

Teams for	14/4	21/4	28/4	5/5	12/5	19/5
Children lit. (4)	none	4	1	2	3	4
Coffee 9am (10)	6	7	8	9	10	1
Coffee 11am (9)	3	4	6	7	8	9
Flowers	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 - 5.45 pm  
**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.

**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. Total raised £218.80. Look forward to seeing you at the next Coffee Morning on Friday, 3rd May.

**CHURCH GROUNDS SPRING CLEAN** on Saturday 27th 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. My sincere thanks to Jackie Flynn and Les Cleeve.

**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.

**PARISH OPEN MEETING:** On Saturday, 22nd June from 10 am in St John Paul II Centre. All parishioners are invited to come along and participate in our discussions, how we can continue to build our parish and how you can get involved in the life of the parish Mission. We are blessed with so many young families and young people. The demands of modern life, shift work, temporary status or reluctance to get involved, all has its affect on building our parish. Nearly all who are involved in volunteering are not getting younger. Is it fine as it is? We need to have a sense of responsibility in running/building faith community in our parish. We have so many new parishioners who come to Church to worship regularly and I welcome you and at the same time invite you to become active members and share your talents and blessings.

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

**SYMPATHY** Please pray for the repose of the soul of former parishioner of Hethe, Dermot McDermott who passed away on Friday 5th April. We express our sympathy to his family. May he rest in peace.

**ANNUAL THANKSGIVING MASS FOR MARRIAGE:** An invitation is extended to married couples, those celebrating a milestone anniversary and those preparing to marry this year, to our annual Mass for Marriage at St Chad's Cathedral on Saturday 4th May at 12 Noon, followed by light refreshments. Please visit [www.vocations.org.uk/marriage-mass](http://www.vocations.org.uk/marriage-mass). Use QR Code for the link and forward your details if you wish to attend.

**YOUTH MINISTRY:** Any volunteers please? We need your help and your time in providing Youth Ministry to our young people.



**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 Communion (St Mary's) at 11am  
 Saturday 18th May - First Holy Communion (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 14th/28th 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.

**HETHE BICESTER**

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	£ 313.42	£ 158.02	£1100	£ 160	405
Hethe	£48	£	£170		27



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**Third Sunday of Easter**  
 Sunday Cycle B - Weekdays - Easter Season  
 Weekend beginning 14th - 21st April 2024 Psalter Week 3

**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.



APRIL	TIME	INTENTIONS	FEASTS	LECTORS	E O MINISTERS	WELCOMERS
SAT 13th	4.00 pm @Hethe	Intentions of Kelly & Deane Families	3rd Sunday of Easter		-	R Deane
Vigil Mass	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
MON 15th	9.30 am @Hethe	Kevin French (RIP)	Easter Feria			
	12 Noon	William Swanson (RIP)		M Daniel	Sr Rose	
TUE 16th	9.00 am	Canon John's Intentions	Easter Feria	L Cleeve	J Kokore	
WED 17th	10 am @school	Private Intention	Easter Feria	School Children		
THU 18th	9.30 am	Intentions of Susan & Dale; Jane & Guy	Easter Feria	H King	Sr Sani	
	7.00 pm	"The Chosen" Video				St John Paul II Centre
FRI 19th	12noon	Krystyna Lewandowska (RIP) 58th anni	Easter Feria	E King	Jacob Kokore	
SAT 20th	9.00 am	First Holy Communion session				St John Paul II Centre
	11.00 am	Baptism of Elodie Isla Boiling				
	4.00 pm @Hethe	Father Gerald Flood (RIP)	4th Sunday of Easter			
Vigil	6.00 pm	Helen Nowak (RIP) & Family		Sr Rose/P Sims	Sr Sani/	A Mutton/L Hattam
SUN 21st	9.00 am	For all deceased members of Parish		P Cousins/S McCarthy	L & R Weaver	Brown Family
	11.00 am	People of the Parish		R Evans/J Hurst	J Marshall/Sr Sani	Orleans Family
	12.30 pm	PLOUGHMAN'S 'n' PUD LUNCH:				St John Paul II Centre



**MONTH OF THE HOLY SPIRIT**



This week we pray for...  
**SANCTUARY LIGHT: For the soul of Felipe Teng**  
**OUR LADY'S LIGHT: JF**

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# THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

Entrance antiphon: **Cry out with joy to God, all the earth; O sing to the glory of his name. O render him glorious praise, alleluia.**

**First Reading** *"You killed the prince of life: God, however, raised him from the dead"* Acts 3: 13-19

Peter said to the people: 'You are Israelites, and it is the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, the God of our ancestors, who has glorified his servant Jesus, the same Jesus you handed over and then disowned in the presence of Pilate after Pilate had decided to release him. It was you who accused the Holy One, the Just One, you who demanded the reprieve of a murderer while you killed the prince of life. God, however, raised him from the dead, and to that fact we are the witnesses.

'Now I know, brothers, that neither you nor your leaders had any idea what you were really doing; this was the way God carried out what he had foretold, when he said through all his prophets that his Christ would suffer. Now you must repent and turn to God, so that your sins may be wiped out.'

The word of the Lord

**All: Thanks be to God**

**Responsorial Psalm**

**Lift up the light of your face on us, O Lord. ( 4 V )**

**Second Reading** *"Jesus Christ is the sacrifice that takes our sins away, and the world"* 1 John 2: 1-5

I am writing this, my children, to stop you sinning; but if anyone should sin, we have our advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ, who is just; he is the sacrifice that takes our sins away, and not only ours, but the whole world's. We can be sure that we know God only by keeping his commandments. Anyone who says, 'I know him', and does not keep his commandments, is a liar, refusing to admit the truth. But when anyone does obey what he has said, God's love comes to perfection in him.

The word of the Lord

**All: Thanks be to God**

**Gospel Acclama-**

**Alleluia, alleluia! Lord Jesus, explain the scriptures to us. Make our hearts burn within us as you talk to us. Alleluia!**

**Gospel** *"It is written that the Christ would suffer and on the third day rise from the dead"* Luke 24: 35-48

The disciples told their story of what had happened on the road and how they had recognised Jesus at the breaking of bread.

They were still talking about all this when Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, 'Peace be with you!' In a state of alarm and fright, they thought they were seeing a ghost. But he said, 'Why are you so agitated, and why are these doubts rising in your hearts? Look at my hands and feet; yes, it is I indeed. Touch me and see for yourselves; a ghost has no flesh and bones as you can see I have.' And as he said this he showed them his hands and feet. Their joy was so great that they still could not believe it, and they stood there dumbfounded; so he said to them, 'Have you anything here to eat?' And they offered him a piece of grilled fish, which he took and ate before their eyes.

Then he told them, 'This is what I meant when I said, while I was still with you, that everything written about me in the Law of Moses, in the Prophets and in the Psalms has to be fulfilled.' He then opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, 'So you see how it is written that the Christ would suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, and that, in his name, repentance for the forgiveness of sins would be preached to all the nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses to this.'

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