



The Catholic Parishes of Immaculate Conception @BICESTER

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Second Sunday of Advent C 5th December 2021 Psalter 2 Month of the Immaculate Conception

Year of St Joseph



2020 - 8th December 2021

DECEMBER	TIME	INTENTIONS	FEASTS	LECTORS	STEWARDS
SAT 4TH	4.00 PM	Holy Souls	SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT		R Dean & S Wilde
	6.00 PM	Bernardo Santiago B'day & Jiri Franta Senior (RIP)		Sr Anu & Rufus	B & K McFall
SUN 5TH	9.00 AM	People of the Parish		C St John	L & C Cleeve
	11.00 AM	David Costar (RIP)		T Lane & I Ziegart	Poole & Marshall
MON 6TH	9.30 AM@ Hethe		Advent Feria	R Deane	R Dean & S Wilde
	10AM—4PM	EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMET	DAY OF PRAYER AT HETHE		
	4.00PM	BENEDICTION			
TUE 7TH	9.30 AM	Intention of Hopkins Family		J Kokore	R & R Deane
WED 8TH	8.30 AM	Crisostomo Ramos (RIP)	Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception	Sisters	L Cleeve
	7.00PM	Kathleen Webb (Sick)			
THUR 9TH	8.00 AM @ School		Advent Feria		
	12 NOON	Marie Ollive (RIP)		H King	J Kokore
FRI 10TH	12 NOON	Intentions of the Jones Family		N Ward	Frankie
SAT 11TH	11.00 AM	FIRST CONFESSIONS	IN CHURCH		
	4.00 PM @ Hethe		THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT		R Deane & S Wilde
	6.00 PM	People of the Parish			Thompson Family
SUN 12TH	9.00 AM	George Lloyd (RIP)			L & C Cleeve
	11.00 AM	Mr Rowland (RIP)			Kokore Family
	6.00PM	CHRISTMAS CONCERT			



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 December: Catechesis: Let us pray for catechists, summoned to announce the Word of God: may they be its witnesses, with courage & creativity & in the power of the Holy Spirit

This week we pray for...
Cleeve Family - SANCTUARY
McLaughlin Family - OUR LADY'S LIGHT



LET US PRAY FOR THE SICK AND HOUSEBOUND:

K Cashman, Tim Charles, Joyce Thornley,
 Mary Ashley, John Dunn & Helena Nowak.

COVID—UPDATE Due to the recent uncertain situation regarding the new covid variant and especially as we approach Christmas, I suggest that we make **mask wearing mandatory once again**. We do not want to be in the position to have to change our plans for our Christmas celebrations and need to do what we can to keep ourselves and others safe. I also continue to respectfully request that no gatherings/chatting etc, take place around mass times within the church and ask that you please vacate the church **promptly** to allow the stewards to sanitise the church immediately after Masses. The hand sanitisers continue to be available for all, please remember to sanitise your hands on entry and exit. Lets keep each other safe. Thank you for your cooperation with this.

ADVENT DAY OF PRAYER AT HETHE: On Monday, beginning with Mass at 9.30am and ending with Benediction at 4.00pm. Refreshments will be on hand in St Philip's Hall throughout the day. "Advent is a time of vigilance, prayer and conversion" St John Paul II.

RCIA: The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults Course for those wishing to become a Catholic or those who wish to know more about our faith, is taking place every Tuesday from 7.30pm to 8.30pm at Centre.

"LISTENING & WALKING TOGETHER": The next session on Zoom Platform is on Tuesday 7th December at 7.00pm. Please follow the link. <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/5777711999?pwd=THBBb05rV1NRRURGbWILUTdmZyY1UT09> Meeting ID: 577 771 1999, Passcode: 4upBK0. Thank you to all who attended last week and for your participation. The session on Tuesday will be for those who were unable to attend last week. I look forward to seeing you there.

CHRISTMAS CONCERT: Following on from the success of the "A Song for Christmas" performance in December 2019, musicians from Sponne School will be performing in the Church once again this year on **Sunday 12th December**. The **concert will start at 6pm** and will include a programme of sole instrumental and vocal items including works by Brahms, Mozart, Lloyd Webber, Poulenc, Vivaldi and Batach as well as choral items & a festive finale of candlelit Carols. Tickets are on sale from the Piety Shop & Cole Books priced £10 (£5 for under 16). Proceeds will go to Church Maintenance & Spoon School Music department.

BGN CAROL SERVICE Tuesday, 14th December at 7:30 at St John the Evangelist Church. It will include a range of traditional and modern carols sung by the BGN school choir in four parts and will include readings and congregational singing. All are welcome.

MISSIO/APF As we approach the end of the year we would be grateful if you could empty or return your red boxes and deliver to the parish office or Piety Shop. Empty boxes can be found at the back of church. Thank you.

ADVENT WALK WITH ME BOOKLETS and children's advent calendars are now available - donations for these gratefully received.

Winners 100 club for November drawn Sat 27th November by Canon John. 1. Deacon Nick & Clare St John £100; 2. Fred Thornley £50; 3. John Hanna £25. There are now only 4 numbers available: contact paulcous@yahoo.com, or tel.01869 242838 for details of how to play - costs £5 per month, £60 for the year.

URSULINE LAY ASSOCIATES: Will meet at 2pm on Wednesday, Solemnity of Immaculate Conception at Ursuline Convent for their monthly Holy Hour, Confessions and Refreshments.

CHRISTMAS RAFFLE: Thank you for your support. Total raised £825 and prizes and tickets expenses £225. Amount for the parish £600.00. Please collect prizes from the piety shop.

PIETY SHOP Boxed Christmas cards have sold out, however single ones available along with lots of other gifts. Please do pop in.

ADVENT MARKET Many thanks to Jackie and all who helped make the market a success and who supported the event through donations, and coming along on the day, special thanks to those who came along on Sunday to support our fundraising efforts. Total raised £ 1903.55.

STARS OF REMEMBRANCE AND HOPE Stars to adorn our Christmas trees will be available this year. Forms are available at the back of church. Please return by Friday 19th December.

COFFEE MORNING Thanks to all who came along to the last coffee morning of the year and to all who supported throughout the year. Next one: 7th Jan 2022.

CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES

Hethe:

Christmas Eve: 4.00pm

Christmas Day: at 9.00am

Bicester

Christmas Eve: 2.00 pm, 6.00 pm; 9.00 pm & 12 Midnight

Christmas Day: 9am & 11 am.

CHRISTMAS MASSES - STEWARDS (TASKS INVOLVED: WELCOMING, OFFERTORY COLLECTION AND SANITISING AFTER MASS) ARE DESPERATELY NEEDED TO ASSIST AT ALL MASSES.

LECTORS— THERE ARE STILL A FEW GAPS TO FILL. PLEASE ADD YOUR NAMES TO THE LIST AT THE BACK OF CHURCH. THANK YOU.

Dates to remember

Monday 6th Dec. Advent Day of Prayer at Hethe from 9.30 am

Saturday 11th Dec: First Confessions in Church at 11 am

Monday 20th Dec: Penitential Service/Confessions at 7.00pm

Saturday 5th March 2022: Sacrament of Confirmation at 6pm

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

Grateful Givers

Financial Information
SECOND COLLECTIONS
 4th/5th Dec: Poor Parish in the archdiocese of Birmingham
 11th/12th Dec. Parish Maintenance

Church	Loose £	Second Collection	Standing Orders	Total	Attended
Bicester	£231.78	£135.60	£1100	£1467.38	260
Hethe	£20	£	£196	£216	17

PARISH GIVING

BICESTER <https://portal.mydona.com/assets/webPay/index.php?cid=528>

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:

Sort code: 60-08-40 Acc. No. 75459760. Canon John Y Batthula.

You can also donate by scanning the QR code with your phone

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God Bless you for your generosity during these difficult times!



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

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