

Teams for	24/3	31/3	7/4	14/4	21/4
Children lit. (4)	3	none	none	none	4
Coffee 9am (10)	3	4	5	6	7
Coffee 11am (9)5	9	1	2	3	4
Flowers	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 - 5.45pm  
**EAST TİMOR 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.

**HELENA NOWAK RIP:** Passed away on Tuesday in JR Hospital aged 96 years. We express our condolences to Helena's family and assure them of our prayers. The reception of the body is on Monday, 1st April at 4pm and requiem Mass is on Tuesday at 11 am. May her soul rest in peace.

**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.

**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 an Extraordinary Minister please speak to me (Canon John).

**EASTER OFFERINGS:** It's your traditional offering to the Parish Priest. Please use the special envelopes provided for this purpose. Thank you for your generosity.

**WALK OF WITNESS ON GOOD FRIDAY:** It starts with a short service at St Edberg's, at 11 o'clock followed by the customary walk through the town to the Methodist Church. Coffee and hot cross buns will be available in the Open Doors café at the Methodist Church.

**GOOD FRIDAY COLLECTION:** There will be a collection to support the Christian Communities in the Holy Land. Let us give generously as much as we can.

**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.

**EASTER RAFFLE TICKETS:** The draw will take place on Palm Sunday after 11 am Mass. Thank you for your support. Payments accepted by card under 'Easter Raffle'

**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.

**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:** 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, 28<sup>th</sup> 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, 29<sup>th</sup> March

12 Noon Solemn Celebration of the Lord's Passion at Hethe. "Following the Solemn Celebration of the Lord's Passion, there will be a showing of the passion extract from Franco Zeffirelli's Jesus of Nazareth in St Philip's Hall to which all are welcome. Running time is 50 minutes and light refreshments will be available"

3.00pm Solemn Celebration of the Lord's Passion - Bicester  
7.00 pm Multi-lingual Stations of The Cross - Bicester

## Holy Saturday, 30<sup>th</sup> March

4.00 pm Blessing of Food for Polish Community - Bicester  
6.30 pm Easter Vigil - Bicester

## Easter Sunday, 31<sup>st</sup> 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.

### Dates to remember in 2024

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

**FINANCIAL INFORMATION**

**SECOND COLLECTIONS**  
24th March - 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. 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)

**HETHE**






**BICESTER**



Church	First Collection	Second Collection	Standing Orders	Tap & Go Donations	Mass Attendance
Bicester	£373.23	£ 216.74	£1100	£ 203	727
Hethe	£65		£170		43

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**Palm Sunday of the Passion of our Lord**  
Sunday Cycle B - Weekdays - Lenten Readings  
Weekend beginning 25th 31st March 2024 Psalter Week 2

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 23rd	4.00 pm @Hethe	People of God	HOLY WEEK		B Kelly/V Burns/S Wilde	R Deane
	6.00 pm	Intentions of Carey Family	Palm Sunday	R John/Sr Sani	Sr Rose	McArdle Family
Vigil Mass	9.00 am	Malachy McKeon (RIP)	Palm Sunday	P Cousins/Vol	L & D Jiminez	A Mutton/ C St John
SUN 24th	11.00 am	James McDonagh (RIP)	Palm Sunday	S Jospeh/R Silvy	Sr Sani	Kokore Family
MON 25th	9.30am@ Hethe	Melanie Mulheran (RIP)	Holy Week	R Deane		
	12 noon	Intentions Edward & Monica		M Daniel	J Kokore	
	7.00 pm	Service of Reconciliation & confessions				
TUE 26th	9.30am@School		Holy Week			
	7.00 pm	"Born for This" Lead by BGN School				
WED 27th	7.00 pm	Intentions of Clare Whitehead (Get well)	Holy Week	L Cleeve	Sr Rose	
THU 28th	7.00 pm	Mass of the Lord's Last Supper	Maundy Thursday			Kokore Family
		Followed by Watch and Pray till Midnight				JPII Centre
FRI 29th	12noon @Hethe	GOOD FRIDAY LITURGY				
	3.00 pm	GOOD FRIDAY LITURGY	Good Friday	L Cleeve/E King		Franta Family
	7.00 pm	Stations of the Cross in Multilingual				
SAT 30th	4.00 pm	Blessing of Food	Holy Saturday			
Ester Vigil	6.30 pm	Fiona Mary Beasley (RIP)	Solemnity of the Resurrection of the Lord	H King, J Franta, M Brown, C St John, L Cleeve	O Panejko, B Santiago	M & S Doherty
SUN 31st	9.00 am @Hethe	People of the Parish				
	9.00 am	Mary Francis (RIP)		A Mutton, M Daniel	C St John, C Drew	Brown Family
	11.00 am	Intentions of Leizel & Daniel Jiminez Bernard Chellar (RIP)		C Tett/ Visitor	J Marshall/J Kokore	Jiminez Family

7TH April - DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY - Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament at 2pm, Chaplet at 3pm followed by Veneration and Benediction@ Hethe

**This week we pray for...**

**SANCTUARY LIGHT: Felipe Teng (RIP)**

**OUR LADY'S LIGHT: Helena Nowak (RIP)**

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# Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

Entrance antiphon: **I did not cover my face against insult: I know I shall not be shamed.**

## First Reading

*"I will write my Law in their hearts"*

*Isaiah 50:4-7*

The Lord has given me a disciple's tongue. So that I may know how to reply to the wearied he provides me with speech. Each morning he wakes me to hear, to listen like a disciple. The Lord has opened my ear. For my part, I made no resistance, neither did I turn away. I offered my back to those who struck me, my cheeks to those who tore at my beard; I did not cover my face against insult and spittle. The Lord comes to my help, so that I am untouched by the insults. So, too, I set my face like flint; I know I shall not be shamed.

The word of the Lord

**All: Thanks be to God**

## Responsorial Psalm

**My God, my God, why have you forsaken me? (4 )**

## Second Reading

*"Christ humbled himself but God raised him high"*

*Philippians 2:6-11*

His state was divine, yet Christ Jesus did not cling to his equality with God but emptied himself to assume the condition of a slave and became as men are; and being as all men are, he was humbler yet, even to accepting death, death on a cross. But God raised him high and gave him the name which is above all other names so that all beings in the heavens, on earth and in the underworld, should bend the knee at the name of Jesus and that every tongue should acclaim Jesus Christ as Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

The word of the Lord

**All: Thanks be to God**

## Gospel Acclamation

**Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory!** Christ was humbler yet, even to accepting death, death on a cross. But God raised him high and gave him the name which is above all names. **Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory!**

## Gospel

*Mark 14:1-15:47*

N. Narrator. ✠ Jesus. O. Other single speaker. C. Crowd, or more than one speaker.

The Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark

## THE HOLY WEEK

**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