



# The Catholic Parishes of Immaculate Conception @BICESTER

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**NOVEMBER**  
THE MONTH OF ALL SOULS

## Solemnity of All Saints

31st October 2021 Psalter 3

Weekday Cycle of Readings Year 1 & Sunday's Year B

Month of the Holy Souls in Purgatory

Year of St Joseph



2020 - 8th December 2021

OCTOBER	TIME	INTENTIONS	FEASTS	LECTORS	STEWARDS
SAT 30TH	4.00 PM	People of the Parish	SOLEMNITY OF ALL SAINTS		R Dean & S Wilde
	6.00 PM	Lily, Tommy & Terence Thompson (RIP)		Sr Anu & C McArdle	S & M Doherty
SUN 31ST	9.00 AM	Kathleen Day (RIP)		S & L Taylor	L & C Cleeve
	11.00 AM	Mrs Florence Om-Osagie (RIP)		I Ziegart	Poole & Marshall
MON 1ST Nov	9.30 AM@ Hethe	Holy Souls	Feria in ordinary time	R Deane	R Dean & S Wilde
	12 NOON	Martin Mellett (RIP)		M Daniel	P Sims & A Farrell
TUE 2ND	9.30 AM @ Hethe	Holy Souls	The Commemoration of		R & R Deane
	12 NOON	For the souls in Purgatory	All the Faithful Departed	C St John	Frankie
	7.00 PM	Holy Souls		J Kokore	Sisters
WED 3RD	9.30 AM@ School	Holy Souls	Feria in ordinary time		
THUR 4TH	9.30 AM	Anna & Bubby Duggan	Memorial of St Charles Borromeo B	Sisters	J Kokore
FRI 5TH	10AM -11.45 AM	MONTHLY COFFEE MORNING			
	12 NOON	Deceased Parents & Grandparents	Feria in ordinary time	N Ward	J Marshall
	6.00PM—7.00 PM	HOLY HOUR			
SAT 6TH	11.00 AM	Baptisms of Jarlath Gaine			
	4.00 PM @ HETHE	Holy Souls	32nd Sunday in ordinary time		R Deane & S Wilde
	6.00 PM	People of the Parish		P Sims & C McArdle	McArdle Family
SUN 7TH	9.00 AM	Vivian Doyle - Speedy recovery		M Daniel & L Cleeve	St John & Conlon
	11.00 AM	Jesse Smith (RIP)		Kirby Hall & Kearsley	Poole & Marshall
	3.00 PM	Vespers and Blessing of Graves	Bicester Cemetery		



**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 November: People who suffer from Depression: We pray that people who suffer from depression or burn-out will find support and a light that opens them up to life.



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

K Cashman, Tim Charles, Joyce Thornley, Mary Ashley, John Dunn, Marie Olive & 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.

**OFFERINGS** I am appealing to everyone who is currently not donating via standing order, to please place your offerings into the collections bags as they come to you. We heavily rely on all offerings, fundraising and donations to maintain our church. With grateful thanks in advance. **The parish is currently looking into contactless methods of giving - please watch this space!**

**YOUTH MINISTRY** We are inviting our young people (Year 6 up) to join together to celebrate National Youth Sunday at 9am Mass on 21st November. We are calling you to a meeting at 18:00 on Sunday 7th November in the John Paul II centre. There will be chance to build community, share ideas and eat pizza. For more information please speak to: Deacon Nick St John [yth.tic.bicester@rcaob.org.uk](mailto:yth.tic.bicester@rcaob.org.uk)

**RCIA:** The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults Course for those wishing to become a Catholic is going to start on Tuesday 16th November. (From 7.30pm to 8.30pm). If you are interested, please speak to me or contact the parish Office. For more information, please visit our Parish website. I look forward to meeting those who have already expressed their interest at our first meeting.

**RAFFLE FOR HAND KNITTED NATIVITY SET/STABLE:** £1 a strip. All proceeds to Fire Safety Door. See Jackie Flynn. Support generously.

**ADVENT MARKET:** On Saturday 27th November. I appeal to your kindness in providing some bottles for the bottle stall, cakes and new gifts that you may be able to donate. Please deliver to the St John Paul II Centre. God Bless in advance.

**PIETY SHOP** The Piety Shop is now open around Mass times, alternatively ask one for the Sisters to assist if you wish to make a purchase. Current offer: 7 cards for £5.

**MONDAY FILMS** at Hethe after 9.30am Mass with the showing of Season 1 Episode 6 of The Chosen.

**FIRE EXIT DOOR:** Will be installed/fitted at the beginning of 2nd week in November. My Thanks to those who have supported through their donations. More donations towards the door will be much appreciated.

**BLESSING OF GRAVES** Saturday, 6th November: After 4 pm Mass-Hethe Sunday, 7th November: After 11 am Mass-Foynes Memorial Garden 3.00pm-Vespers followed by blessing of graves in Bicester Cemetery.

**NOVEMBER - MONTH OF THE HOLY SOULS.** Offering envelopes are available. Please place them with your donations into the casket that will stand by the font from the 1st November.

**DITCH PLASTIC** source renewables. Single use plastics October 24th to November 18th. Obtain dry goods pasta rice etc from <https://refillnotlandfill.co.uk>, Bicester Green by Garth Park, <https://therollinggoats.co.uk> in Bicester Market, for refills of bio products into own containers.

**UN CLIMATE SUMMIT:** What is COP26 and why is it important? *A guide to COP26, the UN climate summit, which is due to take place in Glasgow from 31 October-12 November 2021.* CAFOD has written a very useful guide to COP26 which you can read at <https://cafod.org.uk/Campaign/COP26-climate-summit/What-is-COP26> In the run-up and during the summit, we are invited to pray that the leaders and negotiators work together for positive outcomes for people and for our common home.

**CHRISTMAS RAFFLE:** Please take some extra tickets and sell them to your friends and family. The draw will take place on Saturday, 27th November at the Advent Market in the St John Paul II Centre.

**CHRISTMAS CONCERT:** There is a possibility to have Christmas Concert on Sunday 12th December at 6pm by Students of Sponne School, directed by Mrs C Underwood. More details to follow.

**CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES**


**Hethe: Christmas Eve:** 4.00pm & **Christmas Day** at 9.00 am  
**Bicester:**

**Christmas Eve:** 2.00 pm, 6.00 pm; 9.00 pm & 12 Midnight  
**Christmas Day** 9am & 11 am.


**Dates to remember**

- Sunday 14th November:** Confirmation Commitment Mass at 9 am
- Monday 15th Nov.** Pastoral Council Meeting at 7.00pm
- Saturday 27th November: Advent Market in St John Paul II Centre.
- Saturday 4th December:** Day of Prayer (Filipino Community)
- Saturday 11th December:** First Confessions in Church at 11 am
- Monday 20th December:** Penitential Service/Confessions
- Saturday 5th March 2022:** Sacrament of Confirmation
- 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

**BEWARE OF SPAM EMAILS!** The Archdiocese has been made aware of spam emails coming from fraudulent impersonated Gmail accounts pretending to be from parish priests. These emails often include 'parishpastor' and the name of parish priests but they are not being sent from priests' email accounts. Proactive action has been taken by the Diocesan IT team to block such emails but they can still be generated elsewhere and infiltrate email accounts. Diocesan clergy and staff should now be using email accounts that end in [@rcaob.org.uk](mailto:@rcaob.org.uk) Please be vigilant. If you are in any doubt about an email please contact your parish priest / parish office and check.

 **Baptism of Jarlath Gaine**  
On Saturday 6th November 2021 at 11 am  
*Congratulations & God's blessings*

**Financial Information**

 **SECOND COLLECTIONS**  
30th/31st Oct. Parish Maintenance  
6th/7th Nov. Retired, Sick & Infirm Clergy

Church	Loose £	Second Collection MISSIO	Standing Orders	Total	Attended
Bicester	£ 237	£ 382	£1100	£1521.40	310
Hethe	£38.80	£65.00	£196	£234.80	24


**PARISH GIVING:** Online Link: <https://portal.mydona.com/assets/webPay/index.php?cid=528>  
The best way you can support the parish financially is by setting up a Standing Order using the following bank details:: NatWest Bank.  
**Bicester:** Acc. No: 02342731; Sort Code: 51 70 15  
**Hethe:** Acc. No: 02301466; Sort Code: 51 70 15  
**FOR 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**  
Go the website and follow link  
<https://mcnmedia.tv/iframe/e8896647923e089406131a3b96e45994de4a89c4>  
 Those who do not wish to have their image live streamed are advised to go to Holy Trinity church ( Hethe) where there are no cameras.