



The Catholic Parishes of Immaculate Conception @BICESTER

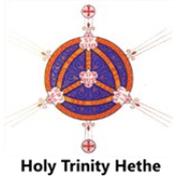
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The Parishes of the Immaculate Conception & Holy Trinity are part of the Archdiocese of Birmingham: Registered Charity No: 234216



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Palm Sunday of Lent A

Sunday Cycle A - Weekdays - Season of Lent

Week beginning of 1st April 2023 Psalter 2

Pope's Prayer Intention for April: For a culture of peace and non-violence. We pray for spread of peace and non-violence, by decreasing the use of weapons by States and citizens.



Month of April dedicated to the Holy Spirit

APRIL	TIME	INTENTIONS	FEASTS	LECTORS	STEWARDS
SAT 1st	Hethe 4.00 pm	Helen Parnaby (RIP)	Palm Sunday	B Kelly/ R Deane	S Wilde/R Deane
	6.00 pm	Mathew Joseph (RIP) Margaret Cook (RIP)		H Henwood/R John	Thompson Family
SUN 2nd	9.00 am	People of the Parish		A Mutton/T Yarker	C St John
	11.00 am	Helen Nowak (Birthday)		R Evans/E Green	Kokore Family
MON 3rd	9.30am@Hethe	Mark Alder (RIP)	Holy Week	R Dean/B Kelly	
	12 Noon	Bobby Duggan (RIP)		M Daniel	
	7.00 pm	Service of Reconciliation & Confessions			
TUE 4th	9.30 am	Jack Brazil (RIP)	Holy Week	L Cleeve	
	7.00 pm	Stations of the Cross			
WED 5th	8.00am	Dec members of Friends of Suffering Souls	Holy Week	J Kokore	
	7.00 pm	Stations of the Cross			
THUR 6th	7.30 pm	Mass of the Lord's Last Supper	Maundy Thursday	M Daniel/L Cleeve	L Hattam/C Cleeve
	Till Midnight	Silent Adoration; Watch & Pray			
FRI 7th	11.00 am	Walk of Witness	Good Friday		
	12 Noon @ Hethe	Good Friday Liturgy		B Kelly/ R Deane	
	3.00 pm	Good Friday Liturgy		E King/J Franta/ Sr Sani	S & M Doherty
	7.00 pm	Multi-lingual Stations of the Cross			
SAT 8th	10.00am	Interment of ashes - John Dunn RIP	Easter Vigil Mass		
	4.00 pm	Blessing of Food for Polish Community			
	7.30 pm	Fiona Mary Beasley (RIP)		H King/N Ward/ Sr Rose/ M Lawrence	M Marrs/ P Bevan
SUN 9th	9.00 am	People of the Parish	Easter Sunday	P Cousins/S McCarthy	L & C Cleeve
	10.00 am@ Hethe	Mary Evans (RIP)		B Kelly/ R Deane	S Wilde/R Deane
	11.00 am	Brenda & John Dunn (RIP)		J Franta/A Kearsley	Franta Family

This week we pray for...
SANCTUARY LIGHT: Noah Jose Varghese (Blessings)
OUR LADY'S LIGHT: Helena Nowak

LET US PRAY FOR THE SICK AND HOUSEBOUND:
 Mary Lynch, Victor Francis, K Cashman, Tim Charles, Joyce Thornley,
 Helena Nowak, Joy Martin, & Jean McIntosh.

EASTER OFFERINGS: All collections at Easter Masses will your traditional gift to the parish priest. God bless you in advance!

STUDENT CROSS We welcome Fr Philip Harrison SJ, chaplain of the Oxford Leg of Pilgrim Cross this year along with his pilgrims that are on their way to Walsingham this Palm Sunday.

PALM SUNDAY PROCESSIONS FROM THE CONVENT: This weekend, on Sunday 2nd April we will gather in the Convent Garden, Kings End, opposite Lissiters at 10.50am for the blessing of palms, followed by procession to the parish church.

LENTEN PENITENTIAL SERVICE: Please make time to participate at our annual Lenten Penitential Service on Monday 3rd April at 7pm, which is followed by individual confessions. There will a good number of visiting priests with us to hear our confessions. May I therefore encourage all of you to come along and embrace the opportunity to seek God's forgiveness by going to confession.

MULTILINGUAL STATIONS OF THE CROSS: If anyone would like to read one of the Stations in your native language, please speak to me or email to the parish office as early as possible.

SILENCE IN CHURCH: Please may I remind everyone to be mindful of other people who are praying in Church before and after Mass. Make sure that your mobiles and any devices are switched off and also not to speak during Mass itself. Why don't you come along to the Centre after Mass to speak to other parishioners while having a cup of tea?

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. Mass envelopes are available from the back of the Church/ Piety Shop or Parish Office.

EASTER RAFFLE TICKETS: Please would you start bringing back the counterfoils with the due amount. So far only 63 books are returned. First prize: £100; 2nd prize: Hamper: 3rd prize: £25 and many other good prizes. Draw 16th April after 11 am Mass in St John Paul II Centre.

EASTER LILIES If you would like to buy a lily in memory of a relative or friend please complete a slip and deliver to the parish office /piety shop. Lilies cost £2.50 each by Monday 3rd April.

HETHE: Mondays: Mass at 9.30am followed by Bible Study video in St Philip's Hall. Tuesdays & Wednesdays: Mid-week Stations of the Cross at 10.00am.

HETHE CHURCH CLEANING We are seeking volunteers to help with church cleaning and preparation for Easter on **Wednesday 5th April at 11.00am** (after Stations of the Cross). If you can help please sign the form at the back of church. *'Many hands make light work'*

SYMPATHY-HELEN PARNABY RIP: The requiem Mass is on Friday, 21st April at 12 Noon followed by burial on Saturday with immediate family. Her body will be received into Church on Thursday, 20th at 6pm. May she rest in peace.

100 CLUB: The new year starts from April 1st. Please complete and return the form to be in to win if you haven't already got a number. There is no limit to the amount of numbers you can buy. It is our main annual fundraiser, please support this if you can. £5 monthly by standing order.

WINNERS 100 CLUB for March 2023 £100 Elizabeth Chandler (82), £50, Margaret Nugent (35), £25 Barbara Nichols. (12)

ENVIRONMENTAL GROUP TIPS: This Easter try an ensure that chocolate is ethically sourced, and the packaging recyclable.

DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET: Every Tuesday at 2.00pm in Church
ROSARY: Everyday 25 minutes before Mass starts.
BAPTISMS/WEDDINGS: Please contact the Parish Office through email or phone call
CONFESSIONS: Hethe: **Saturday from 3.15pm - 3.50 pm (in the Sacristy)** Bicester: 5.15 pm - 5.45pm
HOLY HOUR: Every First Friday from 6.00pm to 7.00pm (Not during Lent)
EAST TIMOR COMMUNITY PRAYER: First Sunday of the month at 5.00pm @ Ursuline Convent
PARISH OUTREACH GROUP: Please contact the Office if you need some form of practical help -252 277.
PIETY SHOP: Open Friday, Saturday and Sunday around Masses. Easter gifts & cards now available.
URSULINE LAY ASSOCIATES MEETING: 2nd Wednesday of every month at 2pm @ Ursuline Convent
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Teams for	2/4	9/4	16/4	23/4	30/4
Children lit. (4)	none	none	none	1	2
Coffee 9am (11)	2	3	4	5	6
Coffee 11am (9)	9	1	2	3	4
Flowers	Sisters	All	All	Anita	Anita

12 TIMES A DAY PRAYER CHALLENGE. As we enter into the Holy Week, I am asking all parishioners during this week to say at least 12 times during the day, the following prayer: **"Jesus Christ, Son of God, have mercy on me, a sinner"**. The prayers are to be recited 12 times during the day but only three times at any one time: It means that the prayers will be prayed at least four times during the day. - the challenge is to say this prayer in our Lenten journey for the next one week. We pray for one another on this challenge and I would encourage you to ask friends or members of your family who are not attending Mass regularly to join you in this challenge **"Jesus Christ, Son of God, have mercy on me, a sinner"**.

HOLY TRIDUUM
 Maundy Thursday Mass at 7.30 pm (Bicester)
 Good Friday Liturgy at 12 Noon (Hethe) 3pm at Bicester
 Multilingual Way of the Cross at 7pm
 Easter Vigil Mass at 7.30 pm
 Easter Sunday Masses:
 9 am (Bicester) 10 am (Hethe) & 11 am (Bicester)



PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES MAY 2023: Parish pilgrimage to Lourdes from the 25th to 31st May 2023. Half board £789 per person sharing a room. Single rooms are an extra £247. The flight will be from London Stansted to Lourdes. 4 places are available. Online booking: www.allsaintstravel.co.uk/LD0803
HOLY LAND NOVEMBER 2023: Our pilgrimage to the Holy Land will take place from 27th Nov to 4th Dec 2023. Half board £1459 per person sharing a room. Single rooms incur a supplement of £325. Flights from London Luton. You can book online: <https://www.allsaintstravel.co.uk/HL0801>
 Coach transfers from church to airports have yet to be decided upon and will incur extra costs.

Dates to remember

13th May: First Holy Communion (For non St Mary's) 11 am
 20th May : First Holy Communion (For St Mary's) 11 am
 11th June: Eucharistic Procession to Garth Park 11 am
 2nd July: Family Day Mass @ 11am & Presentation of Certificates



PARISH GIVING

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

CONTACTLESS You can also donate by scanning the QR code with your phone or by card at the machine in the church



Grateful Givers

Financial Information
SECOND COLLECTIONS - MARCH
 2nd April: Lenten Charities
 7th April—Good Friday—Holy Places in Holy Land
 9nd April: Easter Offerings

Church	First Collection	Second Collection	Standing Orders	Tap & Go For Parish	Mass Attendance
Bicester	£ 274.85	£ 123.40	£1185	£167	406
Hethe	£52.20	£	£176		30

Gift Aid it!!- you could add 25% to the value of your donation. Contact the Parish Gift Aid Co-ordinator Sr Anu; or speak to me. (Canon John)



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