



The Catholic Parishes of Immaculate Conception @BICESTER

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Holy Trinity Hethe

27th Sunday in ordinary time (A)
4th October 2020

II. BAPTISM IN THE ECONOMY OF SALVATION

Christ's Baptism: 1223 All the Old Covenant prefigurations find their fulfilment in Christ Jesus. He begins his public life after having himself baptized by St. John the Baptist in the Jordan.¹⁷ After his resurrection Christ gives this mission to his apostles: "Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you."¹⁸

1224 Our Lord voluntarily submitted himself to the baptism of St. John, intended for sinners, in order to "fulfill all righteousness."¹⁹ Jesus' gesture is a manifestation of his self-emptying.²⁰ The Spirit who had hovered over the waters of the first creation descended then on the Christ as a prelude of the new creation, and the Father revealed Jesus as his "beloved Son."²¹

1225 In his Passover Christ opened to all men the fountain of Baptism. He had already spoken of his Passion, which he was about to suffer in Jerusalem, as a "Baptism" with which he had to be baptized.²² The blood and water that flowed from the pierced side of the crucified Jesus are types of Baptism and the Eucharist, the sacraments of new life.²³ From then on, it is possible "to be born of water and the Spirit"²⁴ in order to enter the Kingdom of God.

See where you are baptized, see where Baptism comes from, if not from the cross of Christ, from his death. There is the whole mystery:

Dean of Banbury Deanery & Parish Priest:

Very Rev. Canon John Y Batthula BA, MA, Dip. Cat., MA Ed

Assistant Priest: **Fr Robert Carey**

Retired Priest: **Rev. Fr. Pat Armstrong**

Parish Deacons:

Rev Mr Michael Panejko MA: 01869 246 459

Rev Mr Nick St John: 01869 246 787

Parish Sisters: **Sr Rose, Sr Sani & Sr Anu:** 01869 327 689

Parish Safeguarding: **Elizabeth Green** email: safeguardinbicester@gmail.com

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he died for you. In him you are redeemed, in him you are saved.²⁵

Baptism in the Church: 1226 From the very day of Pentecost the Church has celebrated and administered holy Baptism. Indeed St. Peter declares to the crowd astounded by his preaching: "Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins; and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit."²⁶ The apostles and their collaborators offer Baptism to anyone who believed in Jesus: Jews, the God-fearing, pagans.²⁷ Always, Baptism is seen as connected with faith: "Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved, you and your household," St. Paul declared to his jailer in Philippi. And the narrative continues, the jailer "was baptized at once, with all his family."²⁸

(To be continued) (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*)

OCTOBER	TIME	IMMACULATE CONCEPTION & HOLY TRINITY	
SATURDAY 3RD	10.00 AM at Hethe	Intentions of Mary & Cyril Evans	27th Sunday in Ordinary Time A
	6.00 PM IC	Maurizo Okely (RIP) & Mary-Anne Last (RIP)	
SUNDAY 4TH	9.30 PM IC	Rose McKeon (RIP)	
	11.00 AM IC	For all God's Creatures	
	6.00 PM IC	People of God	
MONDAY 5TH	9.30 AM IC	Mary Bautista (RIP)	
	11.00 AM	Funeral Service of William Greenall (RIP)	At Oxford Crematorium
TUESDAY 6TH	9.30 AM IC	Intentions of Jiri Franta	
	2.00 PM	Divine Mercy Devotions	In Foynes Memorial Garden
	7.00 PM	Rosary - Zoom Platform	
WEDNESDAY 7TH	9.30 AM IC	Mary-Anne Last (RIP)	Memorial of Our Lady of Fatima
THURSDAY 8TH	9.30 AM IC		
	7.00 PM	Scripture Group meets—ZOOM Platform	
FRIDAY 9TH	9.30 AM @ School	Wellbeing of the Staff and Pupils	Feast of St John Henry Newman P
	12 Noon IC		
SATURDAY 10TH	10.00 AM at Hethe	Intentions of Mary & Cyril Evans	28th Sunday in Ordinary Time A
	6.00 PM IC	Elizabeth Ann Thompson (RIP)	
SUNDAY 11TH	9.30 AM IC	Margaret Hanna (RIP)	
	11.00 AM IC	Thanksgiving - Evelyn Lanteri (B'day)	
	6.00 PM IC	People of God	

PARISH GIVING A BIG "THANK YOU" to all who have signed up to new Standing Orders (Direct Debit). Donations can also be made online to either of our two parishes through the Archdiocesan Website: www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk/support-our-work. Select either "BICESTER" or "HETHE" on the dropdown menu and follow instructions. Alternatively, use your Offertory Envelopes each week. These can be placed in the donation box in church, or, if you would like to sign up for Standing Order, use the following details: NatWest Bank, Account No: 02342731; Sort Code: 51 70 15. Standing order forms can also be downloaded from the diocesan website above and then posted to me, Canon John Batthula, Henley House, 12 Causeway, Bicester OX26 6AW.

NHS TRACK AND TRACE APP If you have a smart phone you will now be able to register using our QR codes in both of our churches when you attend Mass. The codes are on display as you enter. Using QR codes should reduce queues at the church doors. A QR code allows members of the public who have downloaded the app onto their smartphones to keep a record within their phone of the places they have been to, and to receive public health messages quickly. This is designed to make it quicker and easier to trace contacts of those who contract Covid, with a view to slowing the spread of the virus. Anyone who does not have a smartphone can provide their contact details, as previously, to the stewards when they attend.

GUIDELINES FOR STEWARDS

Please arrive half an hour before Mass commences to prepare and allow time afterwards to assist in vacating church of parishioners and sanitising all touched areas.

Please close the main doors as the Mass commences.

Always observe the one way system, entrance is via Main doors, exit via side door via Memorial Garden.

Assist with managing procession for Holy Communion.

Direct visitors to assigned seats/seating areas. Same households and bubbles are allowed to be seated together. Remember to give our Parish newsletter and remind them that they can place their offering/donation into the casket at the entrance or the exit. **No one should be allowed to stand at the back of the Church.**

GUIDELINES FOR PARISHIONERS Please make sure that you follow the instructions of the stewards and all signage that is in place. If you arrive for Mass and you do not have a face covering you will not be allowed entrance (unless you are asthmatic or under 5). The celebrant will be obliged to stop mass if this obligation is ignored. Please be aware that the Church will be closed after each Mass **and there are no toilet facilities available.** Offerings/Donations can be placed in the casket/collection box at the entrance or exit. We provide a separate Lectern for the reader. **All Lectors please sanitize your hands before and after.**

The Celebrant will not wear a face covering until it is time for the distribution of Holy Communion, but they will at that point.

Stewards will guide people forward for Holy Communion or a blessing. We would also like to remind people that their mask must cover their mouth and nose at all times, except to place the Eucharist/Holy Communion in your mouth. (On approach remove face covering, stretch out hands, receive Holy Communion, move across, consume, re-apply face covering and return to place.)

Do not congregate either inside or outside of church before or at the end of Mass. Please maintain silence before and after Mass. The social distance of 1m Plus must be observed at all times, including before and after Mass.

MASS AT HETHE IS ON SATURDAY'S AT 10 AM.

If you would like to go for Mass at Holy Trinity, please contact Breff Kelly on 01280 702 500 or email him: breffkelly@gmail.com

Please place your offering in the basket as you leave the Church through the Sacristy Door.

RIDE & STRIDE 2020: Sincere thanks to the Owens family, Kevin d'Silva, Michael Manetta and Auguste, Clement and Magdalena Kelly who Rode & Strode for the parish on 12th September. With their generous sponsors they raised a record sum of £600.

PIETY SHOP: Mass cards, prayer books and other souvenirs. Although currently closed, orders can be placed via email to the parish office and collected and paid for at Mass times or by arrangement.

CAKE AND PRODUCE STALL: My sincere thanks to Jackie Flynn for organising Cake and Produce sale, and I also would like to thank Les Cleeve for assisting Jackie in making it a very successful fundraising event. Very special thanks also to all those who baked and supported the event. Total raised £552.79. Very many thanks. As this event has

been so successful, so we are going to have another event on Sunday 22nd November. I look forward to your support and co-operation.

PRESBYTERY Extensive essential maintenance works involving the roof, kitchen, dining room and bathrooms will be taking place in the presbytery over the next couple of months.

Preparation for the Sacraments of Reconciliation, 1st Holy Communion and Confirmation 2020/21.

All children who **do not attend St Mary's School** please contact Clare St John (Parish Catechist) and Deacon Nick at nick.f.stjohn@btinternet.com or the Parish Office. We will be setting up some sessions for children and parents via Zoom video link. **Parents of St Mary's children please do not contact the school. The school will send you the required information.**

Reconciliation Commitment Masses over weekend of the 11th October and 18th October 6pm (Saturday evening) 9:30am and 6pm Sunday

Confirmation Commitment Masses over the weekend of 22nd and the 29th November 6pm (Saturday evening) 9:30am and 6pm Sunday.

Holy Communion Commitment Masses over the weekend of 31st January and 7th February 6pm (Saturday evening) 9:30am and 6pm Sunday.

BAPTISMS: Although some restrictions are still in place we are able to celebrate Baptisms. We cannot unfortunately offer group Baptisms, or Baptisms within the Mass or indeed on a Sunday at the moment. If you would prefer to wait until a later date, then then that is perfectly fine. However, if you would like your child's baptism in the coming weeks then please send me some preferred dates on either of these following days and times: **Fridays between 1-3pm & Saturdays between 12-3pm.** Please note that currently up to only 6 people will be able to attend and that regulations must be adhered to whilst in church.

MONTH OF THE HOLY ROSARY: During this month of the Holy Rosary, I would like to invited parishioners to say the rosary at home as a family. Here in Church we will do so at 9.10 am from Monday to Thursday and on Friday at 11.40 am.

HOLY HOUR: Friday is the feast day of St John Henry Newman and in the evening in his honour we will have Holy Hour from 6.00pm to 7.00pm. It will be livestreamed and you are welcome to come along to Church as well.

Prayer for the "Year of the Word"

Living God, you walk alongside us and speak to us throughout the Scriptures. Your Son, Jesus Christ, listens to our hopes and fears and shows us how to live for one another. Send us the Holy Spirit to open our hearts and minds so that we may be your witnesses throughout the world. **Amen**

V. Your word is our path and your truth is our light.

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Lectors	4/10	11/10	18/10
Saturday 6pm	L Cleeve	P Sims	P Sims & C McArdle
Sunday 9.30am	M Brown	S & L Taylor	C Moyse
Sunday 11am	T Lane	H King	N Ward
Sunday 6pm	H King	L Cleeve	H King



Church	Loose	Gift Aid	Total	Cake sale	Attended
Bicester	£ 295.10	£ 149.40	£ 543	£444.50	218
Hethe	£ 77	DD £168	£245		17

Thank you for your ongoing support particularly in these difficult times!

LET US PRAY FOR THE SICK AND HOUSEBOUND:

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



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