thanksgiving - Kathryn & Ian Kerton	<b>Holy Week</b>	M Daniel	L Cleeve & P Sims
	11.00 AM	Whole School Mass	<b>Livestream only</b>	Children	
	7.00 PM	<b>PENITENTIAL SERVICE &amp; CONFESSIONS</b>			Sisters
TUE 30TH	9.30 AM	Lawrence (seriously ill) & Family Int	<b>Holy Week</b>		R & R Deane
WED 31ST	9.30 AM	Mary George, Feena Francis & Liza Joseph (RIP)	<b>Holy Week</b>		Kokore Family
THUR 1ST	6.30 PM	Joseph & Clamma (RIP)	<b>Maundy Thursday</b>	A Kirby-Hall	L & C Cleeve
FRI 2ND	12 NOON	Good Friday Liturgy	<b>Good Friday</b>	A Mutton & E King	C & L Cleeve
	3.00 PM	Good Friday Liturgy		C St John	Kokore family
	3.00 PM @ HETHE	Good Friday Liturgy		R Deane & D McDermott	R Deane & S Wilde
	6.00 PM	<b>STATIONS OF THE CROSS</b>	<b>In Multilingual</b>		Sisters
SAT 3RD	1.00 PM & 2.00PM	<b>Blessing of Food</b>	<b>Holy Saturday</b>		Sisters
	6.30 PM	Martin Mellett (RIP)	<b>Easter Vigil Mass</b>	T Lane & P Sims C St John	McArdle Family
SUN 4TH	8.00 AM @ HETHE	Jean Withers (RIP)	<b>Easter Sunday</b>	R Deane	R Deane & S Wilde
SUN	8.00 AM	People of the Parish		Sisters	Sisters
	9.30 AM	Karen (waiting for kidney transplant)		Silvy & Rosemaria	K & B McFall
	11.00 AM	Fiona Mary Beasley (RIP)		A Kirby-Hall	Kokore & Portia
	12.30 PM	Martin Mellett (RIP)		Sisters	Sisters



**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 & Advent)  
**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 April: Fundamental Right:** We pray for those who risk their lives while fighting for fundamental rights under dictatorships, authoritarian regimes and even in democracies in crisis.



This week we pray for...

Bridget McDermott (RIP) - SANCTUARY LIGHT  
Rik Verhelst - OUR LADY'S LIGHT



**EASTER SEASON**

**Talks on Zoom Platform - Father Robert Carey**  
**During the Easter Season our talks are going to be on**  
**"Christology —The Person of Christ."** On Wednesdays - April 21st, 28th, May 5th, 12th and 19th. From 6.30 pm to 7.30 pm.

**REQUEST** To speed up entry into church for Mass please bring along a slip of paper with your name and contact number and place it in the container provided in the entrance. Alternatively if you have a smart phone, register by using the **NHS TRACK AND TRACE** QR Code which is displayed on the notice boards in the entrance. This applies to both churches.

As we enter a gradual relaxing of restrictions may we still remind you: **Not to come** if symptomatic or self-isolating. That **masks are** compulsory. **To 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.

Please refer to the bulletin for our Mass times if you are able to attend. We are grateful to all of you who faithfully comply with the Government regulations and we must continue to do all we can to keep everybody safe in church.

**DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY:** Next Sunday we celebrate the solemnity of Divine Mercy. There will be Holy Hour - Divine Mercy Chaplet, Confessions and Benediction from 2.30 pm to 3.30 pm at the Holy Trinity Church, Hethe. Limited places only. Please reserve by calling Breff Kelly on 01280 702500 or email: breffkelly@gmail.com

**GOOD FRIDAY COLLECTION:** Please may appeal to your generosity in financing the Christian community in Holy Land. They truly need our financial contributions for their survival. Please give generously.

**EASTER TRIDUUM:** To reserve places please email or telephone the Parish Office for Masses in Bicester and contact *Breff Kelly on 01280 702500* for reservation requests for *Hethe*. Please do not contact me on my mobile/messenger to reserve places for Masses.

**Places are available for the following services:** Good Friday 12 Noon, Stations of the Cross at 6.00pm; Easter Sunday 8 am & 12.30 pm Masses. So please hurry up and reserve places for you and for your family. 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.

**LENTEN PENITENTIAL SERVICE & CONFESSIONS:** On Monday 29th March at 7.00pm. Visiting priest will be available, so please make use of this opportunity to go for Confession. After this day, there will not be any opportunity until 10th April. I look forward to welcoming you all.

**EASTER OFFERINGS:** All offertory collections at Easter Vigil & Easter Sunday Masses is your traditional gift to the priests of the parish. Please use the special envelopes. In advance, Father Robert and I, would like to thank you all for your generosity.

**APF/MISION BOXES** Now is the time to please empty your boxes and deliver your donations to the piety shop or parish office. Thanks.

**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 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 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.

**MARKET STALL:** Jackie Flynn is organising a stall on Sheep Street on Friday, 23rd April to raise funds for the Parish. Why don't you try and pay a visit to the stall, you may find something interesting to you for a reasonable costs. I do hope that you will support our fundraising event.

**THANK YOU:** My sincere thanks to Jackie & Les for all their hard work and for being very generous with their time. Total amount raised for the Parish is £500. I thank those who have baked and contributed towards our event. I thank all those who have supported on the day. God bless you all.

**NEW FINANCIAL YEAR :** If you Gift Aid your contributions to the church and have changed your address in the last year, please contact the Parish Office with your new details so we can update our records. Anyone wishing to Gift Aid please let us know and we will forward a form to you. For every £1 you donate parish will receive 25p extra if you pay tax. All you need to do is sign a form, we do the rest.

From the new financial year in April we will no longer be providing Gift Aid envelopes, we would like to encourage everyone who currently uses envelopes to set up standing orders. Whether you are able to Gift Aid or not you can set up a Standing Order or transfer by BACS using these details: NatWest Bank. Account No: 02342731; Sort Code: 51 70 15.

Offering Envelopes will to be provided to all parishioners via the bulletin for Easter Sunday and Christmas Day collections as these will continue to be our traditional offerings to our Parish Priests.

**100 CLUB:** Renewals for the next 12 months are due from 1 April with the first draw in the new financial year taking place on Sunday, 25 April. The annual fee remains at £60, payable in full by cheque or monthly standing order. In the coming year there will once again be three monthly prizes; £100, £50 and £25 and a £100 Christmas bonus in December. Payments can be made online using the reference '100 Club' with your name, by cheque with '100 Club' on the back or by cash in an envelope with your name and '100 Club' written on it posted through the Henley House door. If you would like your payment collected, please call Paul Cousins (01869 242838) or Tim Lane (01869 277523). If you currently pay by Standing Order no further action is necessary. With sincere thanks for your support, both in the past and in future. My sincere thanks to Tim Lane and Paul Cousins.

**SISTER JOAN RYAN RIP:** The former Provincial of the presentation Sisters died two weeks ago and her funeral took place on Friday 24th March. We express our condolences to her family and to the Presentation Sisters. May her soul rest in peace.

**WAYS YOU CAN FINANCIALLY SUPPORT YOUR PARISH:**

- Join the 100 club £5 a month;
- Set up a regular Standing Order;
- Gift Aid any of your donations;
- Sponsor a Sanctuary lamp £10;
- Buy a Commemorative brick £250;
- Purchase from the Piety shop



Church	Loose	Gift Aid	2nd C	Total	Donations	Attended
Bicester	£ 234.56	£29.00	£88.32	£351.88	£100	205
Hethe	£36.00	DD £165		£201		18

**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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