



The Catholic Parishes of Immaculate Conception @BICESTER

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Feast of the Baptism of the Lord

9th January 2022 Psalter 4

Sunday's - Year C & Weekday's - Year II

Month of the Holy Name of Jesus



JANUARY	TIME	INTENTIONS	FEASTS	LECTORS	STEWARDS
SAT 8TH	4.00 PM@ Hethe	People of the Parish	Feast of the Baptism of the Lord		S Wilde/R Deane
	6.00 PM	Intentions of Martin & Mary McDonagh		P Sims & Rufus	Thompson Family
SUN 9TH	9.00 AM	Theady Joyce (RIP) & James Mcdonagh (RIP)		Brown & Penhallow	C & L Cleeve
	11.00 AM	In thanksgiving (MS) Timothy Joyce (RIP)		H King & M Lawrence	Kokore Family
MON 10TH	9.30 AM @Hethe	Holy Souls	Feria in OT	R Dean/B Kelly	S Wilde/R Deane
	12 NOON	Pat & Angela Mellett (RIP)		M Daniel	P Sims & A Farrell
TUE 11TH		NO MASS			
WED 12TH	2.00 PM	URSULINE LAY ASSOCIATES MEETING	URSULINE CONVENT		
	7.00 PM	Thanksgiving Mass - Les Cleeve		Sisters	Sisters
THUR 13TH	9.30 AM	For Good Health, Peace & Happiness in the family & Relatives	Feria in OT	H King/A Fitzpatrick	Kokore Family
FRI 14TH	12.00 Noon	Kath O'Grady (RIP)	Feria in OT	E King	J Marshall
SAT 15TH	4.00PM@Hethe	Private Intentions	2nd Sunday in ordinary time		S Wilde/R Deane
	6.00PM	People of the Parish		C McArdle & Sr Sani	McFall & L O'Flynn
SUN 16TH	9.00 AM			P Cousins . S McCarthy	Andrade Family
	11.00 AM	James Day (RIP)		J Franta & A Kearsley	Franta Family

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

Pope's Prayer Intention for January: For Tue human fraternity: We pray for all those suffering from religious discrimination & persecution; may their own rights & dignity be recognised, which originate from being brothers & sisters in the human family

This week we pray for...
Canon John Batthula- SANCTUARY
Thornley Family - OUR LADY'S LIGHT

LET US PRAY FOR THE SICK AND HOUSEBOUND:

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

SYNODAL JOURNEY: "Walking together": Everyone is invited to contribute to parish virtual meetings Three Monday Evenings from 7pm to 8pm.

17th Jan 7-8pm-Theme-**Communion:** The Life of the Church & Formation
 24th Jan 7-8pm-Theme-**Participation:** Liturgy & Worship. Co-Responsibility
 31st Jan 7-8pm-Theme-**Mission:** Social Outreach. Evangelisation. Our Dream
 Please email parish office: tic.bicester@rcaob.org.uk for the link
 I will provide some questions on each of the three themes to reflect & to share your answers.

There will be other opportunities for information via emails, & I hope that we will be able to have one meeting in person.

DEANERY - SYNODAL JOURNEY: On Wednesday 9th February 2022. All Clergy from our deanery along with a parish representative will be participating. An opportunity to come together to listen to each other in our journey of "Walking together".

COVID—UPDATE Due to the recent uncertain situation regarding the new covid variant and especially as we approach Christmas, I suggest that we make **mask wearing mandatory once again.** We do not want to be in the position to have to change our plans for our Christmas celebrations and need to do what we can to keep ourselves and others safe. I also continue to respectfully request that no gatherings/chatting etc, take place around mass times within the church and ask that you please vacate the church **promptly** to allow the stewards to sanitise the church immediately after masses. The hand sanitisers continue to be available for all, please remember to sanitise your hands on entry and exit. Lets keep each other safe. Thank you for your cooperation with this.

MOTNHLY COFFEE MORNING: My sincere thank you to all those who came along to support our Coffee morning. Very grateful to those who assisted in organising it. Next Coffee morning is on Friday 4th February at St John Paul Centre from 10 am to 11.45 am. All are invited to come along for a cup of coffee and tea.

BAPTISMS 2022: I will be holding a Baptism Meeting on Saturday, 29th January at 1pm. If you are planning to have your child baptised next year & plan to attend the meeting please contact the parish office.

RCIA: The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults Course for those wishing to become a Catholic or those who wish to know more about our faith, is taking place every Tuesday from 7.30pm to 8.30pm at Centre. Restart Jan 18th 2022.

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.

ALTAR SERVERS: I am happy to see some of our servers who have already started serving at weekend and weekday Masses. Now I would like to encourage all the remaining servers to start serving at Masses on a more regular basis.

WINNERS 100 CLUB FOR DECEMBER DRAWN Sun 26th December by Church Stewards: £100 **Mike Jobling** (31) £50 **Jacqueline Kokore** (20) £25 **Nancy Ward** (4) **Christmas** £100 **Richard Evans** (97). There are now only 4 numbers available: contact paulcous@yahoo.com, or tel.01869 242838 for details of how to play - costs £5 per month, £60 for the year. Numbers available: 24, 43, 49, 54

MISSIO/APF If you could empty or return your red boxes and deliver to the parish office or Piety Shop. Empty boxes can be found at the back of church.

SPONSORING SANCTUARY LAMPS These lamps 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? (Please note: one person/couple/intention per candle) 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 placed in order as they are received and published in the weekly bulletin.

COMMEMORATIVE BRICKS: A commemorative brick can be purchased to commemorate or celebrate! It could be for an individual, family, anniversary, business, or purely because you are a parishioner. Please complete a form and return to the parish office. Bricks cost

£250, payments in five instalments also accepted. The bricks will continue to 'grow up' the wall in the St John Paul II Centre and adorn it for generations to come. Why not become a part of history of the parish?

ARCHDIOCESAN E-NEWSLETTER: To keep up-to-date with all the latest news, information and online events from across the Archdiocese and beyond please sign up to the newsletter, issued every few weeks via email. Please visit www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk/e-news to sign up.

URSULINE LAY ASSOCIATES PRAYER: On Wednesday 12th January at 2.00pm. All members are invited to come along to the Ursuline Convent for their monthly meeting and prayers.

LECTORS: May I just remind all Lectors to practice the reading/s at home so that you are prepared to proclaim the Word of God loud and clear. Thank you for your cooperation.

2022— Dates to remember

Ash Wednesday, 2nd March: Start of the Holy Season of Lent

Friday, 4th February: Monthly Coffee Morning

Saturday 5th March: Sacrament of Confirmation at 6pm

Sunday 6th March: Rite of Election

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



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

Sunday 19th June: Eucharistic Procession to Garth Park

Sunday 3rd July: Family Day & Presentation of Certificates

 **Financial Information**
SECOND COLLECTIONS
 8th/9th Jan: Parish Maintenance
 15th/16th Jan: Parish Maintenance

Church	Loose	Second Collection	Standing Orders	Total	Attended
Bicester	£209.57	82.80	£1100	£1392.37	215
Hethe	£30		£196	£226	18

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  
God Bless you for your generosity during these difficult times!
MASS STIPENDS/OFFERINGS:
 Sort code: 60-08-40 Acc. No. 75459760.
 Canon John Y Batthula.

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

We use live streaming
 Go the website and follow link
<https://mcnmedia.tv/iframe/e8896647923e089406131a3b96e45994de4a89c4>

 Those who do not wish to have their image live streamed are advised to go to Holy Trinity church (Hethe) where there are no cameras.