

Teams for	7/4	14/4	21/4	28/4	5/5	12/5
Children lit. (4)	none	none	4	1	2	
Coffee 9am (10)	5	6	7	8	9	10
Coffee 11am (9)5	2	3	4	6	7	8
Flowers	All	Sisters	Sisters			

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

EASTER OFFERINGS: I sincerely thank you all for your generosity. I very much appreciate your kindness. May God bless you.

THANK YOU: On behalf of the Parish community I thank everyone who was involved in our Easter liturgies and in preparing our Church. Very much appreciate your support. God bless you all.

HOUSE BLESSINGS DURING EASTER SEASON: The tradition of blessing of houses during Easter Season is very ancient and represents one of the most important moments of the liturgical year. Blessing of home with Easter Water is encouraged by the Church. If you would like your house and family to be blessed with Easter Water, please get in touch with me through our parish office and accordingly they will arrange a date and time convenient to you, so that I can come to bless your family & home.

COFFEE MORNING: Thank you all for your support. I look forward to seeing you all at the next Coffee Morning on Friday, 3rd May.

CHURCH GROUNDS SPRING CLEAN on Saturday 28th April from 10 am.

MASS REQUESTS: We are currently very short of Mass intentions, so please continue to request. Mass envelopes are available from the back of the Church/ Piety Shop or Parish Office. If you require a specific date for Mass to be celebrated, please send in your request and stipend as early as possible as the date requested may already be booked. Please leave Mass envelopes with welcomers, Sisters, or in the Piety shop or give it to me before or after Mass if not leave it in the sacristy, not in the collection.

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.

PIETY SHOP: Easter, 1st Holy Communion items, including ties for boys, now available. Come and have a browse!

PALESTINE CRISIS: I am planning to have a fundraising day in collaboration with other faiths communities and others in Bicester. As a ceasefire seems to be on the way, let us do what we can to provide assistance in reaching the people of Palestine. More information to follow.

CONCERT St. Edburg's Church, Bicester on Saturday April 20th. Come along to hear monumental work by Felix Mendelssohn. Tickets from Richard and Adrienne Evans by phoning 01869 350140. Also from Coles' Bookstore, Bicester.

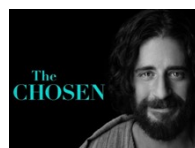
NEW TO THE PARISH: You are very welcome to the parish. Please register your family in the parish, forms can be found at the back of the Church or speak to one of the Parish Sisters. I really want you all to be part of the parish community. I would like to encourage you all to join in, in various ministries in the parish. Speak to me after weekend Masses or make an appoint to come and see me.

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL: Will meet on Monday 22nd April in St John Paul II Centre at 7pm.

COFFEE MORNING AT ST PHILIP'S HALL HETHE: On Monday 8th April from 10 am. All welcome

100 CLUB RESULTS: £100 Tom O'Callaghan (76) £50 John Hanna (57) £25 Mike Jobling #1(31)

SYMPATHY Please pray for the repose of the soul of former parishioner Doug Frewer who passed away recently. His funeral will be on Thursday, 25 April at 2pm at South Oxfordshire crematorium. May he rest in peace.



THE CHOSEN SEASON 3 TO continue on Thursday at 7pm in St John Paul II Centre. April 18th, 25th; May 16th and 23rd.

YEAR OF PRAYER 2024: Theme - "WE DARE TO SAY" Five sessions on "Our Father " on the following Thursday evenings in St John Paul II Centre at 7pm.



June 6th " Our Father who art in Heaven, Hallowed be thy Name"

June 13th "Thy Kingdom come, Thy will be done on Earth as it is in Heaven"

June 27th "Give us this Day our Daily Bread"

July 4th "Forgive us our Trespasses, as we Forgive those who Trespass against us.."

July 11th "Doxology: "For the Kingdom, the Power and the Glory are Yours now and forever."

DAILY MEDITATIONS: Pray As you God: Please use the following link: <https://pray-as-you-go.org/>

Dates to remember

Monday 22nd April - Parish Pastoral Council Meeting at 7pm
 Saturday 11th May - First Holy Communions (St Mary's) at 11am
 Saturday 18th May - First Holy Communions (non St Mary's) at 11 am
 Monday 20th May - Parish Pastoral Council Meeting at 7pm
 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)
 Sunday, 22nd September: International Mass at 11 am followed by Shared Lunch

FINANCIAL INFORMATION

SECOND COLLECTIONS

April 7th/14th Parish Maintenance
 21st April: Clergy Training fund

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.

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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	Good Friday	Standing Orders	Tap & Go Donations	Mass Attendance
Bicester		£ 499.20	£1100	£ 50	990
Hethe	£	£107	£170		



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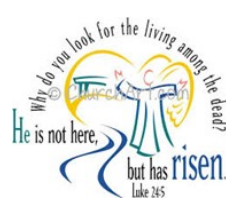
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Second Sunday of Easter

Sunday Cycle B - Weekdays - Easter Season
 Weekend beginning 7th—14th April 2024 Psalter Week 2

Pope's Prayer Intention for April: We pray that the dignity and immense value of women be recognised in every culture, and for the end of discrimination that they experience in different parts of the world.



MONTH OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

APRIL	TIME	INTENTIONS	FEASTS	LECTORS	E O MINISTERS	STEWARDS
SAT 6th	4.00 pm @Hethe	People of the Parish	Feast of Divine Mercy	R Deane		
Vigil Mass	6.00 pm	Norma Jean Baker (RIP)	2nd Sunday of Easter	Sr Sani/Sr Rose	A Mutton/Sister	B & K McFall
SUN 7th	9.00 am	Ladislas Cigoho (RIP)		A Jimenez/C St John	M Brown/L Jimenez	L Williams/C St John
	11.00 am	John & Brenda Dunn (RIP)		A Kearsley/E Green	J & M Franta	J Marshall/vol
	2.00pm@Hethe	DIVINE MERCY DEVOTIONS				
	3.30pm@Hethe	BENEDICTION				
MON 8th	9.30 am @Hethe	Intentions of Wilde's Family	Solemnity of the			
	12 Noon	For Deceased Cawley Family members	Annunciation of the Lord	M Daniel	J Kokore	
TUE 9th	9.30 am	Joseph Kennedy (RIP) 8th anniversary	Easter Feria			
	7.00 pm	Clergy & Laity Meeting at Banbury	For South Group			
WED 10th	9.30 am	Katie Jordan (RIP)	Easter Feria	L Cleeve	Jacob Kokore	
THU 11th	9.30 am	Helena Nowak (RIP)	Mem of St Stanislaus BM	H King	Sr Sani	
	7.00 pm	Clergy & Laity Meeting at Rugby, Bilton	For North Group			
FRI 12th	12noon	Ronald Hawke (RIP)	Easter Feria	E King	Sr Rose	
SAT 13th	10.00 am	BAPTISIMAL COURSE				St John Paul II Centre
	12.30 pm	Internment of Ashes of Michael Knibbs (RIP)				
	4.00 pm @Hethe	Intentions of Kelly & Deane Families	3rd Sunday of Easter			
Vigil	6.00 pm	People of the Parish		T Nugent/H Henwood	S & M Doherty	Sisters/Volunteers
SUN 14th	9.00 am	Margaret O'Flynn (RIP) In Thanksgiving - CKM Patulot		E Penhallow/ M Brown	P Capretta/ F Ostrowski	L & C Cleeve
	11.00 am	Intentions of Nancy Ward		H King/ T Lane	Jacob Kokore/Sr Rose	Kokore Family



Today, The Feast of the 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: Intentions of Nancy Ward
OUR LADY'S LIGHT: Int. of O'Rourke Family

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SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER FEAST OF THE DIVINE MERCY

Entrance antiphon: **Receive the joy of your glory, giving thanks to God, who has called you into the heavenly kingdom, alleluia**

First Reading *"The whole group of believers was united, heart and soul."* *Acts 4: 32-35*

The whole group of believers was united, heart and soul; no one claimed for his own use anything that he had, as everything they owned was held in common.

The apostles continued to testify to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus with great power, and they were all given great respect. None of their members was ever in want, as all those who owned land or houses would sell them, and bring the money from them, to present it to the apostles; it was then distributed to any members who might be in need.

The word of the Lord
All: Thanks be to God

Responsorial Psalm

**Give thanks to the Lord for he is good,
for his love has no end. (3 V)**

Second Reading *"Whoever believes that Jesus is the Christ has already overcome the world"* *1 John 5 : 1-6*

Whoever believes that Jesus is the Christ has been begotten by God; and whoever loves the Father that begot him loves the child whom he begets. We can be sure that we love God's children if we love God himself and do what he has commanded us; this is what loving God is –keeping his commandments; and his commandments are not difficult, because anyone who has been begotten by God has already overcome the world; this is the victory over the world –our faith. Who can overcome the world? Only the man who believes that Jesus is the Son of God: Jesus Christ who came by water and blood, not with water only, but with water and blood; with the Spirit as another witness – since the Spirit is the truth.

The word of the Lord
All: Thanks be to God

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia! Jesus said: 'You believe because you can see me.
Happy are those who have not seen and yet believe. **Alleluia!**

Gospel *"Eight days later, Jesus came."* *John 20: 19-31*

In the evening of that same day, the first day of the week, the doors were closed in the room where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews. Jesus came and stood among them. He said to them, 'Peace be with you', and showed them his hands and his side. The disciples were filled with joy when they saw the Lord, and he said to them again, 'Peace be with you. 'As the Father sent me, so am I sending you.' After saying this he breathed on them and said: 'Receive the Holy Spirit. For those whose sins you forgive, they are forgiven; for those whose sins you retain, they are retained.' Thomas, called the Twin, who was one of the Twelve, was not with them when Jesus came.

When the disciples said, 'We have seen the Lord', he answered, 'Unless I see the holes that the nails made in his hands and can put my finger into the holes they made, and unless I can put my hand into his side, I refuse to believe.' Eight days later the disciples were in the house again and Thomas was with them. The doors were closed, but Jesus came in and stood among them. 'Peace be with you' he said. Then he spoke to Thomas, 'Put your finger here; look, here are my hands. Give me your hand; put it into my side. Doubt no longer but believe.' Thomas replied, 'My Lord and my God!' Jesus said to him: 'You believe because you can see me. Happy are those who have not seen and yet believe.

There were many other signs that Jesus worked and the disciples saw, but they are not recorded in this book. These are recorded so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing this you may have life through his name.

The Gospel of the Lord
All: Praise to you , Lord Jesus Christ.

EASTER SEASON

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