

Teams for	21/4	28/4	5/5	12/5	19/5	26/5
Children lit. (4)	4	1	none	2	3	none
Coffee 9am (10)	7	8	9	10	1	2
Coffee 11am (9)	4	6	7	8	9	1
Flowers	Sisters	Anne	Anne	Jo	Sally	Sally

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 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.

THE SECOND COLLECTION today is for the Clergy Training Fund. Today is Vocations Sunday, traditionally a day for asking young men and women if they are called to the priesthood and religious life. The collection will take place after Holy Communion. This goes towards feeding, housing and teaching those seminarians of the diocese discerning their vocation in seminary and to support diaconate training.

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 homes with Easter Water is encouraged by the Church. If you would like your house and family to be blessed with Easter Water, please email the parish office with your details.

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.

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 a form which can be found at the back of church 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 increase your chances of winning and subscriptions can also be bought for friends and family as gifts.

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.



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. Use QR Code for the link and forward your details if you wish to attend.

YOUTH MINISTRY Any willing volunteers please? We need your help and your time in providing Youth Ministry to our young people. Contact Deacon Nick.

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS: There will be a short session in Church on Friday, 26th April at 7pm for those Extraordinary Ministers who were Commissioned for the first time on Maundy Thursday.

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

PLOUGHMAN'S 'n' PUD LUNCH: My sincere thanks in advance to Jackie Flynn and Les Cleeve for all their hard work and support in raising funds for the parish. Thank you to all those who have bought tickets to support the event. I very much appreciate it.



THE CHOSEN SEASON 3 TO continue on Thursday at 7pm in St John Paul II Centre. April 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 Trespases, 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 Go: 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

- 21st April: Clergy Training fund
- 28th April: 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. **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	£ 328.25	£ 182.70	£1157	£ 190	476
Hethe	£45	£	£170		24



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Please subscribe our Parish YouTube Channel We use live streaming Go to the website and/or follow this link <https://camstreamer.com/redirect/Sf0RcspHjzNr8niFC4ls0jQBgoc37B8YBCjKVpC>



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Fourth Sunday of Easter

Sunday Cycle B - Weekdays - Easter Season
 Weekend beginning 21st - 28th April 2024 Psalter Week 4

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	WELCOMERS
SAT 20th	4.00 pm @Hethe	Father Gerald Flood (RIP)	4th Sunday of Easter			R Deane
Vigil Mass	6.00 pm	Helen Nowak (RIP) & Family	World day of prayer for	Sr Rose/P Sims	Sr Sani/	A Mutton/L Hattam
SUN 21st	9.00 am	For all deceased members of Parish	VOCATIONS	P Cousins/S McCarthy	L & R Weaver	Brown Family
	11.00 am	Thanksgiving Mass - Castillo Family		R Evans/J Hurst	J Marshall/Sr Sani	Orleans Family
	12.30 pm	PLOUGHMAN'S 'n' PUD LUNCH				St John Paul II Centre
MON 22nd	9.30 am @Hethe	Dermot McDermott (RIP)	Easter Feria			
	12 Noon	Intentions of Mary Lynch		M Daniel	Sr Rose	
	7.00 pm	PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING				St John Paul II Centre
TUE 23rd	9.30 am	Jose Magleo (RIP)	Easter Feria	L Cleeve	J Kokore	
WED 24th	9.30 am	Helen Nowak (RIP)	Easter Feria	J Kokore	Sr Sani	
	2.15pm@school	Holy Souls		School Children		
THU 25th	9.30 am	Intentions of Mary Lynch	Easter Feria	H King	Jacob Kokore	
	7.00 pm	"THE CHOSEN" VIDEO				St John Paul II Centre
FRI 26th	12noon	Dermot Cawley - 80th Birthday	Easter Feria	E King	J Kokore	
SAT 27th	9.00 am	First Holy Communion Session				St John Paul II Centre
Vigil	4.00 pm @Hethe	People of the Parish	5th Sunday of Easter			
Mass	6.00 pm	Intentions of Irene & Bill Foley		R John/P Cousins	O Panjeko/B Santiago	McArdle Family
SUN 28th	9.00 am	Teresa Conlon (RIP)		C Moyse	A Hall/M Brown	A Mutton/J Marshall
	11.00 am	Fiona Mary Beasley (RIP) Rory O'Rourke		J Franta/A Kearsley	D Gunaratna/Sr Rose	Franta Family

Let us pray for vocations to the priesthood. If any young men in our community feel that he may be being called, so please come and speak to me. Happy to assist you in your journey. There are so many young men in our parish, let us pray for them that they may respond to God's call.



This week we pray for...
SANCTUARY LIGHT: Maureen Daniel
OUR LADY'S LIGHT: Vivian Doyle



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Safeguarding: Both our Parishes operate in accordance with Statutory Safeguarding Guidance & the National and Archdioceses policies and procedures at all times.

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FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY

Entrance antiphon: **The merciful love of the Lord fills the earth;
by the Word of the Lord the heavens were made, alleluia**

First Reading *"The name of Jesus Christ is the only name in which we can be saved"* *Acts 4: 8-12*

Filled with the Holy Spirit, Peter said: 'Rulers of the people, and elders! If you are questioning us today about an act of kindness to a cripple, and asking us how he was healed, then I am glad to tell you all, and would indeed be glad to tell the whole people of Israel, that it was by the name of Jesus Christ the Nazarene, the one you crucified, whom God raised from the dead, by this name and by no other that this man is able to stand up perfectly healthy, here in your presence, today. This is the stone rejected by you the builders, but which has proved to be the keystone. For of all the names in the world given to men, this is the only one by which we can be saved.'

The word of the Lord
All: Thanks be to God

Responsorial Psalm

**The stone which the builders rejected
has become the corner stone. (3V)**

Second Reading *"We shall be like God because we shall see him as he really is"* *John 3: 1-2*

Think of the love that the Father has lavished on us, by letting us be called God's children; and that is what we are. Because the world refused to acknowledge him, therefore it does not acknowledge us. My dear people, we are already the children of God but what we are to be in the future has not yet been revealed; all we know is, that when it is revealed we shall be like him because we shall see him as he really is.

The word of the Lord
All: Thanks be to God

Gospel Acclamation

**Alleluia, alleluia! I am the good shepherd, says the Lord; I
know my own sheep & my own know me. Alleluia!**

Gospel *"The good shepherd is one who lays down his life for his sheep."* *John 10: 11-18*

Jesus said: 'I am the good shepherd: the good shepherd is one who lays down his life for his sheep. The hired man, since he is not the shepherd and the sheep do not belong to him, abandons the sheep and runs away as soon as he sees a wolf coming, and then the wolf attacks and scatters the sheep; this is because he is only a hired man and has no concern for the sheep. 'I am the good shepherd; I know my own and my own know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father; and I lay down my life for my sheep. And there are other sheep I have that are not of this fold, and these I have to lead as well. They too will listen to my voice, and there will be only one flock, and one shepherd. The Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again No one takes it from me; I lay it down of my own free will, and as it is in my power to lay it down, so it is in my power to take it up again; and this is the command I have been given by my Father.'

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