

Teams for	17/3	24/3	31/3	7/4	14/4	21/4
Children lit. (4)	none	3	none	none	none	4
Coffee 9am (10)	2	3	4	5	6	7
Coffee 11am (9)5	8	9	1	2	3	4
Flowers	Jo	Sisters	All	All	Sisters	Sisters

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 - 5.45 pm
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.

PARISH VISITATION: This weekend we welcome Canon Paul Fitzpatrick to both our parishes. During his visit, he will be meeting with both our Deacons, Parish Community, Sisters, Head Teacher & Chair of Governors of visiting our parish school. On Sunday, after 11 am Mass we will have a **Bring and Share Lunch celebration in St John Paul II Centre.**

HOLY HOUR AND MASS FOR VOCATIONS: On Thursday, 21st March from 6 pm to 7pm Holy Hour followed by Mass at 7pm.

PALM SUNDAY: 11 am Mass—Please gather at the Ursuline Convent Garden (4 –6 King End) at 10.50 am. The first part of the Mass starts here and after the Blessing of Palms, we will process to Church.

COFFEE MORNING: Thank you all for your support. I look forward to seeing you at the next Easter Coffee Morning on Friday, 5th April.

CHURCH GROUNDS SPRING CLEAN This has been postponed until after Easter.

COMMISSIONING OF EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS This will take place during Holy Thursday evening Mass on 28th March at 7pm. All ministers are asked to attend to be commissioned for this role. If you would like to become a Extraordinary Minister please speak to me (Canon John).

PENITENTIAL SERVICE AND CONFESSIONS: On Monday, 25th March at 7pm we will have a short service of Reconciliation followed by individual confessions. There will be a few visiting priests available to hear our confessions. Please keep this evening free.

BORN FOR THIS - A musical reflection on the Passion & Death of Jesus Christ presented by students from BGN School - Tuesday 26th March at 7pm here in church. All are welcome - there is no charge.

LILIES IN REMEMBRANCE If you would like to contribute towards the Easter flowers then please complete and return a form which can be found at the back of church. All loved ones will also be remembered during the Easter Vigil Mass. Payments can be made by card option 'Easter Flowers.'

EASTER RAFFLE TICKETS: Please start bringing back the counterfoils along with the amount. The draw will take place on Palm Sunday after 11 am Mass. Thank you for your support. Payments accepted by card under 'Easter Raffle'

PLOUGHMAN'S 'n' PUD LUNCH: On Sunday, 21st April at 12.30pm in the St John Paul II Centre. Vegetarian option available. Limited tickets only. £10 per person available from the Piety Shop/Parish Office. Don't delay!

100 CLUB We are now taking subscriptions for our new 100 Club year which will run from April 1st 2024–31st March 2025. Draws take place on the last Sunday of the month after 9am mass. Please complete the form included in the bulletin and return to the Parish Office. This is a great way to support the parish. For only £60 per year or £5 a month (monthly payments only by standing order please). There is no limit as to how many numbers you can have, more numbers to increase your chances of winning and subscriptions can also be bought for friends and family as gifts.

YEAR OF PRAYER 2024: Theme - **"WE DARE TO SAY "** - "Our Father". Planning to have 5 sessions on "Our Father " on the following dates: Thursday evenings of June, 6th, 13th, 27th, July 4th and 11th. All sessions will take place in St John Paul II Conference Centre at 7pm.

PIETY SHOP St Patrick's Day, Easter, 1st Holy Communion items, including ties for boys, now available. Come and have a browse!

REFUGEES: Wish to thank everyone who has donated items for the Afghan Refugees. More families are being resettled in March/April. The following items are needed, bed frames (no mattresses), coffee tables, dining room table and chairs, bedside tables, wardrobes, chest of drawers, plus smaller items, crockery, cutlery, kitchen utensils, bath towels etc. To donate, contact Sue Wilde on 247857, or email sue.4wilde@btinternet.com

THE SACRED PASCHAL TRIDUUM

Holy (Maundy) Thursday, 28th March

7.00 pm Mass of the Lord's Supper – Bicester followed by Watch and Pray before the Blessed Sacrament until midnight at the St John Paul II

Good Friday, 29th March

12 Noon Solemn Celebration of the Lord's Passion Followed by film at **Hethe**

3.00pm Solemn Celebration of the Lord's Passion - Bicester

7.00 pm Multi-lingual Stations of The Cross – Bicester

Holy Saturday, 30th March

4.00 pm Blessing of Food for Polish Community - Bicester

6.30 pm Easter Vigil - Bicester

Easter Sunday, 31st March

9.00 am Mass – Bicester

9.00 am Mass - Hethe

11.00 am Mass - Bicester

THE CHOSEN SEASON 3 'The Chosen' will continue after Easter.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS: Every Friday at 7pm during Lent.

LENTEN MASSES AT SCHOOL: Thursdays at 8am during Lent.

HOLY TRINITY, HETHE Monday films resume after the 9.30am Mass on Mondays. All Welcome. During Lent there will be Stations of the Cross on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays at 9.30am at Hethe.

Dates to remember in 2024

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
 Saturday 22nd June - Parish Forum Meeting 10am-12 noon
 Sunday 7th July - Family Festival & Presentation of Certificates (11am Mass)

FINANCIAL INFORMATION

SECOND COLLECTIONS

17th & 24th March - Parish Maintenance

PARISH GIVING

BICESTER LINK TO DONATE:

<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 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)

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Church	First Collection	Second Collection	Standing Orders	Tap & Go Donations	Mass Attendance
Bicester	£355.04	£ 175.80	£1100	£ 255	453
Hethe	£42.20		£170		40



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Fifth Sunday of Lent

Sunday Cycle B - Weekdays - Lenten Readings
 Weekend beginning 17th - 24th March 2024 Psalter Week 1

Pope's Prayer Intention for March: We pray that those who risk their lives for the Gospel in various parts of the world inflame the Church with their courage and missionary enthusiasm.



MONTH OF SAINT JOSEPH

MARCH	TIME	INTENTIONS	FEASTS	LECTORS	E O MINISTERS	STEWARDS
SAT 16th	4.00 pm @Hethe	Helen Parnaby (RIP) 1st Anniversary Jean Withers (RIP) 3rd Anniversary	5th Sunday of Lent Dementia Prayer Week		B Kelly/V Burns/S Wilde	R Deane
	6.00 pm	People of the Parish/L & T Thompson (RIP)		Confirmandi	S & M Doherty	L Hattam/ L O'Flynn
Vigil Mass	9.00 am	Timothy Joyce (RIP)		L & R Weaver	A Hall/Sister	L & C Cleeve
SUN 17th	11.00 am	Nona Remy (RIP) Followed by Bring & Share Lunch & Meeting in St John Paul II Centre.		T Lane/N Ward	J Marshall/Sr Sani	Orleans Family
MON 18th	9.30am@ Hethe	Wellbeing of Helen McDermott	Lent Feria	R Deane		
	12 noon	Rosemary Jeffrey (RIP)		M Daniel	J Kokore	
TUE 19th	9.30 am	Intentions of Dudu (Birthday) Zacarias Agner Jr. & Snr. Martino Lanteri (RIP)	Solemnity of St Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary	C St John	Sr Sani	
	1.30pm@ school	Holy Souls				
WED 20th	9.30 am	Mark Mackenzie (RIP) (3rd Anni)	Lent Feria	L Cleeve	Sr Rose	
THU 21st	8.00am @School	Holy Souls	Lent Feria			
	6pm - 7pm	HOLY HOUR & BENEDICTION				
	7.00 pm	Mass for Vocations		H King	J Kokore	
FRI 22nd	12 Noon	Peter & Marie Murowski (RIP) Bobby Duggan (RIP) Crisostomo Ramos (RIP)	Lent Feria	E King	Sr Rose	
	7.00 pm	Stations of the Cross				
SAT 23rd	4.00 pm @Hethe	People of God	HOLY WEEK		B Kelly/V Burns/S Wilde	R Deane
Vigil	6.00 pm	Intentions of Carey Family	Palm Sunday	R John/Sr Sani	Sister	McArdle Family
SUN 24th	9.00 am	Malachy McKeon (RIP)	Palm Sunday	P Cousins/Vol	L & D Jiminez	A Mutton/ C St John
	11.00 am	James McDonagh (RIP)	Palm Sunday	S Jospeh/R Silvy	D Gunaratna/Sr Rose	Kokore Family



This week we pray for...

SANCTUARY LIGHT: Vocations
 OUR LADY'S LIGHT: Vocations



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Fifth Sunday of Lent - B

Entrance antiphon: **Give me justice, O God, and plead my cause against a nation that is faithless. From the deceitful and cunning rescue me, for you, O God, are my strength.**

First Reading

"I will write my Law in their hearts"

Jeremiah 31:31-34

See, the days are coming – it is the Lord who speaks – when I will make a new covenant with the House of Israel and the House of Judah, but not a covenant like the one I made with their ancestors on the day I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt. They broke that covenant of mine, so I had to show them who was master. It is the Lord who speaks. No, this is the covenant I will make with the House of Israel when those days arrive – it is the Lord who speaks. Deep within them I will plant my Law, writing it on their hearts. Then I will be their God and they shall be my people. There will be no further need for neighbour to try to teach neighbour, or brother to say to brother, 'Learn to know the Lord!' No, they will all know me, the least no less than the greatest – it is the Lord who speaks – since I will forgive their iniquity and never call their sin to mind.

The word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God

Responsorial Psalm

A pure heart create for me, O God. (3)

Second Reading

"He learned to obey and he became the source of eternal salvation"

Heb. 5:7-9

During his life on earth, Christ offered up prayer and entreaty, aloud and in silent tears, to the one who had the power to save him out of death, and he submitted so humbly that his prayer was heard. Although he was Son, he learnt to obey through suffering; but having been made perfect, he became for all who obey him the source of eternal salvation.

The word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God

Gospel Acclamation

Praise to you, O Christ, you are the Word of God! If a man serves me, says the Lord, he must follow me, wherever I am, my servant will be there too. Glory to you, O Christ, you are the Word of God!

Gospel

"If a grain of wheat falls on the ground and dies, it yields a rich harvest"

John 12 :20-30

Among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. These approached Philip, who came from Bethsaida in Galilee, and put this request to him, 'Sir, we should like to see Jesus.' Philip went to tell Andrew, and Andrew and Philip together went to tell Jesus. Jesus replied to them:

'Now the hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. I tell you, most solemnly, unless a wheat grain falls on the ground and dies, it remains only a single grain; but if it dies, it yields a rich harvest. Anyone who loves his life loses it; anyone who hates his life in this world will keep it for the eternal life. If a man serves me, he must follow me, wherever I am, my servant will be there too. If anyone serves me, my Father will honour him. Now my soul is troubled. What shall I say: Father, save me from this hour? But it was for this very reason that I have come to this hour. Father, glorify your name!'

A voice came from heaven, 'I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again.' People standing by, who heard this, said it was a clap of thunder; others said, 'It was an angel speaking to him.' Jesus answered, 'It was not for my sake that this voice came, but for yours.'

'Now sentence is being passed on this world; now the prince of this world is to be overthrown. And when I am lifted up from the earth, I shall draw all men to myself.' By these words he indicated the kind of death he would die.

The Gospel of the Lord

All : Praise to you , Lord Jesus Christ.

THE HOLY SEASON OF LENT

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.

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