



# The Catholic Parishes of Immaculate Conception @ BICESTER

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## First Sunday of Advent C 28th November 2021 Psalter 1 Month of the Immaculate Conception

Year of St Joseph



2020 - 8th December 2021

NOVEMBER	TIME	INTENTIONS	FEASTS	LECTORS	STEWARDS
SAT 27TH	4.00 PM	Joe Bore (sick)	FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT		R Dean & S Wilde
	6.00 PM	Mary Gerald (RIP)		B & K McFall	McArdle Family
SUN 28TH	9.00 AM	Rose & Malachy McKeon (RIP)		S & L Taylor	St John & Conlon
	11.00 AM	People of the Parish		N Ward	Kokore Family
MON 29TH	9.30 AM@ Hethe	Margaret McNally (RIP)	Advent Feria	R Deane	R Dean & S Wilde
	12 NOON	Catherine French (RIP)		M Daniel	P Sims & A Farrell
TUE 30TH	9.30 AM	Norma Santiago (RIP)	Feast of St Andrew, Apostle	J Kokore	R & R Deane
	1.00PM	<b>FUNERAL SERVICE OF ENA HEALEY (RIP)</b>			
	5.00 PM	RECEPTION OF MARIE OLLIVE (RIP)			
WED 1ST Dec	10.00 AM	<b>REQUIEM MASS OF MARIE OLLIVE (RIP)</b>	Feast of St Edmund Campion PM	Sisters	L Cleeve
THUR 2ND	8.00 AM @ School	Holy Souls	Advent Feria		
	12 NOON	For good health - Anisha family		H King	J Kokore
FRI 3RD	10 am - 11.45 am	<b>MONTHLY COFFEE MORNING</b>	ST JOHN PAUL II CENTRE		
	12 NOON	Wasył & Stephanie Hawryluk	Memorial of St Francis Xavier P	N Ward	Frankie
SAT 4TH	4.00 PM @ Hethe	Holy Souls	SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT		R Deane & S Wilde
	3.30PM - 5.45PM	<b>EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT</b>	<b>DAY OF PRAYER</b>		
	6.00 PM	Bernardo Santiago B'day & Jiri Franta Senior (RIP)		Sr Anu & Rufus	B & K McFall
SUN 5TH	9.00 AM	People of the Parish		C St John	L & C Cleeve
	11.00 AM	David Costar (RIP)		T Lane & I Ziegart	Poole & Marshall



**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*

**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. Saturday's at 5.35 pm (before Vigil Mass)

**URSULINE LAY ASSOCIATES MEETING & HOLY HOUR:** 2nd Wednesday of every month at 2pm - Ursuline Convent



Pope's Prayer Intention for December: Catechesis: Let us pray for catechists, summoned to announce the Word of God: may they be its witnesses, with courage & creativity & in the power of the Holy Spirit



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

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

**COVID** Although we seem to be gradually moving on from the COVID pandemic I respectfully request that for the foreseeable no gatherings/ chatting etc, takes place before or after Masses within the church or indeed on the church premises. I am still of the opinion that we need to remain cautious, therefore please vacate the church in silence. We will continue to sanitise the church immediately after Masses for all our safety. Thank you for your cooperation with this.

**ADVENT DAY OF PRAYER AT HETHE:** On Monday, beginning with Mass at 9.30am and ending with Benediction at 4.00pm, there will be an Advent Day of Prayer before the exposed Blessed Sacrament to which all are invited. Refreshments will be on hand in St Philip's Hall throughout the day. Even if you cannot commit for a definite time, please visit the church at some time during that day. "Advent is a time of vigilance, prayer and conversion" St John Paul II.

**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.

**FILIFINO DAY OF PRAYER:** Next Saturday from 3.30 pm Exposition of Blessed Sacrament with Songs of Praise, Rosary, Divine Mercy Chaplet & Benediction at 5.35pm followed by Mass at 6pm. All are invited.

**"LISTENING & WALKING TOGETHER":** I have arranged two evenings of listening to Parishioners of both parishes on Zoom Platform on Monday 29th November & 7th December at 7.00pm. Please follow the link: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/84274427088?pwd=d3dRbWlMZlpMNXlCclJlZn3o2T0Yydz09>

**CHRISTMAS CONCERT:** Following on from the success of the "A Song for Christmas" performance in December 2019, musicians from Sponne School will be performing in the Church once again this year on **Sunday 12th December**. The **concert will start at 6pm** and will include a programme of sole instrumental and vocal items including works by Brahms, Mozart, Lloyd Webber, Poulenc, Vivaldi and Batach as well as choral items & a festive finale of candlelit Carols. Tickets are on sale from the Piety Shop & Cole Books priced £10 (£5 for under 16). Proceeds will go to Church Maintenance & Spoon School Music department.

**BGN CAROL SERVICE** Tuesday, 14th December at 7:30 at St John the Evangelist Church. It will include a range of traditional and modern carols sung by the BGN school choir in four parts and will include readings and congregational singing. All are welcome.

**CONTACTLESS GIVING:** We are moving with the times and have a parish contactless machine which will be installed into church in due course. We have also got our own Immaculate Conception Parish QR code which is up and running and can be found on the lower right side in 'Parish Giving.' You will be able to give your offering/donations via our QR Code via your phone. I would like to bring to your notice that you can also give your donation via our parish website, this can be found at the top right hand side of our homepage. A QR code for Hethe will also be set up in due course. You will be able to Gift Aid any donations via the contactless methods. Your details will only need to be entered once initially (please note you will have to enter GA details for each different payment card you use).

**MISSIO/APF** As we approach the end of the year we would be grateful if you could empty or return your red boxes and deliver to the parish office or Piety Shop. Empty boxes can be found at the back of church. Thank you.

**ADVENT WALK WITH ME BOOKLETS** and children's advent calendars are now available -donations for these gratefully received.

**CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES**

**Hethe :**

**Christmas Eve:** 4.00pm

**Christmas Day** at 9.00am

**Bicester**

**Christmas Eve:** 2.00 pm, 6.00 pm; 9.00 pm & 12 Midnight

**Christmas Day:** 9am & 11 am.

**ADVENT MARKET** Many thanks to Jackie and all who helped make the market a success and who supported the event through donations, and coming along on the day.

**Dates to remember**

**Thursday 4th Dec:** Day of Prayer (Filipino Community) from 3.30pm

**Monday 6th Dec.** Advent Day of Prayer at Hethe from 9.30 am

**Saturday 11th Dec:** First Confessions in Church at 11 am

**Monday 20th Dec:** Penitential Service/Confessions at 7.00pm

**Saturday 5th March 2022:** Sacrament of Confirmation at 6pm

**Saturday 14th May 2022:** First Holy Communions (St Mary's)

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

**Sunday 19th June 2022:** Eucharistic Procession to Garth Park

**Sunday 3rd July 2022:** Family Day & Presentation of Certificates

**STARS OF REMEMBRANCE AND HOPE** Stars to adorn our Christmas trees will be available this year. Forms are available at the back of church.

Please return by Friday 19th December.

**PIETY SHOP** Christmas cards and advent candles and gifts now on sale.

**SPONSORING SANCTUARY LAMPS** These lamps burn perpetually on the sanctuary (Blessed Sacrament) and in the Lady Chapel. Would you like one of these to burn in memory of a loved one, or for a particular intention? (Please note: one person/couple/intention per candle) If so, we are asking for a donation of £10 per week, which will go towards the costs of running the sacristy: candles, hosts, wine and other necessities for the celebration of Mass. Please hand in to Parish Clergy, post through Henley House letter box or to Parish Sisters in an envelope marked 'Sanctuary Lamp Donation' together with a note stating your particular intention. The intentions will be placed in order as they are received and published in the weekly bulletin.

**Financial Information**

**SECOND COLLECTIONS**

27th/28th Nov. Parish Maintenance

4th/5th Dec: Poor Parish in the archdiocese of Birmingham

Church	Loose £	Second Collection Youth Services	Standing Orders	Total	Attended
Bicester	£340.20	£138.94	£1100	£1440.20	370
Hethe	£	£	£196	£	26

**PARISH GIVING**

**BICESTER** <https://portal.mydona.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

**MASS STIPENDS/OFFERINGS:**

Sort code: 60-08-40 Acc. No. 75459760. Canon John Y Batthula.

**You can also donate by scanning the QR code with your phone**

**HETHE**

**BICESTER**



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



**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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