



# The Catholic Parishes of Immaculate Conception @BICESTER

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**Fifth Sunday of Easter**  
**Sunday Cycle A - Weekdays - Easter Season**  
**Week beginning of 6th - 14th May 2023 Psalter 1**  
 Pope's Prayer Intention for May: We pray that Church moments and groups may rediscover their mission of evangelisation each day, placing their own charisms at the service of needs in the world.



Month of May, is dedicated to Mary, the Mother of God and Mother of the Church

MAY	TIME	INTENTIONS	FEASTS	LECTORS	STEWARDS
SAT 6th	4pm@ Hethe	Wellbeing of Helen McDermott & Family	5th Sunday of Easter	B Kelly/ R Deane	S Wilde/R Deane
	6.00 pm	People of the Parish		H Henwood/C McArdle	Thompson Family
SUN 7th	9.00 am	Kaylen Hale (Recovery)		L & S Taylor	Brown Family
	11.00 am	Joan Bridle (RIP)		C Tett/I Ziegart	A Orleans Family
MON 8th	9.30 am@ Hethe	Ints of King Charles III	Easter Feria	B Kelly/ R Deane	
	12 noon	Int. Jackie Flynn (Special Birthday)		M Daniel	
TUE 9th	9.00am	Mark Mackenzie (RIP)	Easter Feria	L Cleeve	
WED 10th	9.30 am	Rachel Smith (RIP)	Easter Feria	J Kokore	
	4.00 pm	Reception of Margaret O'Flynn (RIP)			
	7.30 pm	"GROW YOUR FAITH"	St John Paul II Centre		
THU 11th	9.00 am	Grandchildren Exams (Kerton Family)	Easter Feria	H King	
	10.30 am	Funeral Service of Margaret O'Flynn (RIP)			
FRI 12th	10 am- 11.45am	MONTHLY COFFEE MORNING	St John Paul II Centre		
	12 noon	Judy Moran (RIP)	Easter Feria	E King	
	9.30 am	Baptism—Rian Golding			
SAT 13th	11.00 am	FIRST HOLY COMMUNION MASS			
Vigil Mass	4pm@ Hethe		6th Sunday of Easter	B Kelly/ R Deane	
Vigil Mass	6.00 pm	Eileen Burton (RIP)	Easter Feria	R John/Sr Anu	M Marrs/P Bevan
SUN 14th	9.00 am	People of the Parish		M Daniel/L Cleeve	Andrade Family
	11.00 am	Professor Mike Pomeroy (RIP) Michael & Jane Waine (Wedding Ann) Followed by Baptism—Emily Skowronek		R Evans/E Green	Kokore Family



**ROSARY:** Daily 25 minutes before Mass starts.  
**DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET:** Every Tuesday at 2.00pm in Church  
**BAPTISMS/WEDDINGS:** Please contact the Parish Office through email or phone.





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

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

**HETHE** Monday 8th May, Mass at 9.30am followed by bible study video in St Philip's Hall afterwards. All Welcome.

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNIONS:** First Holy Communions will be held on the following Saturdays: 13th May at 11am for non St Mary's children and 20th May at 11am for St Mary's school children. Let us keep the children in our prayers.

**PIETY SHOP** First Holy Communion gifts and cards now in stock.

**LOURDES PILGRIMAGE** The coach to Stanstead will leave church at 12 noon. £48 per person return. Deliver payments to the Parish Office or pay contactless under LOURDES COACH. Please ensure that all balance payments have been made to "All Saints travel."

**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 and any devices 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.

**GROW YOUR FAITH** Find answers to questions you've ever wondered about. Why do we do this or that? Do all the articles in the church actually mean anything, or are they just decoration? The church teaches this; but that's certainly not been my experience. Come and share your questions and experience with us on Wednesday 10th May at 7.30pm in the St John Paul II Centre. Very informal and ALL welcome, new Catholics, long standing Catholics and everyone who is not catholic.

**PLANTS SALE:** My sincere thanks to Deborah Cousins for all her hard work in raising funds for a Defibrillator for our parish. The total raised through was £105.10. Thanks to all those who have supported generously. God bless you. If you missed out on the plant sale and would like to support the fund then support the cake sale next weekend.

**DEFIBRILLATOR FUND** A cake sale will be held at the weekend of 13th & 14th May after all Masses to raise money towards a defibrillator for our parish. Please support generously.

**MONTHLY COFFEE MORNING:** On Friday from 10am. I would like invite you to come along and meet with regular supports over a cup of coffee. Special thanks to our regular supporters.

**FINANCIAL SUPPORT TO THE PARISH:** Have you been supporting your parish financially? If not, consider supporting? it's very easy, you just set up a standing order with your bank, by providing our Parish bank details which can be found in the next column in 'Parish Giving' Give whatever you can. Thank you.

**GIFT AID** If you Gift Aid your contributions and have changed address, then please contact Sr Anu with your new details. Thank you.

**FOOD BANK** The Food Bank urgently needs donations, please deliver to the Beacon, Wesley Lane, from 10am to 12am Monday to Saturday. We need people to volunteer for the management committee, and trustees for Bicester Christian Action the organisation that oversees the governess.

**PARISH OFFICE:** Will be closed on Monday 8th May. It will reopen from Tuesday as normal.

**YOUTH GROUP MEETING** The next Youth meeting will be held on Saturday, 20th May, from 7pm-8.30pm at St John Paul II Centre. May I request parents to encourage their children to join in our Youth Group.

**FUNERAL** A Funeral Service for Kath Holliday will be held on Monday, 22nd May at 11.30 am, followed by Cremation at North Oxford Crematorium. May she rest in peace.

**MEMORIAL SERVICE** A Memorial Service will be held for Mary Armstead-Fairweather on Saturday, 20th May at 1pm. Mary passed away on 5th January 2023. May she rest in peace.

Teams for	7/5	14/5	21/5	28/5	4/6
Children lit. (4)	3	4	1	Half Term	Half Term
Coffee 9am (10)	7	8	9	10	1
Coffee 11am (9)	5	6	7	8	9
Flowers	Sisters	Sisters	Anne	Anne	Jo

**MISS PICKERING:** After 19 years at St Mary's Catholic Primary School, Miss Pickering will be leaving at the end of the summer term. We thank her for her dedication and commitment to the school and parish and wish her all the very best for the future.

**HEAD TEACHER:** The Governing body has started the process to appoint a new Head Teacher for St Marys School. For more information, please visit School website or click on the link below given.

<https://st-marys-bicester.oxon.sch.uk/our-school-3/job-vacancies/>

**BEING A WELCOMING CHURCH WORKSHOPS:** These workshops are being organised by Father Hudson Society. The evening workshop, 7.30 to 8.30 p.m. 22/05/23 - Disability, 19/06/23 - Homelessness. There is no charge for the workshops, but we do ask that people would register by emailing: fundraising@fatherhudsons.org.uk or visiting their Eventbrite page. They will then be sent a link to this online workshop.

**HARVINGTON HALL HISTORY FESTIVAL:** The Festival will take place in the grounds of Harvington Hall, in Worcestershire from 25 - 30 July, featuring 16 talks from top historians, authors and broadcasters, as well as a concert by the Birmingham Oratory Consort. This year is an important one for Harvington as it is celebrating the centenary of its purchase, which rescued it from ruin 100 years ago. Tickets are now on sale for the first ever Harvington History Festival, taking place this July. To book call 01562777555.

**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. You can book online: <https://www.allsaintstravel.co.uk/HL0801>

**Dates to remember**

- 11th June: Eucharistic Procession to Garth Park after 11 am Mass
- 2nd July: Family Day Mass @ 11am & Presentation of Certificates
- 24th September: International Mass & Shared Lunch
- 4th November: Filipino Day of Prayer
- 14th November: Annual Mass for the deceased Clergy of the Deanery
- 27th Nov - 4th Dec: Pilgrimage to Holy Land



**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:**

Canon John Y Battthula:

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

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**Financial Information**

**SECOND COLLECTIONS**

- 6th/7th May: Parish Maintenance
- 13th/14th May: Parish Maintenance
- 20th/21st May: Catholic Communications

Church	First Collection	Clergy Training Fund	Standing Orders	Tap & Go For Parish	Mass Attendance
<b>Bicester</b>	£383.02	£313 +60	£1185	£125	434
<b>Hethe</b>	£33	£57.80	£176		24

**Gift Aid it!!- you could add 25% to the value of your donation. Contact the Parish Gift Aid Co-ordinator Sr Anu; or speak to me. (Canon John)**



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