## The Catholic Parishes of



# Immaculate Conception @BICESTER





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## **Fourth Sunday of Easter**

Sunday Cycle A - Weekdays - Easter Season Week beginning of 29th April to 6th May 2023 Psalter 4

**Pope's Prayer Intention for May:** We pray that Church moments and groups may rediscover their mission of evangelisation each day, placing their own charisms at the service of needs in the world.



## Month of May is dedicated to Mary, the Mother of God and Mother of the Church

APRIL	TIME	INTENTIONS	FEASTS	LECTORS	STEWARDS
SAT 29th	4pm@ Hethe	Wellbeing of Helen McDermott & Family	4th Sunday of Easter	B Kelly/ R Deane	S Wilde/R Deane
	6.00 pm	Rory Edward O'Rourke (RIP)	World Day of Prayer for Vocations	A & C McArdle	B & K McFall
SUN 30th	9.00 am	Ints of Kubiak – Jones Family		C Moyse/C St John	A Mutton/L Williams
	11.00 am	People of the Parish		N Ward/ Volunteer	Franta Family
May 1st	9.30 am@ Hethe	Joe Bore (RIP)	Easter Feria	B Kelly/ R Deane	
MON	12 noon	Michael & Margaret Purtill, Lisa King (RIP)		M Daniel	
TUE 2nd	8.30am	Brian McQuillen (RIP)	Memorial of St Athanasius BD	L Cleeve	
WED 3rd	9.30 am	Luisa Soares (RIP)	Feast of Ss Philip & James	J Kokore	
THU 4th	9.30am	Special intention (MMac)	Feast of English Martyres	H King	
FRI 5th	12 noon	Anna Kustra (RIP)	Easter Feria	E King	
SAT 6th	4pm@ Hethe	Wellbeing of Helen McDermott & Family	5th Sunday of Easter	B Kelly/R Deane	
	6.00 pm	People of the Parish	_	H Henwood/C McArdle	Thompson Family
SUN 7th	9.00 am	Kaylen Hale (Recovery)		L & S Taylor	Brown Family
	11.00 am	Joan Bridle (RIP)		C Tett/I Ziegart	A Orleans Family



# Today's 2nd Collection for Clergy Training fund



**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.

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.
URSULINE LAY ASSOCIATES MEETING: 2nd Wednesday of every month at 2pm @ Ursuline Convent
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#### This week we pray for... **SANCTUARY LIGHT: OUR LADY'S LIGHT: Ursuline Sisters**



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

Mary Lynch, Victor Francis, K Cashman, Tim Charles, Joyce Thornley, Helena Nowak, Joy Martin & Jean McIntosh.

**VISITING THE SICK:** If any parishioner who is housebound for various reasons and needs a priest visit, please contact the Parish Office so that arrangements can be made.

HOUSE BLESSING DURING EASTER SEASON: If you wish your house to be blessed during this Holy Season, you may contact the Parish Office and make arrangements. May the Risen Christ bless you and your household.

**HETHE** Monday 1st May. Mass at 9.30am followed by bible study video in St Philip's Hall afterwards.

**LOURDES PILGRIMAGE MEETING**: A coach has been booked. Pick up from the Parish Church to Stanstead at 12.00 pm. £48 per person return. Deliver payments to the Parish Office or pay contactless under LOURDES COACH. I hope that you all have paid your dues to "All Saints travel".

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.

**<u>PIETY SHOP</u>** First Holy Communion gifts and cards now in stock.

**100 CLUB:** If you are new to the 100 club please make sure your payments have been set up in order to be in the 100 club for the first draw of the year and inform Sr Anu on ga.tic.bicester@rcaob.org.uk. 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. Only £5 monthly by standing order.

IN 2022 OUR PARISH RAISED £1229.57 through our Red Boxes and donations to Mission and the Mill Hill Missionaries, thank you! Our missionary community here is part of a worldwide network of people supporting missionaries through prayer and financial assistance. Your support of projects such as the funding Mission station in Cameroon has enabled Fr Leon, a Mill Hill Missionary, to help children learn in a safe environment and instill values that empower them to turn away from conflict and towards faith in God. Visits mission.org.uk to find out more about how your support changes lives for the better.

MONTHLY COFFEE MORING: The next one will be held on Friday 12th May at 10am. All welcome!

**GROW YOUR FAITH** Find answers to questions you've ever wondered about. Why do we do this or that? Do all the articles in the church actually mean anything, or are they just decoration? The church teaches this; but that's certainly not been my experience. Come and share your questions and experience with us on Wednesday 10th May at 7-30pm in the St John Paul II Centre. Very informal and ALL welcome, new Catholics, long standing Catholics and everyone who is not catholic.

FINANCIAL SUPPORT TO THE PARISH: Have you been supporting your parish financially? If not, consider supporting? it's very easy, you just set up a standing order with your bank, by providing our Parish bank details which can be found in the next column in 'Parish Giving' Give whatever you can. Thank you.

**GIFT AID** If you Gift Aid your contributions and have changed address, then please contact Sr Anu with your new details. Thank you.

PARISH CORONATION PARTY Due to the low numbers interested we have decided to cancel the event.

**FOOD BANK** The Food Bank urgently needs donations, please deliver to the Beacon, Wesley Lane, from 10am to 12am Monday to Saturday. We need people to volunteer for the management committee, and trustees for Bicester Christian Action the organisation that oversees the governess.

Teams for	30/4	7/5	14/5	21/5
Children lit. (4)	2	3	4	1
Coffee 9am (11)	6	7	8	9
Coffee 11am (9)	4	5	6	7
Flowers	Anita	Sisters	Sisters	Anne

FUNERAL SERVICE: Margaret O'Flynn' s body will be received into Church on Wednesday, 10th May at 4pm and the funeral service will be held on Thursday, 11th May at 10.30am. May she rest in peace.

**SYMPATHY** Pray for the repose of the soul of Kath Holliday. Funeral details will be announced in due course. May she rest in peace.

RACHEL SMITH RIP On Monday 1st May 2023, Bank Holiday, a Mass is being offered for Miss Rachel Smith RIP in St John's Church, Banbury at 6.30 pm on the anniversary of her death. After the Mass, there will be tea and coffee served in the Dupuis Centre. All welcome.

BEING A WELCOMING CHURCH WORKSHOPS: These workshops are being organised by Father Hudson Society. The evening workshop, 7.30 to 8.30 p.m. 22/05/23 - Disability, 19/06/23 - Homelessness. There is no charge for the workshops, but we do ask that people would register by emailing; fundraising@fatherhudsons.org.uk or visiting their Eventbrite page. They will then be sent a link to this online workshop.

YOUTH GROUP MEETING The next Youth meeting will be held on Saturday, May 20th from 7-8.30pm at the John Paul II Centre.

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 Communions (For non St Mary's) 11 am 20th May: First Holy Communions (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 Batthula: 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









## **Financial Information SECOND COLLECTIONS**

29th/30th April: Clergy Training Fund 6th/7th May: Parish Maintenance 13th/14th May: Parish Maintenance

20th/21st May: Catholic Communications

Church	First Collection	Second Collection	Standing Orders	Tap & Go For Parish	Mass Attendance
Bicester	£339.05	£150.00	£1185	£161.00	466
Hethe	£36.60	£N/A	£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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