

Teams for	25/8	1/9	8/9	15/9	22/9	29/9
Children lit. (4)	none	none	1	2	none	3
Coffee 9am (11)	3	4	5	6	7	8
Coffee 11am (9) 5	7	8	9	1	2	3
Flowers	New rota					

LET US PRAY FOR THE SICK AND HOUSEBOUND: Mary Lynch, K Cashman, Tim Charles, Jean McIntosh, Lucia Ostrowska.

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.

PARISH PRIEST We are delighted to welcome our new Parish Priest, Father Craig Davies to Bicester as he celebrates masses here this weekend for the first time. Father Craig is looking forward to meeting all parishioners, so please take a moment to say 'hello' as you leave church.

INDUCTIONS Details for Fr Craig's Induction Mass here will be announced in due course. Canon John will be inducted as Parish Priest of St George's, Worcester on Thursday, 17th October at 7pm. A coach has been arranged, so please add your name/s to the list at the back of church if you would like to attend. Cost £15 pp, this can be paid on the card machine, option 'Worcester' His new address is: St George's Church, 2 Sansome Place, Worcester, WR1 1UG.

SYMPATHY Please pray for the repose of the soul of Mike Gosling who died recently. We convey our condolences to Kathy and her family and assure them of our prayers. Mike's cremation has already taken place and his ashes will be interred into the Foynes Memorial Garden in due course. *May he rest in peace.*

COFFEE MORNING The next Coffee Morning will be held on Friday, September 6th from 10am. Cakes & coffee, all welcome!

THE ANNUAL OXFORDSHIRE HISTORIC CHURCHES TRUST RIDE & STRIDE will take place from 10.00am to 4.00pm on Saturday, 14 September. 50% of all funds raised by parishioners will be paid to the Parish. Enjoy a healthy day of exercise as a cyclist, walker or as a visitor welcome and help preserve the history on our doorstep by raising funds for the OHCT and our own Church. For further information or to receive a sponsorship form, please contact Tim Lane on 01869 277523 or at tim.lane@live.co.uk

INTERNATIONAL SUNDAY This very popular event will take place on Sunday, 22nd September. Mass will be celebrated at 11am, followed by a bring and share International Buffet in the St John Paul II Centre. Please add your names to the list if you are able to contribute food to share.
SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMME 2024-25 Dates for meetings, lessons and celebrations (Confirmation Mass date yet to be arranged) are now available on our website and are on display on the church notice board. The Enrolment Session will take place on Monday, 23rd September at 7pm at the St John Paul II Centre. Forms are available online and from the back of church. Please return them to the enrolment session in September and **not** the office. Thank you.

BAPTISM COURSE The next and last course of 2024 will take place on Saturday, 5th October at 10am in the St John Paul II Centre. Please contact the office to register your attendance if you are thinking of arranging a baptism for your child between this October-April 2025.

CERTIFICATES The office has a large number of unclaimed sacramental certificates dating back to 2008! To obtain, please email details (including year the sacrament took place) and collection can be arranged. Certificates are of importance when you move parish, prepare for the next sacrament, especially in preparation for the sacrament of marriage.

COFFEE AFTER MASSES continue to be served weekly in the St John Paul II Centre after the 9am & 11am Sunday Masses. Everyone is very welcome, it is a great opportunity to get to know fellow parishioners!

ROSARY

The recitation of the Rosary begins 20 mins before Saturday evening Mass. Please do come along early and join in this special act of devotion. We are currently looking for more volunteers to recite the rosary, if you would be interested please speak to Sr Rose.

ARCHBISHOP BERNARD'S CALL TO CELEBRATE THE SEASON OF CREATION Archbishop Bernard has released a video ahead of the Season of Creation to encourage you to take up the opportunity which the Holy Father has given us to celebrate the Season. He says: "As you may know this is something growing year by year as we become more and more aware of our calling as Christians to have a care for the whole of the Created world... "Pope Francis is asking us to think about how we care for the whole of Creation as an expression of our own Christian Faith and is referring us to St Paul's letter to the Romans, which speaks about the whole of Creation groaning, but also looking for the freedom which Christ brings us as children of God... "Hope and Act with Creation is the theme for this year, and I hope you'll be able to pray that we and others will value all that we have in creation as a way of praising God and also caring for those who are most in need." You can find the full celebration guide as well as other prayers and resources on the Diocesan website. <https://www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk>

Dates to remember

Date to be confirmed: Aid to the Church in Need Appeal
 Sunday, 22nd Sept: International Mass at 11 am followed by Shared Lunch
 Saturday, 5th October: Filipino Day of Prayer from 3.30 pm
 Sunday, 20th October: Harvest Lunch in St John Paul II Centre
 Monday, 4th November: Parish Pastoral Council Meeting TBC
 Tuesday, 5th November: Parish Finance Council meeting. TBC
 Sunday, 24th November: Christmas Bazaar after 9am and 11 am Masses
 Sunday, 22nd December: Christmas Raffle Draw after 11 am Mass

FINANCIAL INFORMATION

SECOND COLLECTIONS

25th August & 1st September : Parish Maintenance
 8th September: Catholic Education
 15th September : Catholic Evangelisation
 22nd September: Father Hudson's Society

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

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.

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Church	First Collection	Second Collection	Standing Orders	Card (Dona) & Web	Mass Attendance
Bicester	£402.55	£150.67	£1157	£135	336
Hethe	£45		£185	—	20



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This church live streams Mass and other events. Parish YouTube 'Bicester Catholic Church' Channel Go to the website or follow this link

<https://camstreamer.com/redirect/SfORcspHjzNr8niFC4ls5oIQBgoc37B8YBCjKvPc>

Follow the readings at Mass: <https://universalis.com/mass.htm>



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Deanery website: <https://banburyandwarwick-catholicdeanery.org.uk>

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August is the Month of the Immaculate Heart of Mary

21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday Cycle B - Weekdays - Year II

Weekend beginning 25th August - 1st September 2024 - Psalter Week 1

Pope's Prayer Intention for August: We pray that political leaders be at the service of their own people, working for integral human development and for the common good, especially caring for the poor and those who have lost their jobs.



AUGUST	TIME	INTENTIONS	FEASTS	LECTORS	E O MINISTERS	WELCOMERS
SAT 24th	4.00pm @ Hethe	People of the Parish	21st Sunday OT			R Deane & S Wilde
Vigil Mass	6.00pm	Angus Forsyth Snr (RIP)		P Cousins		L Hattam
SUN 25th	9.00am	Mike Gosling (RIP)		S McCarthy		C St John/L Williams
	11.00 am	Canon John—In thanksgiving		J Franta		Jimenez Family
MON 26th	9.30am	Service of the Word with Holy Communion	Feast of Blessed Dominic Barberi, P, R	M Daniel		
TUE 27th	6.00pm	Service of the Word with Holy Communion	Mem of St Monica	L Cleeve		
WED 28th	9.30am	Service of the Word with Holy Communion	Mem of St Augustine, B, Dr	J Kokore		
THU 29th	9.30am	Sally Short (sick)	Mem of the Passion of St John the Baptist, M	H King		
FRI 30th	12 noon	Mike Gosling (RIP)	Feria in Ordinary time	E King		
SAT 31st	11.00 am	Baptism - Fenicya Maria Dias Soares				
	4.00pm @ Hethe	People of the Parish	22nd Sunday OT			R Deane & S Wilde
Vigil Mass	6.00pm	Angus Forsyth Jr (RIP)		P & K Kallay	O Panejko B Santiago	L O'Flynn/Sr Sani
SEPTEMBER SUN 1st	9.00am	Mike Gosling (RIP)		C Moyse A Jiminez	L & R Weaver	Brown Family
	11.00 am	Margaret Mulhern (RIP)		A Kearsley E Green	J & J Kokore	Franta Family



This week we pray for...

SANCTUARY LIGHT: R.P.

OUR LADY'S LIGHT:

SANCTUARY LAMPS If you wish to sponsor one of the sanctuary lamps which perpetually burn in the Church, please complete and return a slip to the parish office or sisters.

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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. Our Parishes Safeguarding Representatives are:
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Les Cleeve: sg.holytrinity.hethe@rcaob.org.uk
 Diocesan Safeguarding Team can be contacted on 0121 2306240 or safeguarding@rcaob.org.uk if you have any concerns.

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Parish Environmental & Peace and Justice Group- Janet Marshall

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TWENTY FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Entrance antiphon: **Turn your ear, O Lord, and answer me; save the servant who trusts in you, my God. Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I cry to you all the day long.**

First Reading *"We will serve the Lord, for he is our God"* **Joshua 24:1-18**

Joshua gathered all the tribes of Israel together at Shechem; then he called the elders, leaders, judges and scribes of Israel, and they presented themselves before God. Then Joshua said to all the people, 'If you will not serve the Lord, choose today whom you wish to serve, whether the gods that your ancestors served beyond the River, or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you are now living. As for me and my House, we will serve the Lord.'

The people answered, 'We have no intention of deserting the Lord and serving other gods! Was it not the Lord our God who brought us and our ancestors out of the land of Egypt, the house of slavery, who worked those great wonders before our eyes and preserved us all along the way we travelled and among all the peoples through whom we journeyed? What is more, the Lord drove all those peoples out before us, as well as the Amorites who used to live in this country. We too will serve the Lord, for he is our God.'

The word of the Lord

All : Thanks be to God

Responsorial Psalm **Taste and see that the Lord is good. (5V)**

Second Reading *"Christ loves the Church, because it is his body"* **Ephesians 5:21-32**

Give way to one another in obedience to Christ. Wives should regard their husbands as they regard the Lord, since as Christ is head of the Church and saves the whole body, so is a husband the head of his wife; and as the Church submits to Christ, so should wives to their husbands, in everything. Husbands should love their wives just as Christ loved the Church and sacrificed himself for her to make her holy. He made her clean by washing her in water with a form of words, so that when he took her to himself she would be glorious, with no speck or wrinkle or anything like that, but holy and faultless. In the same way, husbands must love their wives as they love their own bodies; for a man to love his wife is for him to love himself. A man never hates his own body, but he feeds it and looks after it; and that is the way Christ treats the Church, because it is his body – and we are its living parts. For this reason, a man must leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two will become one body. This mystery has many implications; but I am saying it applies to Christ and the Church.

The word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God

Gospel acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia! Your words are spirit, Lord, and they are life: you have the message of eternal life. **Alleluia!**

Gospel *"Who shall we go to? You are the Holy One of God "* **John 6:60-69**

After hearing his doctrine many of the followers of Jesus said, "This is intolerable language. How could anyone accept it?" Jesus was aware that his followers were complaining about it and said, 'Does this upset you? What if you should see the Son of Man ascend to where he was before? It is the spirit that gives life, the flesh has nothing to offer. The words I have spoken to you are spirit and they are life.

'But there are some of you who do not believe.' For Jesus knew from the outset those who did not believe, and who it was that would betray him. He went on, "This is why I told you that no one could come to me unless the Father allows him." After this, many of his disciples left him and stopped going with him. Then Jesus said to the Twelve, 'What about you, do you want to go away too?' Simon Peter answered, 'Lord, who shall we go to? You have the message of eternal life, and we believe; we know that you are the Holy One of God.'

The Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

HOLY MASS

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