



# The Catholic Parishes of Immaculate Conception @ BICESTER

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## Second Sunday of Advent A

4th to 11th December 2022 - Psalm 2

**Pope's Prayer Intention for December : For Volunteer not for profit organisations:** We pray for that these organisations committed to human development find people dedicated to the common good and ceaselessly seek out new paths to international cooperation.



DECEMBER	TIME	INTENTIONS	FEASTS	LECTORS	STEWARDS
<b>SAT 3rd</b>	<b>3.30 pm - 5.45pm</b>	<b>FILIPINO DAY OF PRAYER</b>			
	<i>4 pm @ Hethe</i>	<i>Mary Evans (RIP)</i>	2nd Sunday of Advent	<b>B Kelly</b>	<b>S Wilde/R Deane</b>
<b>Vigil Mass</b>	<b>6.00 pm</b>	Thanksgiving mass - Elizabeth Patulot		<b>Sr Anu/P Sims</b>	<b>McArdle Family</b>
<b>SUN 4th</b>	<b>9.00 am</b>	People of the Parish		<b>L &amp; S Taylor</b>	<b>Andrade Family</b>
	<b>11.00 am</b>	For all newly Baptised/ Marie Ollive (RIP)		<b>H King/M Lawrence</b>	<b>Kokore Family</b>
<b>MON 5th</b>	<i>9.30 am @ Hethe</i>	<b>Wellbeing of Helen McDermott</b>	Advent Feria		
	<b>12 Noon</b>	Francisco Castario Vargas (RIP)		<b>M Daniel</b>	
<b>TUE 6th</b>	<b>9.30 am</b>	Joseph Chinh Tran (RIP)	Advent Feria	<b>Kokore</b>	
<b>WED 7th</b>	<b>9.30 am</b>	Daniel Gallinari (RIP)	Memorial of St Ambrose B D	<b>L Cleeve</b>	
<b>THUR 8th</b>	<b>8.00 am @School Solemnity</b>	Int of Staff & Pupils	<b>Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary</b>		
	<b>7.00 pm</b>	People of the Parish		<b>H King/C St John</b>	
<b>FRI 9th</b>	<b>12 Noon</b>	Dom Gregory Chillman OSB (RIP)	Advent Feria	<b>E King</b>	
<b>SAT 10th</b>	<b>11.00 am</b>	<b>FIRST CONFESSIONS</b>			
	<b>1.00 pm</b>	Joseph Chinh Tran (RIP) (100th Day)			
	<b>2.00 pm</b>	<b>INTERMENT OF ASHES- GODFREY BLAKLEY</b>	<b>MEMORIAL GARDEN</b>		
	<b>2.30pm</b>	<b>INTERMENT OF ASHES - ROBERT PORTER</b>	<b>MEMORIAL GARDEN</b>		
	<i>4 pm @ Hethe</i>	<i>Mary Evans (RIP)</i>		<b>R Deane/ B Kelly</b>	<b>S Wilde/R Deane</b>
<b>Vigil Mass</b>	<b>6.00 pm</b>	Intentions of Ursuline Sisters	3rd Sunday of Advent	<b>Sr Anu/Sr Sani</b>	<b>A Mutton</b>
<b>SUN 11th</b>	<b>9.00 am</b>	People of the Parish		<b>M Daniel/L Cleeve</b>	<b>Brown Family</b>
	<b>10 am - 2pm</b>	<b>CHRISTMAS FAYRE</b>	<b>ST JOHN PAUL II CENTRE</b>		
	<b>11.00 am</b>	Peter King (RIP)		<b>J Franta/A Kearsley</b>	<b>Orleans Family</b>
	<b>6.00 pm</b>	A Song for Christmas with Sponne Musicians	You may pay at the Door		

**DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET:** Every Tuesday at 2.00pm in Church

**BAPTISMS/WEDDINGS:** Please contact the Parish Office through email or phone call to make necessary arrangements.

**CONFESSIONS:** Hethe: *Every 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

**ROSARY:** Everyday 25 minutes before Mass starts.

**URSULINE LAY ASSOCIATES MEETING:** 2nd Wednesday of every month at 2pm @ Ursuline Convent

This week we pray for...

SANCTUARY LIGHT:

OUR LADY'S LIGHT: Kevin Anil Thomas (For protection & Wisdom)

LET US PRAY FOR THE SICK AND HOUSEBOUND:

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

PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES MAY 2023: Parish pilgrimage to Lourdes takes place from 25th to 31st May 2023. Half board £789 per person sharing a room. If you prefer a single room, it will cost an extra £247 and single rooms are limited. Flights from London Stansted to Lourdes. Booking forms can be obtained from the back of the Church or Parish Office. If you need more information, please get in touch with me.

SILENCE IN CHURCH: Please may I remind everyone to be mindful of other people who are praying in Church before & after Mass. Make sure your mobiles are switched off & also not to speak during Mass itself.

MEMBERSHIP OF 100 CLUB: To subscribe to the 100 club contact paulcous@yahoo.com, or tel. 242838 for details of how to play - costs £5 per month, £60 for the year, please arrange BACs to Sort Code: 51 70 15. Acc. No: 02342731 and inform the Parish Office. Numbers can be bought as gifts—make great Christmas presents!

CHRISTMAS RAFFLE: Each book (5 tickets) £5. 1st prize- £100; 2nd - Christmas Hamper; 3rd - £25 and other prizes. Payments and stubbs to be returned to Sr Anu at the Parish Office. The draw will take place on Sunday, 18th December after 11 am Mass.

CHRISTMAS FAYRE: The Christmas Fayre will take place next Sunday after 9 am Mass in St John Paul II Centre. Donations of bottles, tombola prizes (good gifts/tins/new items of any sorts) & cakes are needed. We need help on the day so please add your names to the list at the back of church in order to make this event a successful one!

CHRISTMAS STARS Two Christmas Trees of Remembrance and Hope will be erected on to the Sanctuary this year and you are invited to purchase stars for loved ones. Forms will be available with the bulletins from next weekend and at the back of church. Please complete and deliver to the Parish Office or to the Sisters. 1 star £3 - 2 stars for £5. Funds raised will go towards church flowers at Christmas. Thank you for your support.

HOLY TRINITY HETHE. Saturday 9th Dec: Vigil Mass at 4.00pm. No teas. Monday 12th Dec: 9.30am Mass followed by films in St Philip's Hall. Tuesday 13th Dec to Friday 16th Dec inc. Rosary at 9.30am.

JOINT CAROL SERVICE between Holy Trinity and St Edmund and St George, to be held at Holy Trinity on Sunday, 18th December at 6pm, please support this event. Refreshments will be served after the service in St Philips Hall.. All welcome.

SYMPATHY: Mary Evans' Requiem Mass will be held on Thursday, 15th December at 12 noon, followed by burial at Holy Trinity, Hethe, cemetery. May she rest in peace.

COFFEE MORNING AT HETHE: Is on Monday, 12th December, 10am to 12pm, all welcome.

MONTHLY COFFEE MORNING: My sincere thanks to all those who supported our coffee morning throughout this year. Next one is on Friday 3rd February 2023. All welcome.

A SONG FOR CHRISTMAS WITH SPONNE MUSICIANS Next Sunday at 6pm here in church. Tickets £10 available from the Piety Shop. All proceeds towards Sponne Music Dept and Church Funds.

PIETY SHOP Christmas cards, candles gifts, and other religious items now available. New selection of occasional cards also in stock.

HELP AT CHRISTMAS: We have been approached with offers of food those in our parish community who may be in need of extra support this Christmas. If anyone is in need of support, please contact the Parish Office or me on a confidential basis.

FIRST CONFESSIONS: This coming Saturday at 11 am in Church. This is for all children who will be making their First Holy Communion in May 2023. I look forward to seeing you all.

ADVENT PENITENTIAL SERVICE: On Monday, 19th December at 7pm. I have invited some of our neighbouring priests to help us to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation by hearing our confessions. A great opportunity to prepare ourselves for the celebrations of Our Lord's Nativity at Christmas.

Table with 6 columns: Teams for, 4/12, 11/12, 18/12, 25/12, 1/1. Rows include Children lit. (4), Coffee 9am (10), Coffee 11am (7), and Flowers.

ALTAR SERVERS: All servers will be renewing their commitment as members of the guild of St Stephen on Monday 26th December during 12 Noon Mass. Some of the new servers will be presented with their bronze medal.

PARISH ENVIRONMENTAL GROUP Please go to: https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/17mllugLG7xMr3dNHVR2odxt1MetVs\_RK0fY40HYO\_3s/edit?usp=sharing for details.

BICESTER UKRAINIAN COMMUNITY SUPPORT GROUP (BUCS) are a group of volunteers who assist Ukrainian guests who have arrived here in the local area. We meet weekly at Southwold Community Hall from 11am-1pm where we provide English lessons, activities for adults and children, support and information for guests and hosts. We also have a free clothing unit which has just moved from the Convent to the McKay Unit on Station Approach near Bicester Village train station. There a team receive, sort and distribute donations of clothing and essential items to any refugees in need. We are always in need of volunteers to join the team. If you can spare a couple of hours a week please contact Lucia at the Parish Office.

CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES. Christmas Eve Saturday, 24th December. 2.00pm @ Bicester (Underwood family), 4.00 pm @ Holy Trinity, Hethe, 6.00pm @ Bicester (9 am Choir), 12 Midnight Bicester (11 am Choir). Christmas Day Sunday, 25th December. 9.00 am @ Bicester, 11 am @ Bicester (11 am Choir).

Dates to remember

- 15th December: Carol Service in Church - St Mary's Pupils
16th Christmas Raffle Draw after 11 am Mass in the Centre
19th December : Advent Penitential Service & Confessions at 7pm
18th March 2023: Sacrament of Confirmations Mass at 6 pm
23rd March 2023: Diamond Jubilee Celebrations @ 7pm - Archbishop
13th May : First Holy Communions ( For non St Mary's ) 11 am
PLEASE NOTE CHANGE OF DATE PREVIOUSLY ADVERTISED DUE TO THE KINGS CORONATION ON 6/5/23
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 Bathula: 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.

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Financial Information

SECOND COLLECTIONS

3rd/4th Dec—Poor Parishes
10th/11th Dec. Parish Maintenance
18th/19th Dec. Christmas Flowers



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