



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



Sunday Cycle B - Weekdays - Advent Season Week beginning of 3rd to 10th December 2023 Psalter 1

Pope's Prayer Intention for December: We pray that people living with disabilities may be the centre of attention in society and that institutions may offer inclusive programmes which value their active participation.



DECEMBER	TIME	INTENTIONS	FEASTS	LECTORS	E O MINISTER	STEWARDS
SAT 2nd	4.00 pm @Hethe	People of the Parish	1st Sunday of Advent	R Deane/V Burns		R Deane
Vigil Mass	6.00 pm	Catherine French		P Sims/Sr Sani	Sr Rose	B & K McFall
SUN 3rd	9.00 am	Sr Andrea SS (RIP) PO Kunjuvareed (RIP)		E Penhallow/ M Brown	Frankie/ P Capretta	L & C Cleeve
	11.00 am	Patrick McCartan (RIP)		H King/T Lane		
MON 4th	9.30 am @Hethe		Advent Feria			
	12 noon	Jim O'Leary (RIP)		M Daniel	Sr Rose	
	7.00 pm	YOUTH MEETING				St JPll Centre
TUE 5th	9.30 am	Jim O'Leary (RIP)	Feast of St Birinus, B	C St John	J Kokore	
WED 6th	9.30 am	Holy Souls	Advent Feria	J Kokore	Frankie	
THU 7th	8.00 am@School	Holy Souls	Memorial of St Ambrose, B Dr	H King	J Kokore	
	12 noon	Intentions of Janet Marshall				
	7.00 pm	The Chosen - Season 2, Episode 4				St JPll Centre
FRI 8th	9.30 am	Malcolm Wright (RIP)	Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the BVM	Children		
	12 Noon	Edwina Bowers (RIP)		E King		
	7.00 pm	William & Gillian - Special Intentions		H King/L Cleeve		
SAT 9th	11.00 am	FIRST CONFESSIONS				
	4.00 pm @Hethe	People of the Parish	2nd Sunday of Advent			
Vigil Mass	6.00 pm	S & W Hawryluk (RIP)		H Henwood/Sr Sani	Sr Rose	L Hattam
SUN 10th	9.00 am	Annamaria Silvy - 11th birthday Private Intentions (E.K)		P Cousins/S McCarthy	L & R Weaver	C St John/ Volunteer
	11.00 am	Igor Paskowski (RIP)		J Hurst/E Green	Sr Rose/J Kokore	
	2.00-4.00 pm	FESTIVE AFTERNOON TEA				St JPll Centre

This week we pray for...

SANCTUARY LIGHT: The O'Rourke Family
OUR LADY'S LIGHT: The O'Leary Family

Archdiocese of Birmingham: "Our Vision is to be a Catholic Diocese which is faithful to the mission entrusted to us by Jesus Christ, full of missionary disciples who work together responsibly in vibrant communities of faith, joyful in their service of God and neighbour".

Safeguarding: Both our Parishes operate in accordance with Statutory Safeguarding Guidance & the National and Archdioceses policies and procedures at all times. Our Parishes Safeguarding Representatives are:

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Teams for	3/12	10/12	17/12	24/12	31/12
Children lit. (4)	none	3	4	none	none
Coffee 9am (10)	7	8	9	10	1
Coffee 11am (9)5	9	1	2	3	4
Flowers	Anita	none	none	All	All



CHRISTMAS STARS OF REMEMBRANCE AND HOPE

We will once again be decorating our trees with stars in remembrance and hope and invite you to purchase stars for loved ones. Forms can be found at the back of church.

1 star for £3 or 2 for £5.

Please deliver by Sunday 17th December.

LET US PRAY FOR THE SICK AND HOUSEBOUND:

Mary Lynch, Victor Francis, K Cashman, Tim Charles, Helena Nowak & Jean McIntosh.

ROSARY: Daily 25 minutes before Mass starts.

DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET: Every Tuesday at 2.00pm in Church

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

EAST TIMOR COMMUNITY PRAYER: First Sunday of the month at 5.00pm @ Ursuline Convent

HOLY HOUR: Every First Friday from 6.00pm to 7.00pm (Not during Lent)

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.

PENITENTIAL SERIICE: On Monday, 18th December at 7.00pm. There will be some visiting priests to help us with our confessions as we approach to the festive season. So please make use of the opportunity.

OFFERTORY COLLECTIONS: There are parishioners who give through bank standing order, few others via the Tap & Go machine, *but* many others through the offertory bags. Give whatever you can and simply don't ignore the offertory collectors. In which ever way you contribute financially to the parish, please take the bag as it is passed along and pass it on to the next person. We all need to create a culture of supporting this...*your* parish. *Please give what you can—God Bless You.*

FRIENDS OF THE HOLY LAND SALE The FHL will be here this weekend with a selection of olive wood products and more. Please come and support them and purchase some items. Their mission helps the Christians in the West Bank, Gaza, Israel and Jordan. **Cash or cheque only.**

YOUTH MINISTRY CHRISTMAS MEETING, this Monday December 4th from 7-8.30pm at StJP2. Come and enjoy pizza, snacks and games. Children: Bring along ideas for games to play. Parents/Guardians: monetary contributions to help with the cost of pizza are welcome but not required.

100 CLUB DRAW: £100 Ron and Lucy Weaver (73), £50 Sean Taylor (86) £25 Hilary King (42).

THE CHOSEN: "The Chosen" is a television drama based on the life of Jesus Christ, portraying Jesus "Through the eyes of those who met Him." The fifth episode of Season Two, will take place on **Thursday, 7th December** in St John Paul II Centre at 7pm. All welcome.

FESTIVE AFTERNOON TEA Sunday, 10th December from 2pm-4pm. This event has now sold out! My sincere thanks to Sue and Martin Doherty for their organising this festive afternoon tea.

A SONG FOR CHRISTMAS: Sunday, 17th Dec 6pm. This is a concert performed by Sponne School musicians in a joint fundraising event. The programme will include solo instrumental and vocal items as well as festive small ensemble music, choral items and candlelit Carols. Tickets £10 available from the piety shop/Coles from December 2nd.

RAFFLE: Please deliver the counterfoils with the correct amount as they are sold to the Parish Office by Friday 22nd. The dra takes place on **Sunday, 24th Dec** after the 11 am Mass in St John Paul II Centre.

MASS INTENTIONS: We are currently short of Mass intentions, so please continue to request. Mass envelopes are available from the back of the Church/ Piety Shop or Parish Office.

HOLY TRINITY HETHE 'Monday Films' after 9.30am Mass in St Philip's Hall. All welcome!

HETHE—CHRISTMAS CRIB We plan to erect the crib on Wednesday 20th December at around 10.00am and it takes about one hour. Volunteers are urgently needed from amongst the fit and healthy. Please phone Breff Kelly (01280 7025000) if you can make it.

ADVENT WALK WITH ME BOOKLETS & ADVENT CALENDARS These are now available from the back of church. Donations appreciated.

BICESTER FOOD BANK—CHRISTMAS REQUEST New toys, wrapping paper, toiletries, cakes, mince pies, selection boxes. Please consider other extra food. Place in the container at the back of the Church or deliver to the Food Bank , The Beacon, Wesley Lane.

REFUGEE SUPPORT GROUP has some still outstanding needs for the Afghan families, nine families are expected before Christmas. See poster at the back of church. Thank you in advance for any contributions.

Parish Environmental Recycling Tip of the Week: Christmas: Use plain brown paper or reusable gift bags for wrapping Christmas presents. Make gift tags from last year's Christmas cards. Use Washi Paper Tape (available from Bicester Green) instead of plastic sell tape.

COP 28 30TH NOVEMBER - 12TH DECEMBER COP28 will take place in UAE and is a prime opportunity to rethink, reboot, and refocus the climate agenda. For more information visit www.cop28.com

SYMPATHY Please pray for the repose of the soul of Irene Ziegart. Aged 81yrs. Irene's body will be received into church on Thursday, 14th December at 4pm and a Requiem Mass will be held on Friday 15th December at 12 Noon. *May she rest in peace.*

MASS TIMES

Christmas Eve - Sunday 24th December

2.00 pm - Bicester

6.00 pm - Bicester

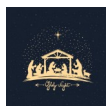
8.00 pm - Hethe

11.30 pm - Carols followed by

Midnight Mass - Bicester

Christmas Day - Monday, 25th December

9 am & 11 am - Bicester



Dates to remember

December

9th First Confessions in Church at 11 am

10th: Festive Afternoon Tea in St John Paul II Centre at 2pm

14th Carol Service - St Mary's School at 6pm in Church

17th Carol Concert - Sponne School at 6pm in Church

18th Penitential Service & Confessions at 7pm in Church

24th: Christmas Raffle Draw after 11 am Mass in St Paul II Centre

26th: Altar Servers Mass & Social after 12 noon Mass



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 porch. If you pay tax, please consider Gift Aiding your donation. Each time you make a subsequent donation using the same card, Gift Aid will be collected automatically.

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Financial Information

SECOND COLLECTIONS

2nd/3rd December: Parish Maintenance

9th/10th December: Poor Parishes Fund

17th/18th December: Parish Maintenance

23rd/24th December: Parish Maintenance

Church	First Collection	National Youth	Standing Orders	Tap & Go Donations	Mass Attendance
Bicester	£295.10	£195.51	£1165	£113	429
Hethe	£51	£22	£170		27

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



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