



# The Catholic Parishes of Immaculate Conception @BICESTER

## And Holy Trinity @HETHE

Henley House, 12 Causeway, Bicester OX26 6AW

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**23rd Sunday in ordinary time (A)**  
**6th September 2020**

### The Mass: Structure and Meaning (Source: USCCB)

**Liturgy of the Eucharist:** In the Fraction Rite, the celebrant breaks the consecrated bread as the people sing the *Agnus Dei* or "Lamb of God." John the Baptist proclaimed Jesus as "the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world" (Jn 1:29). The action of breaking the bread recalls the actions of Jesus at the Last Supper, when he broke the bread before giving it to his disciples. One of the earliest names for the Eucharistic celebration is the breaking of the bread.

Before receiving Communion, the celebrant and assembly acknowledge that we are unworthy to receive so great a gift. The celebrant receives Communion first and then the people come forward.

Those who receive Communion should be prepared to receive so great a gift. They should fast (except for medicines) for one hour before receiving the Eucharist and should not be conscious of having committed serious sin.

Because sharing at the Eucharistic Table is a sign of unity in the Body of Christ, only Catholics may receive Communion. To invite all present to receive Communion implies a unity which does not exist. Those who do not receive Communion still participate in this rite by praying for unity with Christ and with each other.

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** email: [safeguardinbicester@gmail.com](mailto:safeguardinbicester@gmail.com)

St Mary's RC Primary School, Queen's Avenue, Bicester, OX26 2NX

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

**Parish Office:** Currently closed. (Monday - Fridays 9am - 4.30pm)

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The people approach the altar and, bowing with reverence, receive Communion. People may receive the Body of Christ either on the tongue or in the hand. The priest or other minister offers the Eucharist to each person saying, "The Body of Christ. The person receiving responds by saying, "Amen," a Hebrew word meaning, "So be it" ( *Catechism of the Catholic Church*, 2856).

As the people receive Communion, the communion song is sung. The unity of voices echoes the unity the Eucharist brings. All may spend some time in silent prayer of thanksgiving as well.

The Communion Rite ends with the Prayer after Communion which asks that the benefits of the Eucharist will remain active in our daily lives. (to be continued)

**God bless you**  
**Canon John Y Batthula**  
Parish Priest & Dean

SEPTEMBER	TIME	IMMACULATE CONCEPTION & HOLY TRINITY	
SATURDAY 5TH	10.00 AM at HT Hethe	People of God	23rd Sunday in ordinary time A
	6.00 PM IC	People of God	
SUNDAY 6TH	9.30 PM IC		
	11.00 AM IC	Cyril & Gertrude Hurst (RIP)	
	6.00 PM IC		
MONDAY 7TH	9.30 AM IC	Canon John's Intentions	Feria
TUESDAY 8TH	9.30 AM IC	Johnson Association	Feast of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary
	2.00 PM	Divine Mercy Devotions	In Father Foynes Memorial Garden
	7.00 PM	Rosary - Zoom Platform	
WEDNESDAY 9TH	9.30 AM IC	Johnson Association	Feria
THURSDAY 10TH	9.30 AM IC		Memorial of Blessed Angellus of Pisa
	7.00 PM	Scripture Group meets—ZOOM Platform	
FRIDAY 11TH	12 Noon IC		Feria
SATURDAY 12TH	10.00 AM at HT Hethe	People of God	24th Sunday in ordinary time A
	6.00 PM IC	Bill & Kitty Hornby & Angela Nelson (RIP)	
SUNDAY 13TH	9.30 AM IC	People of God	
	11.00 AM IC		
	6.00 PM IC		

**PARISH GIVING A BIG "THANK YOU"** to all who have signed up to new Standing Orders (Direct Debit). Donations can also be made online to either of our two parishes through the Archdiocesan Website: [www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk/support-our-work](http://www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk/support-our-work). Select either "BICESTER" or "HETHE" on the dropdown menu and follow instructions. Alternatively, use your Offertory Envelopes each week. These can be placed in the donation box in church, or, if you would like to sign up for Standing Order, use the following details: NatWest Bank, Account No: 02342731; Sort Code: 51 70 15. Standing order forms can also be downloaded from the diocesan website above and then posted to me, Canon John Batthula, Henley House, 12 Causeway, Bicester OX26 6AW.

**NHS TRACK AND TRACE:** Following government advice we now have to request a contact phone number from all those attending Mass, this is in case we need to trace you to inform you of a virus risk. These details will be kept for a period of 21 days, then destroyed. If you do not wish to provide your phone number, you will still be able to attend Mass, but we will still require details of your name.

**GUIDELINES FOR STEWARDS**

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.

Please close the main doors after sign of peace.

**Always observe the one way system, entrance is via Main doors, exit via side door via Memorial Garden.**

Assist with managing procession for Holy Communion.

**Direct visitors to assigned seats/seating areas.** Same households and bubbles are allowed to be seated together. Remember to give our Parish newsletter and remind them that they can place their offering/donation into the casket at the entrance or the exit. **No one should be allowed to stand at the back of the Church.**

**GUIDELINES FOR PARISHIONERS** Please make sure that you follow the instructions of the stewards and all signage that is in place. 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. Please be aware that the Church will be closed after each Mass **and there are no toilet facilities available.** Offerings/Donations can be placed in the casket/collection box at the entrance or exit.

We provide a separate Lectern for the reader. **All Lectors please sanitize your hands before and after .**

The Celebrant 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. We would also like to remind people that their mask must cover their mouth and nose at all times, except to place the Eucharist/Holy Communion in your mouth. (On approach remove face covering, stretch out hands, receive Holy Communion, move across, consume, re-apply face covering and return to place.)

Do not congregate either inside or outside of church before or at the end of Mass. Please maintain silence before and after Mass. The social distance of 1m Plus must be observed at all times, including before and after Mass.

**MASS AT HETHE IS ON SATURDAY'S AT 10 AM.**

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

Please place your offering in the basket as you leave the Church through the Sacristy Door.

**RIDE & STRIDE SATURDAY, 12TH SEPT:** Every year Ride & Stride raises money for the maintenance of north Oxford's historic churches. Participants ride or walk to as many of the participating churches as they can, earning sponsorship for each one they visit (or else take part in some other sponsored activity). We already have a team of volunteers recruited as 'welcomers' to greet and 'sign in' participants as they arrive at Holy Trinity throughout the day. Now we need some fit and active parishioners to sign up for riding and striding and many generous parishioners to sponsor them. Michael Manetta will be riding gently around the environs of Hardwick, Cottisford and Fringford and Kevin D'Silva will be playing cricket in nearby Buckingham and seeks sponsorship for every run he makes. You can also sponsor the 'welcomers' for every hour they are on duty. So please sponsor them all and help make this a record year despite the present difficult circumstances. For further information contact Tim Lane at [tim.lane@live.co.uk](mailto:tim.lane@live.co.uk) / 01869 277523.

**MORE VOLUNTEERS NEEDED AS STEWARDS AT ALL MASSES:** It's not too late to volunteer to help with stewarding at Mass. We need

more Volunteers for Stewarding and cleaning the Church everyday after mass, especially at the weekend masses. Please get in touch with me if you would like to help us.

**CONFIRMATIONS AT HETHE:** Will be taking place on Saturday, 19th September 2020 at 12 Noon. His Lordship, Bishop William will be the principle celebrant.

**CONGRATULATIONS:** I would like to congratulate children who are making their First Holy Communion over the next few weeks.



**PIETY SHOP:** First Holy Communion cards, prayer books and other souvenirs. Although currently closed, orders can be placed via email to the parish office and collected and paid for at Mass times or by arrangement.

**SEASON OF CREATION:** Starts from 1st September to 10th October. Please say a prayer for the Creation and be mindful of our environment. ([www.catholicclimatemovement.global](http://www.catholicclimatemovement.global))

**THANK YOU:** I would like to thank Jackie Flynn for organising the recent Market Stall & outside our Church to raise funds for the parish. Many thanks also to Les Cleeve who kindly assisted her, and to everyone who donated items and came along to support the fundraisings. The total £668 was raised. God bless you all.

**CAKE AND PRODUCE STALL:** The sale of cakes and other produce will be taking place on Sunday, 27th September. All proceeds towards the Parish Funds. Please support generously.

**FATHER HUDSON'S MISSION** On 26-27 September the second collection will be for Father Hudson's Care to support their mission of supporting vulnerable people across the Archdiocese of Birmingham. Father Hudson's reaches out to people of all ages who need support at times of adversity. Please Call 01675 434000 if you would like to donate outside of Mass this year. Please give generously to this worthy cause.

**ST MARY'S SCHOOL:** I was delighted to see the staff and the pupils on their return to school on 3rd September. They all looked happy and expressed their joy to be back at school. I assure them of our prayers and hope that they will be happy and safe in this new academic year. We hope to celebrate a Class Mass on Fridays in School. (Staff & pupils only)

**AUGUST 100 CLUB WINNERS:** £100 Eleanor King 70, £50 Christine Tett 84, £25 Mary Kelly 69. There are still 5 numbers available: 30,50,66,94,96 - contact [paulcous@yahoo.com](mailto:paulcous@yahoo.com), or tel.01869 242838 for details of how to play.

**Prayer for the "Year of the Word"**

Living God, you walk alongside us and speak to us throughout the Scriptures. Your Son, Jesus Christ, listens to our hopes and fears and shows us how to live for one another. Send us the Holy Spirit to open our hearts and minds so that we may be your witnesses throughout the world. **Amen**

**V. Your word is our path and your truth is our light.**

R. This day and every day.

**Our Lady of the Annunciation - Pray for us**

**St Matthew - Pray for us**

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Lectors	6/9	13/9	20/9
Saturday 6pm	L Cleeve	P Sims	P Sims
Sunday 9.30am	M Brown	S L Taylor	C Moyse
Sunday 11am	N Ward	T Lane	H King
Sunday 6pm	H King	H King	L Cleeve



Church	Loose	Gift Aid	Total	Fundraising	People attended
Bicester	£404.42	£ 50.95	£ 455.37	£ 668.00	237
Hethe	£ 25		£25		12

**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.



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