

Entrance antiphon: **All the earth shall bow down before you, O God, and shall sing to you, shall sing to your name, O Most High!**

**First Reading** “Speak Lord, your servant is listening” 1 Samuel 3:3-10.19

Samuel was lying in the sanctuary of the Lord, where the ark of God was, when the Lord called, ‘Samuel! Samuel!’ He answered, ‘Here I am.’ Then he ran to Eli and said, ‘Here I am, since you called me.’ Eli said, ‘I did not call. Go back and lie down.’ So he went and lay down. Once again the Lord called, ‘Samuel! Samuel!’ Samuel got up and went to Eli and said, ‘Here I am, since you called me.’ He replied, ‘I did not call you, my son; go back and lie down.’ Samuel had as yet no knowledge of the Lord and the word of the Lord had not yet been revealed to him. Once again the Lord called, the third time. He got up and went to Eli and said, ‘Here I am, since you called me.’ Eli then understood that it was the Lord who was calling the boy, and he said to Samuel, ‘Go and lie down, and if someone calls say, “Speak, Lord, your servant is listening.”’ So Samuel went and lay down in his place. The Lord then came and stood by, calling as he had done before, ‘Samuel! Samuel!’ Samuel answered, ‘Speak, Lord, your servant is listening.’ Samuel grew up and the Lord was with him and let no word of his fall to the ground.

The word of the Lord

**All: Thanks be to God**

**Responsorial Psalm**

**R. Here I am Lord ! I come to do your will. (4 V)**

**Second Reading** “Do not sin against your own body” 1 Cori.6:13-20

The body is not meant for fornication: it is for the Lord, and the Lord for the body. God, who raised the Lord from the dead, will by his power raise us up too. You know, surely, that your bodies are members making up the body of Christ; do you think I can take parts of Christ’s body and join them to the body of a prostitute? Never! But anyone who is joined to the Lord is one spirit with him. Keep away from fornication. All the other sins are committed outside the body; but to fornicate is to sin against your own body. Your body, you know, is the temple of the Holy Spirit, who is in you since you received him from God. You are not your own property; you have been bought and paid for. That is why you should use your body for the glory of God.

The word of the Lord

**Gospel Acclamation**

**Alleluia, alleluia!** Speak, Lord, your servant is listening; you have the message of eternal life. **Alleluia!**

**Gospel**

“ We have found the Messiah”

John 1 : 35 - 42

As John stood with two of his disciples, Jesus passed, and John stared hard at him and said, ‘Look, there is the lamb of God.’ Hearing this, the two disciples followed Jesus. Jesus turned round, saw them following and said, ‘What do you want?’ They answered, ‘Rabbi,’ – which means Teacher – ‘where do you live?’ ‘Come and see’ he replied; so they went and saw where he lived, and stayed with him the rest of that day. It was about the tenth hour. One of these two who became followers of Jesus after hearing what John had said was Andrew, the brother of Simon Peter. Early next morning, Andrew met his brother and said to him, ‘We have found the Messiah’ – which means the Christ – and he took Simon to Jesus. Jesus looked hard at him and said, ‘You are Simon son of John; you are to be called Cephas’ – meaning Rock.

The Gospel of the Lord

**All : Praise to you , Lord Jesus Christ.**



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**Sunday Cycle B - Weekdays - Year II**  
**Week beginning 13th January—21st January 2024 Psalter Week 2**  
 Pope’s Prayer Intention for January: We pray that the Holy Spirit may help us to recognise the gift of different charisms within the Christian community and to discover the richness of different ritual traditions in the Catholic Church.



JANUARY	TIME	INTENTIONS	FEASTS	LECTORS	E O MINISTERS	STEWARDS
SAT 13th	4.00 pm @Hethe	Thomas & Mary Driscoll (RIP)	Feria in Ordinary Time	R Deane/V Burns		R Deane
Vigil Mass	6.00 pm	Mark McKenzie (RIP)		P Sims /T Nugent	O Panejko/ Sr Rose	M Marrs/P Behan
SUN 14th	9.00 am	People of the Parish Ladislas Cigoho (RIP)	nd Sunday in Ordinary Time	P Cousins/ S McCarthy	G Andrade/ F Ostrowski	C St John
	11.00 am	Ints of The Tett Family		J Hurst/ E Green	J & J Kokore	Orleans Family
MON 15th	9.30am	Service of the Word with Holy Communion		M Daniel	J Kokore	
TUE 16th	7.00pm	Service of the Word with Holy Communion	Feria in Ordinary Time	J Kokore	Sr Sani	
WED 17th	12 noon	Ints of R. P and Pauline	Mem of St Anthony, A	L Cleeve	Sr Rose	
THU 18th	7.00pm	Service of the Word with Holy Communion	Feria in Ordinary Time	H King	Sr Sani	
FRI 19th	12 noon	Service of the Word with Holy Communion	Feast of St Wulstan, B	E King	Frankie	
SAT 20th	4.00 pm @Hethe	People of the Parish	Feria in Ordinary Time	R Deane/V Burns		R Deane
Vigil Mass	6.00 pm	James Day (RIP)	Feria in Ordinary Time	R John/ Sr Sani	L & D Jimenez	L Hattam/ L O’Flynn
SUN 21st	9.00 am	Ints of Sue Dickinson (sick)	3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time	C Moyse/D Price	A Mutton/ M Brown	Brown Family
	11.00 am	Ints of F Ostrowski & Family	Peace Day	C Tett /J Franta	Kokore Family	

**SANCTUARY LAMPS** If you wish to sponsor one of the sanctuary lamps which perpetually burn in the Church, please complete and return a slip to the parish office.



**CAFOD ROSARY** on zoom on a Thursday morning from 9am  
<https://cafod.org.uk/pray/pray-the-rosary>



**This week we pray for...**  
**SANCTUARY LIGHT:**  
**OUR LADY’S LIGHT:**



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Teams for	14/1	21/1	28/1	4/2	11/2
Children lit. (4)	1	2	none	3	None
Coffee 9am (10)	3	4	5	6	7
Coffee 11am (9)5	7	8	9	1	2
Flowers	Kasia	Kasia	Sandy	Sandy	Sandy

**LET US PRAY FOR THE SICK AND HOUSEBOUND:**  
Mary Lynch, Victor Francis, K Cashman, Tim Charles, Helena Nowak & Jean McIntosh.

**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.  
**CONFESSIONS:** Hethe: *Saturday from 3.15pm - 3.50 pm (in the Sacristy)* Bicester: 5.15 pm - 5.45pm  
**EAST TIMOR COMMUNITY PRAYER:** First Sunday of the month at 5.00pm @ Ursuline Convent  
**HOLY HOUR:** Every First Friday from 6.00pm to 7.00pm (Not during Lent)  
**PARISH OUTREACH GROUP:** Please contact the Office if you need some form of practical help -252 277.  
**PIETY SHOP:** Open Friday, Saturday and Sunday around Masses.  
**URSULINE LAY ASSOCIATES MEETING:** 2nd Wednesday of every month at 2pm @ Ursuline Convent.

**TEA & COFFEE** Everyone is welcome in the St John Paul II Centre hall after the 9am & 11am Sunday Masses for tea and coffee. It is a great opportunity to get to know fellow parishioners!

**ENVIRONMENT GROUP** Wishes the parish a Happy New Year, and requests that we all think of what we can do to help the planet. They encourage us all to read Pope Francis's Laudato Deum. **Tip of the Week: Energy** Turn central heating thermostat down to minimum before you go to bed and whenever you leave the house. Keep internal doors closed to reduce drafts. Close curtains after dark.

**BAPTISM COURSES IN 2024** If you are planning to have your child baptised this year you will need to attend a baptism course beforehand. This year our courses will be held on Saturdays of the 13th April, 15th June and 5th October. The courses take approx. 2 hours, godparents and grandparents are welcome to come along. Please contact the parish office by email to let them know if you would like to attend. Baptisms take place on Saturdays at 11am and application forms are available online and at the back of church.

**CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS DISMANTLE** Thank you to everyone who came along to help and especially to Paul & Catherine who removed the huge trees!

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION COMMITMENT MASS** This will be held on Sunday, 28th January at 9am here in church for all children and parents to attend. Please register with Clare St John as you arrive.

**DECEMBER 100 CLUB DRAW** £100 J Marshall - 62, £50 J Bridle - 51, £25 E King - 70. Christmas Bonus: £100 M Jobling - 70.

**CHRISTMAS CRIB COLLECTION 2023** raised £126.50 towards the Friends of the Holy Land. God Bless you!

**SUPPORT FOR REFUGEES** Various items are still needed to furnish the homes of refugees, please check the list of items at the back of church - maybe you can help?

**VOLUNTEERING** The Church relies on people getting involved. Our parish, our community, our world needs you. Could your New Year's resolution be getting more involved in the life of our church? Which aspects of church brings you life or joy? Could you give a bit of time to help those parts flourish? Contact the parish office by email for more information

**Council Meetings in 2024 for Bicester Parish**  
Pastoral Council: 31st Jan, 20th May, 2nd Sep & 4th November at 7pm.  
Finance Council: 30th Jan, 21st May, 3rd Sep & 5th November at 7 pm.

**Council Meetings in 2024 for Hethe Parish**  
Pastoral & Finance: 5th Feb, 6th May, 2nd Sep, 4th Nov at 10 am.

**PARISH OPEN FORUM/MEETING:** This meeting will be held on Saturday, 22nd June from 10 am to 12 noon. All parishioners are invited for an Open Meeting in the St John Paul II Centre.

**THE YEAR OF PRAYER 2024 AND THE JUBILEE YEAR 2025**  
In preparation for the 2025 Jubilee Year 'Pilgrims of Hope', 2024 has been designated a 'Year of Prayer' by Pope Francis. There is a particular focus on the 'Our Father', and this presents us with a great opportunity to go back to the basics of prayer. If the Gospel is a message of Joy, then it is one we should be eager to share with others, and this can be done especially by inviting people to a deeper, prayerful encounter with Jesus Christ this year.

We encourage every Catholic to reflect on their life of prayer: what they pray, how they pray, and why they pray. This is for two reasons: To encourage people to go deeper in their commitment to pray, and in their love of God; To think about how they might accompany someone else to pray during the coming Year of Prayer.

**SYMPATHY** We extend our sincere sympathy and the assurance of our prayers to Kath Riley and her family on the death of her father Micheal Knibbs, aged 80 yrs. A Funeral Mass for Michael will be celebrated here on Wednesday, 24th January at 11.30am followed by cremation at North Oxford Crematorium. *May he rest in peace.*

**YOUTH MINISTRY** Last year, the Youth Ministry was resurrected with great success and the first term this year was spectacular. The team is hoping to continue this exciting progress and would like to grow to include older children. To continue our ongoing success and plan for future growth, we are seeking both men and women who are willing to dedicate 1.25 hours per month and submit paperwork for DBS clearance for mandated safeguarding purposes. We currently have a strong, dedicated team who are excited to help with safeguarding paperwork, training and with any other support needed by new team members. Please speak to Deacon Nick if you are interested in learning more.

**Dates to remember in 2024**  
Sunday 28th Jan- First Holy Communion Commitment Mass at 9am  
February - The Chosen will continue  
Saturday 16th March- Confirmations in both Parishes  
Wednesday 14th February - Ash Wednesday (beginning of Lent)  
Saturday 16th - Sunday 17th March - Parish Visitations (Both Parishes)  
Saturday 11th May - First Holy Communion (St Mary's) at 11am  
Saturday 18th May - First Holy Communion (non St Mary's) at 11 am  
Sunday 2nd June - Corpus Christi Procession after 11 am Mass  
Sunday 7th July - Family Festival & presentation of Certificates (11 am


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**FINANCIAL INFORMATION**  
**SECOND COLLECTIONS**  
14th/ 21st/28th January: Parish Maintenance

**PARISH GIVING**  
**BICESTER LINK TO DONATE:**  
<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 Batthula: 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. If you pay tax, please consider Gift Aiding your donation. Each time you make a subsequent donation using the same card, Gift Aid will be collected automatically. **HETHE BICESTER**  
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Church	First Collection	St Patricks Missions/	Standing Orders	Tap & Go Donations	Mass Attendance
Bicester	£301.64	£881.41	£1165	£53.50	400
Hethe	£30	£104	£170		23

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**Priest:** In the name of the Father .....  
**People:** **Amen**  
**Priest:** The Lord be with you.  
**People:** **And with your spirit.**



**Penitential Act**  
**Everyone:** I confess to almighty God and to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have greatly sinned in my thoughts and in my words, in what I have done, and in what I have failed to do, through my fault, through my fault, through my most grievous fault; therefore I ask blessed Mary ever-Virgin, all the Angels and Saints, and you, my brothers and sisters, to pray for me to the Lord our God.

**Gloria**  
**Priest:** Glory to God in the highest,  
**Everyone :** and on earth peace to people of good will. We praise you, we bless you, we adore you, we glorify you, we give you thanks for your great glory, Lord God, heavenly King, O God, almighty Father.

Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son, Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us; you take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer; you are seated at the right hand of the Father, have mercy on us. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

After the first and second readings  
**Reader** The Word of the Lord  
**People** **Thanks be to God**  
**Gospel acclamation**  
**Reader** Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.....  
... (a few words)  
**People** **Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ**



Before the Gospel reading  
**Priest/Deacon:** The Lord be with you.  
**People:** **And with your spirit.**  
**Priest/Deacon:** A reading from the holy Gospel according to..  
**People:** **Glory to you, O Lord.**

After the Gospel reading  
**Priest:** The Gospel of the Lord.  
**People** **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

**Creed - The Nicene Creed**  
**Everyone:** I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible. I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages. God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father; through him all things were made. For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven, and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate, he suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and his kingdom will have no end.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church. I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

**Bidding Prayers**  
**All: Hear our Prayer**

**THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST**  
**Priest:** Pray, brothers and sisters, that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God, the almighty Father.

**People:** **May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands for the praise and glory of his name, for our good and the good of all his holy Church.**

**The Eucharistic Prayer**  
**Priest:** The Lord be with you.  
**People:** **And with your spirit.**  
**Priest:** Lift up your hearts.  
**People:** **We lift them up to the Lord.**  
**Priest:** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
**People** **It is right and just.**

**Everyone:** **Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts. Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

Memorial Acclamation  
**Priest:** **The mystery of faith.**

- People:** ONE OF THESE:  
A *We proclaim your Death, O Lord, and profess your Resurrection until you come again.*  
B When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup, we proclaim your Death, O Lord, until you come again.  
C *Save us, Saviour of the world, for by your Cross and Resurrection you have set us free.*

**Doxology**  
**Priest:** Through him, and with him, and in him, O God, almighty Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honour is yours, for ever and ever.  
**Amen**  
**People** At the Saviour's command and formed by divine teaching, we dare to say: **Our Father....**  
**Priest:** Deliver us, Lord, we pray, from every ....  
**People:** **For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours now and for ever.**

**Sign of Peace**  
**Priest:** The peace of the Lord be with you always.  
**People** **And with your spirit.**  
**Priest/Deacon:** Let us offer each other the sign of peace.  
To each other: Peace be with you

**Lamb of God**  
**People:** **Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us. (2)**  
**Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, grant us peace.**

**Priest:** Behold the Lamb of God, .....

**People:** **Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof, but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.**

Concluding Rites  
**Priest:** The Lord be with you.  
**People** **And with your spirit**  
**Priest:** May almighty God.....  
**All: Amen**  
**Priest/Deacon:** Go & announce the Gospel of the Lord