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32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time A 8th November 2020

Faith and Baptism: 1253 Baptism is the sacrament of faith.⁵⁴ But faith needs the community of believers. It is only within the faith of the Church that each of the faithful can believe. The faith required for Baptism is not a perfect and mature faith, but a beginning that is called to develop. The catechumen or the godparent is asked: "What do you ask of God's Church?" The response is: "Faith!" 1254 For all the baptized, children or adults, faith must grow after Baptism. For this reason the Church celebrates each year at the Easter Vigil the renewal of baptismal promises. Preparation for Baptism leads only to the threshold of new life. Baptism is the source of that new life in Christ from which the entire Christian life springs forth. 1255 For the grace of Baptism to unfold, the parents' help is important. So too is the role of the godfather and godmother, who must be firm believers, able and ready to help the newly baptized - child or adult on the road of Christian life.⁵⁵ Their task is a truly ecclesial function (officium).⁵⁶ The whole ecclesial community bears some responsibility for the development and safeguarding of the grace given at Baptism.

V. WHO CAN BAPTIZE? 1256 The ordinary ministers of Baptism are the bishop and priest and, in the Latin Church, also the deacon.⁵⁷ In case of necessity, anyone, even a non-baptized person, with the required intention, can baptize⁵⁸, by using the Trinitarian baptismal formula. The intention required is to will to do what the Church does when she baptizes. The Church finds the reason for this possibility in the universal saving will of God and the necessity of Baptism for salvation.⁵⁹

VI. THE NECESSITY OF BAPTISM 1257 The Lord himself affirms that Baptism is necessary for salvation.⁶⁰ He also commands his disciples to proclaim the Gospel to all nations and to baptize them.⁶¹ Baptism is necessary for salvation for those to whom the Gospel has been proclaimed and who have had the possibility of asking for this sacrament.⁶² The Church does not know of any means other than Baptism that assures entry into eternal beatitude; this is why she takes care not to neglect the mission she has received from the Lord to see that all who can be baptized are "reborn of water and the Spirit." God has bound salvation to the sacrament of Baptism, but he him-

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self is not bound by his sacraments. 1258 The Church has always held the firm conviction that those who suffer death for the sake of the faith without having received Baptism are baptized by their death for and with Christ. This Baptism of blood, like the desire for Baptism, brings about the fruits of Baptism without being a sacrament.

1259 For catechumens who die before their Baptism, their explicit desire to receive it, together with repentance for their sins, and charity, assures them the salvation that they were not able to receive through the sacrament. 1260 "Since Christ died for all, and since all men are in fact called to one and the same destiny, which is divine, we must hold that the Holy Spirit offers to all the possibility of being made partakers, in a way known to God, of the Paschal mystery."⁶³ Every man who is ignorant of the Gospel of Christ and of his Church, but seeks the truth and does the will of God in accordance with his understanding of it, can be saved. It may be supposed that such persons would have desired Baptism explicitly if they had known its necessity.

1261 As regards children who have died without Baptism, the Church can only entrust them to the mercy of God, as she does in her funeral rites for them. Indeed, the great mercy of God who desires that all men should be saved, and Jesus' tenderness toward children which caused him to say: "Let the children come to me, do not hinder them,"⁶⁴ allow us to hope that there is a way of salvation for children who have died without Baptism. All the more urgent is the Church's call not to prevent little children coming to Christ through the gift of holy Baptism.

NOVEMBER	TIME	IMMACULATE CONCEPTION & HOLY TRINITY	FEASTS
SATURDAY 7TH	6.00 PM	Holy Souls	32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time A
SUNDAY 8TH	9.30 AM	People of God	
	11.00 AM	Sylvia Rose Madden (RIP)	
	1.30PM-2.30PM	Private Prayer—Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	
MONDAY 9TH	9.30 AM	Melanie Mulhernan (RIP)	Feast of the Dedication of the Lateran Basilica
TUESDAY 10TH	9.30 AM	Miriam Makeba (RIP)	Mem of St Leo the Great, P, Dr
WEDNESDAY 11TH	9.30 AM	Edward Farrell (RIP)	Mem of St Martins of Tours, B
	10.30AM-12.30PM	Private Prayer—Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	
THURSDAY 12TH	9.30 AM	Margaret Stores (RIP)	Mem of St Josaphat, B,M
FRIDAY 13TH	9.30 AM	Peter Flynn (RIP)	Feria in ordinary time
SATURDAY 14TH	6.00 PM	Norma Santiago (RIP)	Feria in ordinary time
SUNDAY 15TH	9.30 AM	Bridget McDermott (RIP)	33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time A
	11.00 AM	Bernard Chellar (RIP)	World Day of The Poor
	1.30PM-2.30PM	Private Prayer—Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	

Further to the Government announcement regarding lockdown restrictions from Thursday 5th November, we are in the position again, where we unfortunately have to cease celebrating public Masses. Masses will continue online so please join us live stream on:

<https://mcnmedia.tv/iframe/e8896647923e089406131a3b96e45994de4a89c4>

However, we are able to open the church for private prayer with the Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and will be open on:

Wednesdays from 10.30-12.30 & Sundays from 1.30-2.30 until further notice.

Please do wear masks to Mass and sanitise hands on entry and exit.

Please do not come to church if you have symptoms.

NHS TRACK AND TRACE APP If you have a smart phone, please register using our QR codes in both of our churches when you attend private prayer. The codes are on display as you enter. Anyone who does not have a smartphone can provide their contact details at the entrance to the stewards.

BAPTISMS: None until further notice. If you have a baptism booked within the lockdown period please contact the Parish Office to rearrange.

NOVEMBER - MONTH OF THE HOLY SOULS: Blessing of Graves—Due to national lockdown no public attended Blessing of the Graves will be able to take place. Parish Clergy will Bless the Foynes Memorial Garden after celebrating Mass on the 8th November and will also Bless Graves at Bicester Cemetery. Note: No public in attendance.

HOLY SOULS ENVELOPES: November is traditionally the month particularly set aside for prayers for the Holy Souls in Purgatory, especially for the deceased members of our families and for those who are without family to pray for them. Names of those for whom you wish to be prayed for may be emailed during the lockdown period.

Preparation for the Sacraments of Reconciliation, 1st

Holy Communion and Confirmation 2020/21. All children who do not attend St Mary's School please contact Clare St John (Parish Catechist) and Deacon Nick at nick.f.stjohn@btinternet.com or the Parish Office.

Confirmation Commitment Masses over the weekend of 22nd and 29th November Saturday 6pm, 9:30am and 6pm Sunday. Due to lockdown these Masses will be rearranged.

Holy Communion Commitment Masses over the weekend of 31st January and 7th February Saturday 6pm, 9:30am and 6pm Sunday.

PARISH GIVING Donations can be made online through the Archdiocesan Website: www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk/support-our-work. Select either "BICESTER" or "HETHE" on the dropdown menu and follow instructions. Alternatively, Offertory Envelopes can be placed in the donation box in church. Standing order details: NatWest Bank, Account No: 02342731; Sort Code: 51 70 15.

#RED WEDNESDAY AT HOME 21st - 29th November 2020.

Although UK churches are gradually opening again, on 25th November, in solidarity with suffering Christians and all who are keeping the Faith alive in hidden places, especially the 'underground' church in China, we are asking you to mark #RedWednesday in your own home and to join the online #RedWednesday event, this will be a livestream Mass at Farm St Parish in central London: 'UNJUSTLY DETAINED' EVENT 6pm. Join this mass to make it a HUGE 'Virtual' #RedWednesday. To register your interest, and access the event schedule visit www.acnuk.org/redwednesday. No merchandise is available to purchase this year, however donations can be made online or by telephone 0345 6460110 to support ACN.

THE CATHOLIC MILITARY ASSOCIATION of Our Lady of Victories is the only Catholic organisation for members of the armed forces or veterans. If you are interested please see the website or contact Tim on 07854705205.

<http://catholicmilitaryassociation.org.uk/>

CHRISTMAS 2020

If public Masses are able to be celebrated I plan for them to take place at the following times:

Christmas Eve, Thursday, 24th December

Bicester: 4.00pm, 6.00pm, 9.00 pm and 12 Midnight.

Hethe: 5.30 pm & 8.00pm.

Christmas Day, Friday, 25th December

Bicester: 8.00am, 9.30am & 11.00am.

Hethe: 10.00am.

However, there is no fair and equitable way of allocating spaces for the Christmas Masses. Therefore, I have decided that if you wish to attend any of them, then please email or telephone the Parish Office. **If you have not reserved a place in advance then unfortunately you will not be allowed entry into Church.** The maximum of 85 people will be allowed per Mass at Bicester & 22 people at Hethe. Please reserve in advance.

MORE STEWARDS REQUIRED FOR CHRISTMAS MASSES:

In order for all the planned Christmas Masses to take place we will require more volunteers to steward. If you would like to assist, please get in touch with me.

ST. MARY'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL: Parents of children who are due to start primary school in September 2021 are reminded that they must make an online, or paper application through Oxfordshire County Council between 1st Nov 2020 & 15th Jan 2021. Any queries, contact the school office, 252035. Next weekend along with the newsletter we will be providing a special flyer with more information. I would like to encourage our catholic parents to send their children to our school.

SPONSORING SANCTUARY LAMPS As you may be aware, there are lamps which burn perpetually on the sanctuary (Blessed Sacrament) and in the Lady Chapel. Would you like one of these to burn in memory of a loved one, or for a particular intention? If so, we are asking for a donation of £10 per week, which will go towards the costs of running the sacristy: candles, hosts, wine and other necessities for the celebration of Mass. Please hand in to Parish Clergy, post through Henley House letter box or to Parish Sisters in an envelope marked 'Sanctuary Lamp Donation', together with a note stating your particular intention. The intentions will be published in the weekly bulletin.

MORNING PRAYER:

Monday to Friday at 9.00 am

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT, EVENING PRAYER AND BENEDICTION:

Monday to Friday from 6.00 pm to 6.45 pm

ROSARY: Saturday after 10 am Mass.



Church	Loose	Gift Aid	Total		Attended
Bicester	£ 337	£ 52	£ 389		225
Hethe	£	DD £168	£243.00		18

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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