



# The Catholic Parishes of Immaculate Conception @BICESTER

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## 1st Sunday of Lent C 6th March 2022 Psalter 1 Sunday's - Year C & Lenten Season Month of St Joseph



MARCH	TIME	INTENTIONS	FEASTS	LECTORS	STEWARDS
<b>SAT 5TH</b>	4.00 PM@ Hethe		<b>1st Sunday of Lent C</b>		S Wilde/R Deane
Vigil Mass	6.00 PM	People of the Parish		Confirmandi	Thompsons
<b>SUN 6TH</b>	9.00 AM	Peter Gajdos (RIP)		A Mutton & T Yarker	C St John & C Conlon
	11.00 AM	Jozefa and Stefan Wierzchowsky (RIP)		H King & M Lawrence	M & J Franta
<b>MON 7TH</b>	9.30 AM	John & Doris Kerton (RIP)	Lenten Feria	M Daniel	P Sims & A Farrell
<b>TUE 8TH</b>		<b>NO MASS</b>	Lenten Feria		
<b>WED 9TH</b>	12 NOON	Private Intentions	Lenten Feria	Sister	L & C Cleeve
<b>THUR 10TH</b>	12 NOON	Canon John's 30th Anniversary of Priestly ordination	Lenten Feria	H King	Kokore Family
<b>FRI 11TH</b>		<b>NO MASS</b>	Lenten Feria		
	7.00PM	<b>STATIONS OF THE CROSS</b>			
<b>SAT 12TH</b>	4.00PM@Hethe	Jean Withers (RIP) 1st Anniversary	<b>2nd Sunday of Lent C</b>		S Wilde/R Deane
Vigil Mass	6.00 PM	Robert Duggan (RIP)		B McFall	B McFall & L O'Flynn
<b>SUN 13TH</b>	9.00 AM	People of the Parish		Brown & Penhallow	L & C Cleeve
	11.00 AM	Deceased members of the Evans Family		R Evans & I Ziegart	Kokore Family

### National Dementia Prayer Week, 12-19th March

**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

**Church is open  
for Private Prayer  
Monday to Friday  
9 am to 4pm  
Saturday from 9am to 6.45pm  
Sunday: 8.15 am - 5.00 pm**

Pope's Prayer Intention for March: For a Christian response to bioethical challenges :

We pray for Christians facing new bioethical challenges; may they continue to defend the dignity of all human life with prayer and action.

This week we pray for...

SANCTUARY: Special Intention - Sruthi Susan Varghese  
OUR LADY'S LIGHT: Mary Lynch

**LET US PRAY FOR THE SICK AND HOUSEBOUND:**

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

**UKRAINE** We would like to thank all those who responded so quickly with donations to the appeal made on Thursday. Most of the items were collected on that day and were on route within hours. **How you can help further:** Aid to the Church in Need (ACN) has rushed through plans to send €1 million (more than £830,000) to help the Church in Ukraine. We are therefore asking for your support with this. Donations to be given preferably via our contactless system **Ukraine ANC** to support them so they can support civilians in this terrible crisis. If you can help please give what you can. Alternatively, cash or cheque to 'Immaculate Conception' or donations can be made directly through: <https://acnuk.org/news/ukraine-charity-rolls-out-emergency-aid/>  
**SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATIONS:** Many congratulations to all our young people who received the Sacrament of Confirmation. Sincere thanks are also extended to the catechists and school teachers who helped to prepare them.

**RITE OF ELCTION:** This will take place this Sunday 6th March at 3.00pm, here in church. On Behalf of Archbishop Bishop William and our area Episcopal Vicar, Canon Paul Fitzpatrick will be here to welcome the new converts who will be received in to the full communion of Catholic Church at Easter Vigil Mass. I look forward to welcoming various clergy and the new converts from different parishes from Oxfordshire areas.

**APPEAL FOR AFRICAN MISSIONS:** Father Henry will be making an appeal on behalf of the Africa Missions next weekend in both parishes and at all Masses. I pray that we will be able to assist the missionary work of the Church with our prayers and financially.

**COVID UPDATE :** I encourage everyone to continue to wear a face covering when you come for Mass. I respectfully request that no gatherings/chatting etc, take place within the church and ask that you please vacate the church promptly to allow the stewards to sanitise the church immediately after masses. Please remember to sanitise your hands on entry and exit. Lets keep each other safe.

**THE STATIONS OF THE CROSS:** Stations of the Cross will take place at 7pm every Friday during Lent at the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church.

**HOLY TRINITY, HETHE:** Stations of the Cross, daily, during the week at 9.30 am. I encourage you all as a parish community to participate in the Lenten devotions.

**FAMILY MASS ON MOTHERING SUNDAY:** I would like to invited all families to participate actively at 9am Mass. by volunteering to be involved whether as a Lector, Steward/Welcomer, reading bidding prayers, offertory or collecting offerings. Please contact Nina, who is one of the coordinators for this Mass on [nhendersonandrade@gmail.com](mailto:nhendersonandrade@gmail.com)

**PARISH OUTREACH GROUP:** My sincere thanks to those who have volunteered to join the group. If you would like to join, please add your details to the list. More volunteers are needed. For further information contact the Parish Office.

**WINTER WARMER LUNCH:** Sincere thanks to those who worked hard in preparing and to everyone who helped. Thanks also to those who came along to enjoy. Total raised £569.50. God bless you all.

**COFFEE MORNING:** Thanks to all those who came along to support our monthly coffee morning. Total raised £ 170.00.

**EASTER RAFFLE:** There will be Easter Hamper raffle tickets available from next weekend.

**Winners 100 club for February Sun 27th Feb,** picked by Kian Brown. £100 - 7 - Les Cleeve; £50 - 44 - Conlon Family; £25 - 5 - Brigid Hughes. There are now only 3 numbers available: contact [paulcous@yahoo.com](mailto:paulcous@yahoo.com), or tel.01869 242838 for details of how to play - costs £5 per month, £60 for the year. Numbers available: 43, 49, 54.

**PIETY** St Patricks, Mothers Day & First Holy Communion gifts, Easter cards & items now available. Open Friday, and weekend Mass times.

**CAKE SALE:** On Sunday 20th March after 9 am and 11 am Masses. I look forward to your support.

**PROTECT OUR PLANET:** Weekly tip from our Environmental group: CAFOD:Walk for Hunger during Lent. See notice board for more details.

**BICESTER AND ISLIP DEANERY, PILGRIM PATHS PROJECT Sunday 1st May 2022, 2pm.** Starting from St Edmund and St George, Hethe at 2pm. Tea at Hethe village hall at around 4.30pm.Followed by a short

service in St Edmund and St George. All welcome. For further information please contact [diana.glover@btinternet.com](mailto:diana.glover@btinternet.com)

**PILGRIMAGE TO MADIEGORIE:** From Monday, 26th September to Monday, 3rd October 2022. By Air: London Gatwick; 7 nights and half board £695. For Booking contact: Joseph on 07748638402; Kirsten on 07538147505 or Lisa on 07896946039. For other details see the flyer on the notice board. Booking forms are available from the back of the Church or from the Parish Office.

**ENGLISH CLASSES:** We are looking for a volunteer/s to teach basic English to a small number of foreign (Portuguese speaking) parishioners who have recently joined the parish. If you can help, please speak to me or contact the Parish Office.

**HEALTH & SAFETY REP:** My sincere thanks to Les Cleeve for taking on the role of Parish Health & Safety Representative at the start of the Pandemic. He has put so much effort into it so that the parishioners are safe when they come to church. Les, thank you and God bless you.

**QUEEN'S JUBILEE:** There are plans to organise some celebrations in our Centre. Information to follow.

**2022— Dates to remember**

**Monday 11th April:** Lenten Penitential Service and Confessions

**Saturday 14th May:** First Holy Communions (St Mary's)

**Saturday 21st May:** First Holy Communions (non St Mary's)

**Sunday 19th June:** Eucharistic Procession to Garth Park

**Sunday 3rd July:** Family Day & Presentation of Certificates

**Monday 10th October:** Arrival of St Bernadette's Relics –AM

**Financial Information**

**SECOND COLLECTIONS**

5th/6th Mar: Cathedral Maintenance  
12th/13th Mar: Mission Appeal



Church	Loose	Second Collection Justice Sunday	Standing Orders	Total	Attended
Bicester	£331.10	£110.00	£1100	£1541.10	343
Hethe	£36		£196	£232	21

**PARISH GIVING**

**BICESTER** <https://portal.myдона.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

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



*God Bless you for your generosity during these difficult times!*



**MASS STIPENDS/OFFERINGS:**

Sort code: 60-08-40 Acc. No. 75459760.

Canon John Y Bathula.

**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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