



The Catholic Churches of Immaculate Conception with Holy Trinity



Henley House, 12 Causeway, Bicester OX26 6AW

www.immaculate-conception.org.uk

The Parish is part of the Archdiocese of Birmingham: Registered Charity No: 234216

**14th Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)
5th July 2020**

Dear Parishioners

We are pleased to announce that the Immaculate Conception Church is reopened for public Masses.

As you will no doubt expect, that we have gone to great lengths to ensure the safety of every visitor & parishioner who come to our Church to participate in Mass or just come and spend some time in private prayer. So as a result, we have created a number of measures that require all of you to follow, when coming to Church. All this is for everyone's safety and wellbeing. The Church has reduced capacity due to social distancing regulations. I recommend that you arrive 30 minutes before Mass to enable the stewards sufficient time to implement health and safety measures. From next weekend, places in Church will be allocated on a first come first served basis.

First of all, remember that the Sunday obligation remains suspended.

The Archdiocese has decided that it will permit social distancing of 1 metre plus in our Churches
SUBJECT TO COMPULSARY WEARING OF FACE

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**
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Head Teacher: **Miss. P. Pickering** Tel: 01869 252 035
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COVERING. 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.

**Church will be closed after each Mass.
Toilets will remain closed**

If you wish to make your confession, you will need to make an appointment to see me in the Presbytery garden. You do this by contacting the office .

From next weekend all Masses are celebrated with parishioners.

**God bless you
Canon John Y Batthula**

JULY	TIME	IMMACULATE CONCEPTION	INFORMATION	HOLY TRINITY
SATURDAY 4TH	6.00 PM	People of God	Public Mass	Feria
SUNDAY 5TH	9.30 PM	People of God	Livestream only	14th Sunday A
	11.00 AM	Paul Selwood (RIP)	Public Mass	
MONDAY 6TH	9.30 AM		Livestream only	Feria
TUESDAY 7TH	9.30 AM	Ron Juth (RIP)	Public Mass	Feria
	4pm - 6PM	Church is opened for private prayer		
WEDNESDAY 8TH	9.30 AM	Frank Ward (RIP)	Livestream only	Feria
	12 NOON	Exposition of Blessed Sacrament & Midday Prayers		
THURSDAY 9TH	9.30 AM	John Harte (RIP)	Public Mass	Feria
	4PM - 6PM	Church is opened for private prayer		
	7.00 PM	Scripture Group meets—ZOOM Platform		
FRIDAY 10TH	12 NOON	Bill O'Mahony (RIP)	Public Mass	Feria
SATURDAY 11TH			Public Mass	10.00 AM
	6.00 PM	Willie & Nellie Lawlor (RIP)	Public Mass	15th Sunday A
SUNDAY 12TH	9.30 AM	Deceased member of Clarke's family (Mr & Mrs C)	Public Mass	
	11.00 AM	Thanksgiving Mass Francis Joseph—Birthday	Public Mass	
	6.00 PM	People of God	Public Mass	

Brief reflections on this weekend's Liturgy of the Word:

At times we all find life difficult. We become overburdened with problems and worries. We often use these as an excuse for not turning to Christ. In today's Gospel Christ tells us to bring all our burdens to him and he will give us comfort, peace, and strength. Let us come to him with love and trust.

First Reading (Zechariah 9:9- 10). The people are urged to rejoice because when their messianic leader comes, he will not come as a proud warrior, but as a humble and gentle champion of peace.

Second Reading (Romans 8:9.11-13). St Paul says that we have the Spirit living in us. With the help of the Spirit we can live lives that are worthy of our great dignity.

Gospel (Matthew] :25-30). It is the little people, those who are humble and gentle of heart, who receive the blessings of Christ.

PARISH GIVING A BIG "THANK YOU" to all who have signed up to new Standing Orders (Direct Debit). You can now donate online to either of our two parishes through the Archdiocesan Website. Select either "BICESTER" or "HETHE" on the dropdown menu. www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk/support-our-work 2. Use your Offer-tory Envelopes each week. Please place in the donation Box. 3. If you would like to sign up for Standing Order, forms for this can be down-loaded from the diocesan website above and then posted to me, Canon John Batthula, Henley House, 12 Causeway, Bicester OX26 6AW. 3. **GIFT AID ENVELOPES 2020 -2021:** Please collect them after Mass from Sisters. If you would like, why not arrange a Standing Orders. Bank details: Account No: 02342731; Sort Code: 51 70 15; NatWest.

PRECAUTIONARY DETAILS WHEN COMING TO CHURCH:

The entrance is via main doors, exit via side door - via Memorial Garden.

The wearing of face masks is **compulsory** when coming to Church for private prayer of Mass. You will be refused entry if you do not wear one.

Please follow signage in church and the guidance of the stewards who are there to ensure your safety and social distancing.

*Anyone who is considered vulnerable by the Government either because of age or an underlying health condition **SHOULD NOT** enter Church. If you or anyone in your household has any of the symptoms of Covid-19 no matter how slight, you **SHOULD NOT** enter Church.*

DETAILS OF THE MASS (Please read before attending)

Masses will be shorter than a normal Sunday Mass. There will be no singing, no bidding prayers, a shorter homily and no offertory procession. Your offering can be placed in the casket at the entrance or exit. We will provide a separate Lectern for the reader.

There will be close attention to detail to ensure social distancing and cleanliness during Mass by celebrant and deacon.

After the "Lord I am not worthy to receive you..." the celebrant will raise the host and say, "The Body of Christ" to which the response will be "Amen" and the Holy Communion will be distributed on the hand only in SILENCE.

The Celebrant and Deacon 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. On approach remove face covering, stretch out hands, receive Holy Communion, move across, consume, re-apply face covering and return to place.

OTHER POINTS TO NOTE

As there is no offertory procession.

There will be collection at the entrance and exit

Please consider making an online contribution

Toilets will remain closed

The Choir loft will not be accessible.

Choir area and Our Lady Chapel will not be accessible.

The lighting of candles is permitted.

Please do not touch any statues in and around the Church

It is very important that parishioners do not move around the Church once the steward has shown you to your seat.

There will be no Sacrament of Reconciliation in Church. If you wish to make your confession, you will need to make an appointment to see me in the Presbytery garden. You do this by contacting the office.

The Church will be cleaned after every Mass.

Do not congregate either inside or outside of church before or at the end of Mass.

Remember that the ***Sunday obligation remains suspended.***

Each Mass will continue to be live streamed and available via

<https://mcnmedia.tv/iframe/e8896647923e089406131a3b96e45994de4a89c4>

and via Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/parish.priest.7758>

Mass at Hethe will be from Saturday 11th July at 10 am.

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

I do appreciate and thank you in advance to adhering to what are strict rules and regulations. These are to ensure the safety and protection of your Stewards, Clergy, fellow parishioners and yourselves!

Guidelines for Stewards

Thank you for volunteering as a Steward and making it possible for our churches to reopen to the public.

Please note that following Government guidance on Covid 19 important information is given below:

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.

Masses will take place in Bicester & Hethe: Please see the first page.

Stewards will be required to:

- ◆ Wear a face mask which can be provided if necessary.
- ◆ Ensure all visitors adhere to precautionary measures: wearing masks, social distancing and use of hand gels on entry and exit. It is **compulsory** for all who attend Mass to wear a mask. Anyone not wearing a mask should be politely refused entry.
- ◆ Ensure that at least one metre social distancing is observed.
- ◆ Observe the one way system where ever possible, entrance is via main doors, exit via side door via Memorial Garden.
- ◆ Ensure that the church is well ventilated.
- ◆ Direct visitors to assigned seats/seating areas. Same households and bubbles are allowed to be seated together.
- ◆ Ensure the maximum numbers of visitors is adhered to.
Bicester - for now **60** **Hethe** - For now **15**
- ◆ Assist with managing procession for Holy Communion.
- ◆ Encourage orderly vacating of church after Mass.
- ◆ Thoroughly sanitise all touched areas after each Mass.
- ◆ Each Mass will be live streamed.

NOTE FROM JANET MARSHALL: As we cope with coronavirus in the UK, we think of our brothers and sisters in developing countries who are facing this pandemic with fragile health systems. Food prices have risen, the poorest losing their jobs and income, inadequate health care, washing facilities, limited ability to social distance. We are one Global family. Consider donating to Batthula trust, Aid to Church in Need, Cafod. Sign a petition asking , governments , work together to help those in need. cafod.org.uk/coronaviruscampaign. Syrian refugee Support group is asking for no longer needed, mobile phones, laptops, iPad to help the families with learning. Contact Janet Marshall 244893. Food Bank donate to the shop on Market Square between 10-12 noon.

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.



Online Webcam

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