

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

**OUR LADY'S CHAPEL AT MASS TIMES** Due to health and safety reasons we now use the area of Our Lady's Chapel for burning charcoal for incense at mass times. We therefore request that no small children/toddlers are seated or in the vicinity of this area during masses. As always our aim is to keep all our visitors safe at all times. We are grateful for your cooperation with this matter.

**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 The first draw of the new "100 club" year takes place this weekend.** Thank you to everyone who is continuing to support this fundraiser. If you would like to join from next month please complete a form which can be found at the back of church and return to the Parish Office. 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.

**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](http://www.vocations.org.uk/marriage-mass). Use QR Code for the link and forward your details if you wish to attend.



**PIETY SHOP:** 1st Holy Communion items, CTS booklets and greetings cards. Come and have a browse!

**PLOUGHMAN'S 'n' PUD LUNCH:** My sincere thanks to Jackie Flynn and Les Cleeve for all their hard work and support in raising funds for the parish. Grateful to Paul & Debbie Cousins for their support. Thank you to all those who have bought tickets to support the event. Total raised £835.75.

**200TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE FIRST SERMON OF ST JOHN HENRY NEWMAN PREACHED AT OVER WORTON CHURCH ON JUNE 23RD 1824** Sunday 23rd June At Holy Trinity, Over Worton 3pm - Talk on Newman's ministry of preaching by Mgr Rod Strange. 4pm - Afternoon Tea. 5pm Evening Prayer with some of Newman's hymns, led by Bishop Gavin Collins, **Preacher The Most Revd Bernard Longley**, Archbishop of Birmingham. The church is small and we need to set a limit of 100 people for the event, so please could you email [fr.david.hartley@rcaob.org.uk](mailto:fr.david.hartley@rcaob.org.uk) if you are interested in attending. Limited places only.

**MISSIO/APF ( RED BOXES)** With Jim Bridle's passing we are looking for a volunteer to help with Missio box collections. For more information please speak to or email Lucia at the Parish Office. The Immaculate Conception raised £1083.99 in 2023. thank you for your generosity.



**THE CHOSEN SEASON 3** TO continue on Thursday at 7pm in St John Paul II Centre. **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**

- 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**

28th April 5th May: Parish Maintenance  
12th May: Catholic Communications

**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	Clergy Training Fund	Standing Orders	Tap & Go Donations	Mass Attendance
Bicester	£ 372.78	£ 669.10	£1157	£ 150	460
Hethe	£42	£ 54	£170		31



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**Fifth Sunday of Easter**

Sunday Cycle B - Weekdays - Easter Season  
Weekend beginning 28th April - 5th May 2024 Psalter Week 1

**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
<b>SAT 27th</b>	<b>4.00 pm @Hethe</b>	People of the Parish	<b>5th Sunday of Easter</b>			R Deane
<b>Vigil Mass</b>	<b>6.00 pm</b>	Intentions of Irene & Bill Foley		R John/P Cousins	O Panjeko/B Santiago	McArdle Family
<b>SUN 28th</b>	<b>9.00 am</b>	Teresa Conlon (RIP)		C Moyse	A Hall/M Brown	A Mutton/J Marshall
	<b>11.00 am</b>	Fiona Mary Beasley (RIP) Rory O'Rourke		A Kearsley	D Gunaratna/Sr Rose	Kokore Family
<b>MON 29th</b>	<b>8.00 am</b>	Thanksgiving	Feast of St Catherine of Siena, VD Patron of Europe	M Daniel	Sr Rose	
<b>TUE 30th</b>	<b>6.00 pm</b>	Service of the Word with Holy Communion	<b>Easter Feria</b>	L Cleeve		
<b>WED 1st May</b>	<b>6.00 pm</b>	Service of the Word with Holy Communion	<b>Easter Feria</b>	J Kokore		
<b>THU 2nd</b>	<b>6.00 pm</b>	Service of the Word with Holy Communion	Mem of St Athanasius B,Dr	H King		
<b>FRI 3rd</b>	<b>6.00 pm</b>	Service of the Word with Holy Communion	Feast of SS Philip & James Apostles	E King		
<b>SAT 4th</b>	<b>11.00 am</b>	Baptism—Joel Michael Aselford				
<b>Vigil</b>	<b>4.00 pm @Hethe</b>		<b>6th Sunday of Easter</b>			
<b>Mass</b>	<b>6.00 pm</b>	Thanksgiving - for all the blessings Leizel and her family have received.		B & K McFall	L & D Jiminez	M & S Doherty
<b>SUN 5th</b>	<b>9.00 am</b>	People of the Parish		L & S Taylor	C St John/ C Drew	L Williams/C St John
	<b>11.00 am</b>	Intentions of Maricel Franta - Birthday		T Lane/ N Ward	J Marshall/ D Jiminez	Kokore Family



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

**SANCTUARY LIGHT: OUR LADY'S LIGHT:**

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**Very Rev. Canon John Y Batthula** BA, MA, Dip. Cat., MA Ed  
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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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# FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Entrance antiphon: **O Sing a new song to the Lord, for he has worked wonders; in the sight of the nations he has shown his deliverance, alleluia.**

**First Reading**      *" Barnabas has explained how the Lord had appeared to Saul on his journey"*      **Acts 9: 26 - 31**

When Saul got to Jerusalem he tried to join the disciples, but they were all afraid of him: they could not believe he was really a disciple. Barnabas, however, took charge of him, introduced him to the apostles, and explained how the Lord had appeared to Saul and spoken to him on his journey, and how he had preached boldly at Damascus in the name of Jesus. Saul now started to go round with them in Jerusalem, preaching fearlessly in the name of the Lord. But after he had spoken to the Hellenists, and argued with them, they became determined to kill him. When the brothers knew, they took him to Caesarea, and sent him off from there to Tarsus. The churches throughout Judaea, Galilee and Samaria were now left in peace, building themselves up, living in the fear of the Lord, and filled with the consolation of the Holy Spirit.

The word of the Lord  
**All: Thanks be to God**

**Responsorial Psalm**      **You, Lord, are my praise in the great assembly. (3 V)**

**Second Reading**      *"The commandment of faith and love"*      **1 John 3: 18 - 24**

My children, our love is not to be just words or mere talk, but something real and active; only by this can we be certain that we are children of the truth and be able to quieten our conscience in his presence, whatever accusations it may raise against us, because God is greater than our conscience and he knows everything.

My dear people, if we cannot be condemned by our own conscience we need not be afraid in God's presence, and whatever we ask him, we shall receive, because we keep his commandments and live the kind of life that he wants. His commandments are these: that we believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and that we love one another as he told us to. Whoever keeps his commandments lives in God and God lives in him. We know that he lives in us by the Spirit that he has given us.

The word of the Lord  
**All: Thanks be to God**

**Gospel Acclamation**      **Alleluia, alleluia! Make your home in me, as I make mine in you. Whoever remains in me bears fruit in plenty! Alleluia!**

**Gospel**      *"I am the vine, you are the branches"*      **John 15: 1 - 8**

Jesus said to his disciples: 'I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinedresser. Every branch in me that bears no fruit he cuts away, and every branch that does bear fruit he prunes to make it bear even more. You are pruned already, by means of the word that I have spoken to you. Make your home in me, as I make mine in you. As a branch cannot bear fruit all by itself, but must remain part of the vine, neither can you unless you remain in me. I am the vine, you are the branches. Whoever remains in me, with me in him, bears fruit in plenty; for cut off from me you can do nothing. Anyone who does not remain in me is like a branch that has been thrown away – he withers; these branches are collected and thrown on the fire, and they are burnt. If you remain in me and my words remain in you, you may ask what you will and you shall get it. It is to the glory of my Father that you should bear much fruit, And then you will be my disciples.

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