



The Catholic Parishes of Immaculate Conception @ BICESTER

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Holy Trinity Hethe

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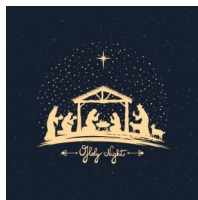
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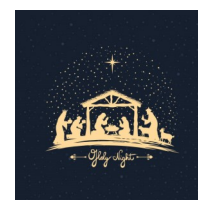
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Feast of the Baptism of the Lord

7th January - 15th January 2023 Psalter 1

Pope's Prayer Intention for educators: We pray that educators may be credible witnesses, teaching fraternity rather than competition and helping the youngest and most vulnerable above all.



DECEMBER	TIME	INTENTIONS	FEASTS	LECTORS	STEWARDS
SAT 7th	Hethe 4.00 pm	People of the Parish	Christmas Feria	B Kelly/ R Deane	S Wilde/R Deane
	6.00 pm	Bridget McDermott (RIP)	Feast of the Baptism of the Lord	A McArdle/ C McArdle	S & M Doherty
SUN 8th	9.00 am	People of the Parish		A Mutton/ T Yarker	L & C Cleeve
	11.00 am	John & Joan Calnan (RIP) & The Calnan Family		H King/M Lawrence	Kokore family
MON 9th	9.30 am	Service of the Word with Holy Communion	Feria in Ordinary Time		
TUE 10th	9.30 am	Service of the Word with Holy Communion	Feria in Ordinary Time	J Kokore	
WED 11th	9.30 am	Service of the Word with Holy Communion	Feria in Ordinary Time	L Cleeve	
THUR 12th	7.00 pm	Service of the Word with Holy Communion	Feria in Ordinary Time	H King	
FRI 13th	7.00 pm	Service of the Word with Holy Communion	Feria in Ordinary Time	M Daniel	
SAT 14th	Hethe 4.00 pm	People of the Parish	Feria in Ordinary Time	B Kelly/ R Deane	S Wilde/R Deane
	6.00 pm	Deceased members of The Friends of Holy Souls	2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time	R John/C McArdle	Thompson Family
SUN 15th	9.00 am	People of the Parish		C Moyse/C St John	Andrade Family
Peace Day	11.00 am	Michael & Doreen Furlong (RIP)		C Tett/N Ward	A Poole/J Marshall



**The Crib collection this year will go towards: St Chad's Sanctuary. <http://www.stchadssanctuary.com/>
The collection will end on 2nd February. Please place donations into the casket in church entrance. *Please give generously.***

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

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.

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



This week we pray for...
SANCTUARY LIGHT: Julia & Peter Flynn RIP
OUR LADY'S LIGHT: Siobhan Louise Connery RIP

LET US PRAY FOR THE SICK AND HOUSEBOUND:

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

URSULINE LAY ASSOCIATES PRAYER will take place on Wednesday, 11th January at 2pm at the Convent.

AN OPPORTUNITY FOR YOU TO GROW YOUR FAITH Learn more about Jesus. Find answers to questions, simple or difficult. Maybe its a case of 'I was just wondering', or is it 'My life's experiences don't reflect the church's teaching, why not?' Do all the items in church have a significant meaning? Come and share your questions and experience with us on Wednesday 25th January 7-30pm in the St John Paul II Centre. Very informal and all welcome, Catholics and non-Catholics.

BAPTISM COURSES 2023 The courses will be held at 10 am at the St John Paul II Centre on the following Saturdays: 11th February, 15th April, 24th June, 7th October. If you are planning a baptism in the near future, you are welcome to come along. Please allow 2 hours and inform the Parish Office if you wish to attend tic.bicester@rcaob.org.uk more details: www.immaculate-conception.org.uk

MARRIAGE Engaged couples seeking marriage in Church should inform Canon John at least six months before the intended wedding date so that there is enough time for all the necessary administration to be completed. This requirement applies to marriages taking place here in the parish, in other parts of the UK, and overseas. Please contact the Parish Office for further details.

ST. MARY'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL: Parents of children born between 1st September 2018 and 31 August 2019 (inclusive) need to apply for a primary school place for September 2023 before 15th January 2023. Applications should be made through the Oxfordshire website: <https://www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/residents/schools/apply-school-place/reception-applications/make-application>

Parents are very welcome to visit and see what life is like at St. Mary's. Please telephone or email the school office to make an appointment. Miss Pickering will meet with you and take you on a tour of the school. Tel. 01869 252035 Email: office.3824@st-marys-bicester.oxon.sch.uk

BICESTER UKRAINIAN COMMUNITY SUPPORT (BUCS) This group established after the humanitarian collections for Ukraine last February. They now run weekly sessions at Southwold Community Hall on Saturdays 11am—1pm where they offer information, support, refreshments, English lessons to Ukrainian refugees and their hosts. They organise job fayres, counselling, trips and various other activities. They also run a free clothes centre at the McKay Unit, Station Approach, Bicester, OX26 6BZ. They are appealing for volunteers to join the team to assist at the Clothing Unit, currently open Mon/Tue 10-12, Thu/Fri 10-2 Sat 2-4, and also for donations of clothes, shoes and toiletries, for women, children and men, as well as **NEW** underwear for all. The first Southwold session will be held on Saturday 14th January—why not come along to find out more about the group? Alternatively contact Lucia at the Parish Office for more information. **Fundraiser: Rags for Cash** collection in March - hold onto any old clothes /shoes - more info to follow. **Hosting** If you are interested in becoming a host please go to: <https://www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk/news/more-hosts-sought-across-the-archdiocese-of-birmingham-to-support-ukrainian-guests>

WINNERS 100 CLUB FOR DECEMBER 2022. Drawn Sun 1st Jan 2023 after 9am Mass, by Father Pat. £100 D Carey-27. £50 O Hawke -37. £25 B Nichols-12. Christmas Bonus: S & M Doherty-33. 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. You have to be in it to win it!

COFFEE MORNING First one of the year will take place on Friday, 3rd February, 10am-11.45am. Looking forward to seeing you all!

PARISH ENVIROMANTAL GROUP TIPS ON Recycling Recycle makeup containers at Tesco. Consider donating unwanted items to charity or advertise on Relove, Reuse, Freecycle Bicester Facebook group instead of sending to landfill.

PIETY SHOP SALE All items on the table **half price**: Christmas gifts, cards and more!

Teams for	8/1	15/1	22/1	29/1
Children lit. (4)	4	1	2	4
Coffee 9am (11)	1	2	3	4
Coffee 11am (7)	4	5	6	7
Flowers	All	Anita	Anita	Anne

WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY SERVICE Sunday 22nd January 2023 at 7pm. The 18th to the 25th of January is the week of prayer for Christian unity this year. This will conclude with a Christian Unity Service at Emanuel CE Church, Bure Park, Bicester. We will focus on praying for the needs of our town and the world, and hear about the work of the food bank and other Christian Charities in the town supporting the cost of living crisis and refugees. This will be a great opportunity for us to pray together. Please do come. Further details available from Deacon Nick.

YOUTH PROGRAMME VOLUNTEERS We have built up a great team of volunteers for re-launching the youth programme. However for safeguarding reasons we do need a few more men. The more we have, the more we can ensure that the commitment is manageable. No previous experience is needed, and you will be part of a supportive team. If you would like to have a discussion about what is involved, please speak to Deacon Nick.

Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI



Pray for the repose of the soul of His Holiness Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI as his long life of devoted service comes to a close. May he now enjoy forever the company of the saints and the reward of all the Lord's good and faithful servants.

PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES MAY 2023: Parish pilgrimage to Lourdes takes place from 25th to 31st May 2023. Half board £789 per person sharing a room. If you prefer a single room, it will cost an extra £247 and single rooms are limited. Flights from London Stansted to Lourdes. Booking forms can be obtained from Piety shop or Parish Office. If you need more information, please get in touch with me. Online booking: www.allsaintstravel.co.uk/LD0803

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
- 11th June: Eucharistic Procession to Garth Park 11 am



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

MASS STIPENDS/OFFERINGS:

Canon John Y Bathhula: 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 - JANUARY

7th & 8th /28th & 29th - Parish Maintenance

14th/15th Pax Christi

21st/22nd Survive Miva Appeal

Church	First Collection	Second Collection	Standing Orders	Tap & Go For Parish	Mass Attendance
Bicester	£421.49	£107.73	£1185	£89	328
Hethe	£19		£186		23



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