

Entrance antiphon: Entrance antiphon: Save us , O Lord our God! And gather us from the nations, to give thanks to your holy name, and make it our glory to praise you.

First Reading "I will raise up a prophet and put my words into his mouth" Deuteron. 18 : 15 -20

Moses said to the people: "The Lord your God will raise up for you a prophet like myself, from among yourselves, from your own brothers; to him you must listen. This is what you yourselves asked of the Lord your God at Horeb on the day of the Assembly. "Do not let me hear again" you said "the voice of the Lord my God, nor look any longer on this great fire, or I shall die"; and the Lord said to me, "All they have spoken is well said. I will raise up a prophet like yourself for them from their own brothers; I will put my words into his mouth and he shall tell them all I command him. The man who does not listen to my words that he speaks in my name, shall be held answerable to me for it. But the prophet who presumes to say in my name a thing I have not commanded him to say, or who speaks in the name of other gods, that prophet shall die."

The word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God

Responsorial Psalm

O that today you would listen to his voice! Harden not your hearts. ( 3 )

Second Reading " Give your undivided attention to the Lord" 1 Cori . 7: 3 2 — 35

I would like to see you free from all worry. An unmarried man can devote himself to the Lord's affairs, all he need worry about is pleasing the Lord; but a married man has to bother about the world's affairs and devote himself to pleasing his wife: he is torn two ways. In the same way an unmarried woman, like a young girl, can devote herself to the Lord's affairs; all she need worry about is being holy in body and spirit. The married woman, on the other hand, has to worry about the world's affairs and devote herself to pleasing her husband. I say this only to help you, not to put a halter round your necks, but simply to make sure that everything is as it should be, and that you give your undivided attention to the Lord.

The word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia! Blessed are you , Father, Lord of heaven and earth, for revealing the mysteries of the kingdom to mere children. Alleluia!

Gospel "He taught them with authority" Mark 1 : 21 -28

Jesus and his disciples went as far as Capernaum, and as soon as the sabbath came he went to the synagogue and began to teach. And his teaching made a deep impression on them because, unlike the scribes, he taught them with authority. In their synagogue just then there was a man possessed by an unclean spirit and it shouted, 'What do you want with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are: the Holy One of God.' But Jesus said sharply, 'Be quiet! Come out of him!' And the unclean spirit threw the man into convulsions and with a loud cry went out of him. The people were so astonished that they started asking each other what it all meant. 'Here is a teaching that is new' they said 'and with authority behind it: he gives orders even to unclean spirits and they obey him.' And his reputation rapidly spread everywhere, through all the surrounding Galilean countryside.

The Gospel of the Lord

All : Praise to you , Lord Jesus Christ.



The Catholic Parishes of Immaculate Conception @BICESTER



And Holy Trinity @Hardwick Rd, HETHE OX27 8AW

Henley House, 12 Causeway, Bicester OX26 6AW

www.immaculate-conception.org.uk

Deanery website: banburyandwarwick-catholicdeanery.org.uk

The Parishes of the Immaculate Conception & Holy Trinity are part of the Archdiocese of Birmingham: Registered Charity No: 234216

**Sunday Cycle B - Weekdays - Year II**  
**Week beginning 27th January— 4th February 2024 Psalter Week 4**  
 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 27th	4.00 pm @Hethe	People of the Parish	Feria in Ordinary Time	R Deane/V Burns		R Deane
Vigil Mass	6.00 pm	Radoslaw Paczkowski (RIP)		B & K McFall	M & S Doherty	McArdle Family
SUN 28th	9.00 am	1st Holy Communion Commitment Mass Mary Gilmore (RIP) 3rd Ann	4th Sunday in Ordinary Time	S McCarthy/ L Cleeve	G Andrade/ C Drew	C Cleeve
	11.00 am	In Thanksgiving - Clare Whitehead		R Evans/J Hurst	J & M Franta	Kokore Family
MON 29th	9.30am@ Hethe	Ints of Jill Kelly	Feria in Ordinary Time			
	12 noon	Holy Souls		M Daniel	J Kokore	
TUE 30th	9.30 am	Isabelle Ball (RIP) & Sean O'Neill (RIP)	Feria in Ordinary Time	J Kokore	Sr Sani	
	7.00 pm	Parish Finance Meeting				
WED 31st	9.30am (Sch)	Edward, Lydia & Louise	Mem of St John Bosco, P			
	7.00 pm	Parish Pastoral Meeting				
February THU 1st	9.30 am	Sima Uy Chua (RIP)	Feria in Ordinary Time	H King	Sr Sani	
FRI 2nd	12 noon	Intentions for All My friends—A Swanson	Feast of the Presenta- tion of the Lord	E King	Sr Rose	
SAT 3rd	11.00 am	Baptism - Olivia Wilczynski				
	12 noon—inc. 6pm Mass	Confirmation Retreat in church & St JPII Centre				
	4.00 pm @Hethe	Holy Souls	Feria in Ordinary Time	R Deane/V Burns		R Deane
Vigil Mass	6.00 pm	John Dunn (RIP)		Sr Sani/ T Nugent	J & D Jimenez	M Marrs/ P Behan
SUN 4th	9.00 am	Confirmation Sponsors Mass People of the Parish	5th Sunday in Ordinary Time	A Kirby Hall/ P Cousins	F Ostrowski/ P Capretta	Andrade Fami- ly
	11.00 am	Ints of Mary Mellett		T Lane/ N Ward	F Mwangi/ J Kokore	Kokore Family



This week we pray for...  
 SANCTUARY LIGHT: Teng Kian (RIP)  
 OUR LADY'S LIGHT: Felipe Teng (RIP)



Archdiocese of Birmingham: "Our Vision is to be a Catholic Diocese which is faithful to the mission entrusted to us by Jesus Christ, full of missionary disciples who work together co-responsibly in vibrant communities of faith, joyful in their service of God and neighbour".

Safeguarding: Both our Parishes operate in accordance with Statutory Safeguarding Guidance & the National and Archdioceses policies and procedures at all times. Our Parishes Safeguarding Representatives are:  
 Elizabeth Green: sg.tic.bicester@rcaob.org.uk & Les Cleeve: sg.holytrinity.hethe@rcaob.org.uk  
 Diocesan Safeguarding Team can be contacted on 0121 2306240 or safeguarding@rcaob.org.uk if you have any concerns.

Dean of Banbury & Warwick Deanery & Parish Priest  
 Very Rev. Canon John Y Batthula BA, MA, Dip. Cat., MA Ed  
 Only for confidential matters: canonjohn.batthula@rcaob.org.uk  
 Parish Deacons: Rev Mr Michael Panejko MA 01869 246 459  
 Rev Mr Nick St John: 01869 246 787  
 Retired Priest: Rev. Fr. Pat Armstrong  
 Parish Sisters: Ursuline Convent - Sr Rose Mathew - 01869 327 689  
 Parish Office: Monday - Friday 9.00am – 4.00pm  
 Parish Secretary: Lucia Hattam 01869 253277 / tic.bicester@rcaob.org.uk  
 St John Paul II Centre: Sr Sani Vijayan 01869 324 307 / office@johnpaulcentre.co.uk  
 Gift Aid Email: ga.tic.bicester@rcaob.org.uk  
 St Mary's Catholic School Head Teacher: Mr Daniel O'Connor  
 01869 252035 / office.3824@st-marys-bicester.oxon.sch.uk

Parish Sacramental Programme Coordinator - Clare St John  
 psc.tic.bicester@rcaob.org.uk  
 Parish Children's Liturgy Coordinator - Elspeth Morgan  
 pclc.tic.bicester@rcaob.org.uk  
 Parish Altar Server's Coordinator - Deacon Michael Panejko  
 dce.michael.panejko@rcaob.org.uk  
 Parish Youth Coordinator - Deacon Nick St John  
 yth.tic.bicester@rcaob.org.uk  
 Parish Environmental & Peace and Justice Group - Janet Marshall  
 peg.tic.bicester@rcaob.org.uk

Teams for	28/1	4/2	11/2	18/2	25/2	3/3
Children lit. (4)	none	3	none	none	4	1
Coffee 9am (10)	5	6	7	8	9	10
Coffee 11am (9)5	9	1	2	3	4	6
Flowers	Sandy	Sandy	Sally	Lent	Lent	Lent

**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.

**MASS ONLINE VIA MCN—IMPORTANT** For those parishioners who log into [www.mcnmedia.tv](http://www.mcnmedia.tv) our new address has now been changed to [www.mcn.live](http://www.mcn.live), with the old address still being available to assist in the transition. [www.mcnmedia.tv](http://www.mcnmedia.tv) will no longer work after 20<sup>th</sup> February 2024. To access MCN Media, please go to [www.mcn.live](http://www.mcn.live) on your web browser. To watch Mass on our Parish website there will be no change everything remains the same via <https://mcn.live/iframe/e8896647923e089406131a3b96e45994de4a89c4> or <https://www.mcn.live/Camera/church-of-the-immaculate-conception-bicester>

**HETHE FILMS** This week at 'Hethe Monday Films' in St Philip's Hall will follow the 9.30am Mass on Monday 29th January. All welcome.  
**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!  
**COFFEE MONRING** which will be held on Friday, 2nd February at 10am in the St JPII Centre.

**URSULINE LAY ASSOCIATES MEETING** As the meeting would normally take place on the 2nd Wednesday of the month, in February this falls on the 14th which is Ash Wednesday, therefore, the meeting in February will be held on Wednesday, 7th at 2pm at the Convent.

**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.

**RETROUVAILE - Do you need in your marriage?** Our next programme commences with a Virtual weekend on 8 - 11 February 2024 or there is a Face to Face weekend in Welwyn Garden City on 14-16 June 2024. Call or text 07887 296983 or 07973 380443, email [retrouvail-leukinfo@gmail.com](mailto:retrouvail-leukinfo@gmail.com) - or visit [www.theretrouvaile.org.uk](http://www.theretrouvaile.org.uk)

**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.

**YOUTH MINISTRY VOUNTEERS NEEDED** 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.

**IUSTICE & PEACE** The Birmingham Archdiocese Justice and Peace Commission are hosting a forum on 'How do we make climate change a priority' election issue. Those interested can go to [admin.jandp@rcaob.org.uk](mailto:admin.jandp@rcaob.org.uk).  
**PARISH ENVIRONMENTAL GROUP** Encourage you to sign up to the Big Plastic Count - 11<sup>th</sup> -17<sup>th</sup> of March. [help@thebigplasticcount.com](http://help@thebigplasticcount.com)

**BLESSED GEORGE NAPIER SCHOOL . BANBURY** Currently have a number of job vacancies, please see the church notice board for further information.

**NATIONAL NOVENA TO ST JOSPEH** 10th-18th March. This will take place at St Joseph's, Maidenhead. Every year the Mill Hill Missionaries prepare for the feast with a special Novena of Masses and prayers. Masses will be available to follow on Zoom via [www.millhillmissionaries.com/novena](http://www.millhillmissionaries.com/novena). Petitions are welcome and can be sent to [novenamhm@gmail.com](mailto:novenamhm@gmail.com)

**Council Meetings in 2024 for Bicester Parish**  
 Pastoral Council: 31st Jan at 7pm. Finance Council: 30th Jan at 7 pm.  
**Council Meetings in 2024 for Hethe Parish**  
 Pastoral & Finance: 5th Feb, 6th May, 2nd Sep, 4th Nov at 10 am.

**PIETY SALE** All CTS booklets are now **only £1** until the end of the month. Come and have a browse after mass and pick up a few of these very informative handy little books.

**Dates to remember in 2024**

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 Communions (St Mary's) at 11am  
 Saturday 18th May - First Holy Communions (non St Mary's) at 11 am  
 Sunday 2nd June - Corpus Christi Procession after 11 am Mass



**LOURDES PILGRIMAGE**  
 25th to 31st May 2024  
 Full Board £998  
 Single room supplement applies.  
 Please book it online now.  
[www.allsaintstravel.co.uk/LD0930/](http://www.allsaintstravel.co.uk/LD0930/)



**FINANCIAL INFORMATION**

**SECOND COLLECTIONS**  
 28th January: Parish Maintenance  
 4th/11th February: Parish Maintenance  
 25th February: Lent Fast (CAFOD)

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

Church	First Collection	Second Collection	Standing Orders	Tap & Go Donations	Mass Attendance
Bicester	£337.61	£154.76	£1165	£172	457
Hethe	£55		£170		26

**An Induction Loop system is provided.**  
 Please switch Hearing Aid to 'T'

We use live streaming Go to the website and/or follow this link <https://mcnmedia.tv/iframe/e8896647923e089406131a3b96e45994de4a89c4>  
 OR  
<https://www.mcn.live/Camera/church-of-the-immaculate-conception-bicester>



**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.  
**People** **Amen**  
**Priest:** 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