



The Catholic Parishes of Immaculate Conception @BICESTER

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Holy Trinity Hethe

Archbishop: **The Most Rev Bernard Longley**

Area Episcopal Vicar: **Very Reverend Canon Paul Fitzpatrick**

Dean of Banbury & Warwick Deanery & Parish Priest:

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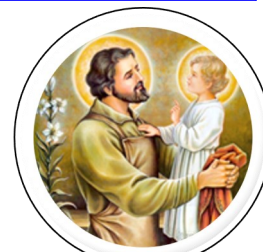


Second Sunday of Lent A


Sunday Cycle A - Weekdays - Season of Lent

4th - 12th March 2023 Psalter 2

Pope's Prayer Intention for March: For victims of abuse. We pray for those who have suffered harm from members of the church; may they find within the Church herself a concrete response to their pain and suffering.



Month of March dedicated to St Joseph

MARCH	TIME	INTENTIONS	FEASTS	LECTORS	STEWARDS
SAT 4TH	Hethe 4.00 pm	Wellbeing of Helen McDermott		B Kelly/ R Deane	S Wilde/R Deane
	6.00 pm	Rose Maria - 16th Birthday - Thanksgiving	2nd Sunday of Lent	C McArdle/A McArdle	K & B McFall
SUN 5th	9.00 am	People of the Parish		C Moyse/E Penhallow	Andrade Family
	11.00 am	John Dunn (RIP)		H King/M Lawrence	Kokore Family
MON 6th	9.30am@Hethe		<i>Lenten Feria</i>	R Dean/B Kelly	
	12 Noon			M Daniel	
TUE 7th	9.30 am		<i>Lenten Feria</i>	L Cleeve	
WED 8th	9.30 am			Year 6 Pupils	
THUR 9th	8am@ School		<i>Lenten Feria</i>		
	12 Noon	Syron & Jeffers Families (RIP)		H King	
FRI 10th	12 Noon	Canon John's 31st anniversary of Priestly Ordination - Thanksgiving Mass	 <i>Lenten Feria</i>	E King	
	7.00 pm	WAY OF THE CROSS			
SAT 11th	Hethe 4.00 pm	Wellbeing of Helen McDermott		B Kelly/ R Deane	S Wilde/R Deane
	6.00 pm	Margret Forsyth (RIP)	3rd Sunday of Lent	C McArdle/R John	M Marrs/P Behan
SUN 12th	9.00 am	Harty Culley (RIP)		L & R Weaver	Brown Family
	11.00 am	People of the Parish		J Franta/A Kearsley	J & M Franta

SPONSORING SANCTUARY LAMPS

These lamps burn perpetually on the sanctuary (Blessed Sacrament) and in the Lady Chapel. £10 per week. Forms available from the Welcomers table.

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 (Not during Lent)

ROSARY: Everyday 25 minutes before Mass starts.

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

PIETY SHOP: Open Friday, Saturday and Sunday around Masses. Mothers Day, St Patricks & Confirmation cards & gifts now available.

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

PARISH OUTREACH GROUP: Please contact the Parish Office if you need some form of practical help -01869 252 277.



This week we pray for...
SANCTUARY LIGHT: Intentions of Marie Oke
OUR LADY'S LIGHT: Swanson Family

LET US PRAY FOR THE SICK AND HOUSEBOUND:

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

SILENCE IN CHURCH: Please may I remind everyone to be mindful of other people who are praying in Church before and after Mass. Make sure that your mobiles are switched off and also not to speak during Mass itself. Why don't you come along to the Centre after Mass to speak to other parishioners while having a cup of tea?

MASS INTENTIONS: My sincere thanks to those who continue to have Masses offered for families and loved ones. We are currently very short of Mass intentions, so please continue to request. Mass envelopes are available from the back of the Church/ Piety Shop or Parish Office.

JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS: On Thursday 23rd March, we as a Catholic Community will mark the three fold celebrations: 80th anniversary of the establishment of the parish, 70th anniversary of Guild of St Stephen in the parish and 60th anniversary of the parish Church. To mark this occasion, our Archbishop, The Most Reverend Bernard Longley will join us and will be the principle celebrant at the Concelebrated Mass, at 7.00pm, followed by light supper in the Centre. I wish to invite all parishioners past, present & school community to join us in our jubilee celebrations. **We need to have an idea for the catering purposes**, how many people will be participating at Jubilee celebrations. The list is at the back of the Church, so please write your name & the number of people who will be coming with you.

CONFIRMATIONS: Sacrament of Confirmation will be celebrated on Saturday 18th March during 6pm Mass. We look forward to welcome Canon Paul Fitzpatrick, our area Episcopal Vicar to our Parish. Let us keep our young people in our prayers.

The Grow Your Faith Group had a good meeting and thank you to all who attended. We hope the discussions will evolve as we share and learn about our faith together. Everyone is invited to our next meeting on Wednesday 15th March, 7.30pm in the St John Paul II Centre.

EASTER RAFFLE TICKETS: Please take a number of books & support the parish in a generous way. First prize: £100; 2nd prize: Hamper; 3rd prize: £25 and many other good prizes.

HOLY COMMUNION SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION

Children/Parent Sessions Saturday 9-10am in St John Paul II Centre: 11th March, 25th March (Parents Session running alongside the children's session), 22nd April.

MONTHLY COFFEE MORNING: Thanks to all those who came along to support. Next Coffee morning is on Friday, 14th April. All welcome.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS: So every Friday during Lent, the Stations of the Cross will be celebrated at 7pm in Church. **Early Mass** at School every Thursday in Lent at 8am. All welcome.

HETHE: Mondays: Mass at 9.30am followed by Bible Study video in St Philip's Hall. Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays: Mid-week Stations of the Cross at 10.00am

TIME TO PRAY WITH THE EUCHARISTIC LORD
 Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 17th March from 10am - 6.35pm
 - Bicester (12 Noon - Mass & 7pm - Stations of the Cross)

100 CLUB: There are now around 10 numbers available: contact paulcous@yahoo.com, or tel.01869 242838 for details of how to play - costs £5 per month, £60 for the year. £100 Tom O'Callaghan (76); £50 Martin Donaghy (78) £25 Peter Sims (13)

MASS FOR MARRIAGES: Are you celebrating a significant wedding anniversary in 2023@ Are you engaged to be married this year? Or would you simply like to give thanks to God for your marriage, and ask for His ongoing blessings? If so, we would like to invite you to attend this year's thanksgiving Mass for Marriage on Saturday 12 Noon, April 29th at St Chad's Cathedral, Birmingham, followed by light refreshments in the Grimshaw Room. Please contact Paul Nathan by emailing: marriage.Mass@rcaob.org.uk or 0121 321 5148.

Come along on: Saturday, 25th March between 2pm-4pm to the St John Paul II Centre, (next door to the Catholic Church) to meet with Hosts, Ukrainian guests and other organisations for hosting information.

Teams for	5/3	12/3	19/3	26/3	2/4
Children lit. (4)	2	3	none	4	
Coffee 9am (11)	9	10	11	1	2
Coffee 11am (7)	5	6	7	1	2
Flowers	None	None	None	None	None

Banbury Cluster Vocations Evening: As a deanery, we are coming together to pray for vocations and I would like to invite you to join me and other clergy and parishioners on Monday, 20th March at St John's Church, Banbury. The Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament from 6pm to 6.50pm, followed by concelebrated Mass at 7pm. Please come along and pray for vocations.

ALTAR SERVERS: I would like to see all our altar servers being available for our Jubilee Mass as I would like all of them serve at this momentous Jubilee Mass of Thanksgiving.

Parish Youth Meeting for Year 6-9: Saturday 25th March 2023, 7pm-9pm: This is the first of our monthly parish youth meetings. It will be great to see all those who came to the November meeting, and anyone else who is interested in coming. It will be held in the Parish Centre. No need to book, just turn up. Parents will need to sign young people into the meeting for Safeguarding reasons. If you would like to find out more, please contact Deacon Nick. phone:01869 46787 or dcn.nick.f.stjohn@rcaob.org.uk

Please note:

Donations of Cloths, to be taken directly to the Centre directly.

PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES MAY 2023: Parish pilgrimage to Lourdes will take place from the 25th to 31st May 2023. Half board £789 per person sharing a room. Single rooms are an extra £247 with limited availability. The flight will be from London Stansted to Lourdes. Booking forms can be obtained from Piety shop or Parish Office, alternatively online via All Saints. If you need more information, please get in touch with me. Online booking: www.allsaintstravel.co.uk/LD0803

HOLY LAND NOVEMBER 2023: Our pilgrimage to the Holy Land will take place from 27th Nov to 4th Dec 2023. Half board £1459 per person sharing a room. Single rooms incur a supplement of £325. Flights from London Luton. Booking forms can be obtained from the Piety Shop or Parish Office. Alternatively you can book online: <https://www.allsaintstravel.co.uk/HL0801>
 Coach transfers from church to airports have yet to be decided upon and will incur extra costs.

Dates to remember

18th March 2023: Sacrament of Confirmations Mass at 6 pm

23rd March 2023: Diamond Jubilee Celebrations @ 7pm

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



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.

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Financial Information

SECOND COLLECTIONS - FEBRUARY

4th/5th March: Cathedral Maintenance

11th/12th; 18th/19th 25th/26th: Lenten Charities



Church	First Collection	Second Collection	Standing Orders	Tap & Go For Parish	Mass Attendance
Bicester	£ 358.42	£ 131.19	£1185	£205	432
Hethe	£32	£	£176	Coffee £65	28



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