



# The Catholic Parishes of Immaculate Conception @BICESTER

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## 2nd Sunday after Christmas C

2nd January 2022 Psalter 3

Month of the Holy Name of Jesus



DECEMBER	TIME	INTENTIONS	FEASTS	LECTORS	STEWARDS
<b>SAT 1ST</b>	4.00 PM@ Hethe	People of the Parish	2nd Sunday after Christmas		<b>S Wilde/R Deane</b>
	<b>6.00 PM</b>	Thomas Hattam (RIP)		Sr Sani & Sr Anu	<b>S &amp; M Doherty</b>
<b>SUN 2ND</b>	9.00 AM			S & R Thundathil	<b>St John &amp; Conlon</b>
	11.00 AM	John & Doreen Hackett		R Evans & Ziegart	<b>Poole &amp; Marshall</b>
<b>MON 3RD</b>	9.30 AM	Miss Theresa McDowall (RIP)	<b>Christmas Feria</b>	M Daniel	<b>P sims &amp; A Farrell</b>
<b>TUE 4TH</b>		No Mass			
<b>WED 5TH</b>		No Mass			
<b>THUR 6TH</b>	9.30 AM @Hethe	Private Intentions	<b>Feast of the Epiphany</b>	Holyday of Obligation	<b>S Wilde/R Deane</b>
	12 NOON	Intentions of Jane & Guy; Sue & Dale		H King/A Fitzpatrick	<b>Kokore Family</b>
	7.00 PM	Martin Mellett (RIP)		C St John	<b>Sisters</b>
<b>FRI 7TH</b>	10AM - 11.45AM	<b>MONTHLY COFFEE MORNING</b>			<b>St John Paul II Centre</b>
	12.00 Noon	Intentions of Mary Lynch	<b>Christmas Feria</b>	E King	<b>J Marshall</b>
<b>SAT 8TH</b>	11.00 AM	Talk - The Case for God. <b>Is faith compatible with science?</b>	Parish Hall - Hethe		
	4.00PM@Hethe	People of the Parish	<b>Feast of the Baptism of the Lord</b>		<b>S Wilde/R Deane</b>
	6.00PM	Intentions of Martin & Mary McDonagh		P Sims & Rufus	<b>Thompson Family</b>
<b>SUN 9TH</b>	9.00 AM	Theady Joyce (RIP) & James McDonagh (RIP)		Brown & Penhallow	<b>C &amp; L Cleeve</b>
	11.00 AM	In thanksgiving (MS)		H King & M Lawrence	<b>Kokore Family</b>

**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 January: For Tue human fraternity:** We pray for all those suffering from religious discrimination & persecution; may their own rights & dignity be recognised, which originate from being brothers & sisters in the human family



This week we pray for...  
**Canon John Batthula- SANCTUARY**  
**Thornley Family - OUR LADY'S LIGHT**



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

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

**COVID—UPDATE** Due to the recent uncertain situation regarding the new covid variant and especially as we approach Christmas, I suggest that we make **mask wearing mandatory once again**. We do not want to be in the position to have to change our plans for our Christmas celebrations and need to do what we can to keep ourselves and others safe. I also continue to respectfully request that no gatherings/chatting etc, take place around mass times within the church and ask that you please vacate the church **promptly** to allow the stewards to sanitise the church immediately after masses. The hand sanitisers continue to be available for all, please remember to sanitise your hands on entry and exit. Lets keep each other safe. Thank you for your cooperation with this.

**TALK IN ST PHILIP'S HALL:** This coming Saturday, 8th January 2022, Fr Andrew Pinsent PhD, Research Director of the Ian Ramsey Centre for Science and Religion at Oxford University will be the speaker. The title of his talk is The Case for God. Is faith compatible with science? Coffee and books from 10.30am. Talk at 11.00am. St Philip's Hall, Holy Trinity Church, Hardwick Road, Hethe, OX27 8AW.

**MOTNHLY COFFEE MORNING:** On Friday 7th January at St John Paul Centre from 10 am to 11.45 am. All are invited to come along for a cup of coffee and tea.

**BAPTISMS 2022:** I will be holding a Baptism Meeting on Saturday, 29th January at 1pm. If you are planning to have your child baptised next year & plan to attend the meeting please contact the parish office.

**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. Restart Jan 18th 2022.

**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.

**ALTAR SERVERS:** I am happy to see some of our servers who have already started serving at weekend and weekday Masses. Now I would like to encourage all the remaining servers to start serving at Masses on a more regular basis.

**WINNERS 100 CLUB FOR DECEMBER DRAWN** Sun 26th December by Church Stewards: £100 **Mike Jobling** (31) £50 **Jacqueline Kokore** (20) £25 **Nancy Ward** (4) **Christmas** £100 **Richard Evans** (97). There are now only 4 numbers available: contact paulcous@yahoo.com, or tel.01869 242838 for details of how to play - costs £5 per month, £60 for the year. Numbers available: 24, 43, 49, 54

**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.

**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. Dates available from 1st January.

**COMMEMORATIVE BRICKS:** A commemorative brick can be purchased to commemorate or celebrate! It could be for an individual, family, anniversary, business, or purely because you are a parishioner. Please complete a form and return to the parish office. Bricks cost £250, payments in five instalments also accepted. The bricks will continue to 'grow up' the wall in the St John Paul II Centre and adorn it for generations to come. Why not become a part of history of the parish?

**ARCHDIOCESAN E-NEWSLETTER:** 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.

**URSULINE LAY ASSOCIATES PRAYER:** On Wednesday 12th January at 2.00pm. All members are invited to come along to the Ursuline Convent for their monthly meeting and prayers.

**LECTORS:** May I just remind all Lectors to practice the reading/s at home so that you are prepared to proclaim the Word of God loud and clear. Thank you for your cooperation.

**2022— Dates to remember**

- Friday, 7th January:** Monthly Coffee morning
- Ash Wednesday, 2nd March:** Start of the Holy Lent
- Friday, 4th February:** Monthly Coffee Morning
- Saturday 5th March:** Sacrament of Confirmation at 6pm
- Sunday 6th March:** Rite of Election
- Saturday 14th May:** First Holy Communions (St Mary's)
- Saturday 21st May:** First Holy Communions (non St Mary's)
- Sunday 19th June:** Eucharistic Procession to Garth Park
- Sunday 3rd July:** Family Day & Presentation of Certificates

**Financial Information**  
**SECOND COLLECTIONS**  
 1st/2nd Jan: Parish Maintenance  
 8th/9th Jan: Pro life

Church	Loose	Second Collection	Standing Orders	Total	Attended
Bicester	£197.00		£1100	£1297.00	170
Hethe			£196	£196	14

**PARISH GIVING**

**BICESTER** <https://portal.myдона.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

**You can also donate by scanning the QR code with your phone**  
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*God Bless you for your generosity during these difficult times!*

**MASS STIPENDS/OFFERINGS:**  
 Sort code: 60-08-40 Acc. No. 75459760.  
 Canon John Y Batthula.

**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

**We use live streaming**

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<https://mcmmedia.tv/iframe/e8896647923e089406131a3b96e45994de4a89c4>

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