

Teams for	8/9	15/9	22/9	29/9	6/10	13/10	20/10
Children lit. (4)	1	2	none	3	4	none	1
Coffee gam (11)	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
Coffee 11am (9)5	9	1	2	3	4	6	7
Flowers	Sally & Jan	Sally & Jan	Sally & Jan	Anita	Anita	Kirsten	Anne & Kirsten

**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.

**CHILDREN'S LITURGY** We welcome all children up to Year 3 school age to our Children's Liturgy which will resume this weekend and take place every Sunday at the 9:00am Mass. Please note that there will be no liturgy on the 22nd September due to the International Mass taking place. **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 [tim.lane@live.co.uk](mailto:tim.lane@live.co.uk) Parishioner Neil Poole will be cycling in the Ride and Stride. If you are able to sponsor him please complete the Sponsor Form on the notice board. 50% of funds raised by parishioners will go to our parish. Thank you!

**PILGRIMAGE FOR THE PLANET IN OXFORD** This takes place on Sunday, 15th September. It starts at Blackfriars at 2pm and ends St Frideswide Church, Botley Rd. Bring a picnic lunch, all welcome! More details can be found on the Archdiocesan website and on the church notice board.

**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. If you would like to do a reading or bidding prayer in your native language please contact the office or speak to Fr Craig. 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 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.

**FAIRTRADE FORTNIGHT 2024** will run from the 9th of September - 22nd of September. It's 30 years since Fairtrade products first hit the shelves. Go to <https://www.fairtrade.org.uk/what-is-fairtrade/> to find out how YOU can 'Be the Change' by choosing Fairtrade every time.

**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.

**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'.

**HARVEST LUNCH & PUDDING** will be held on Sunday, 20th October at 12.30pm in the St John Paul II Centre. Vegetarian options available. Tickets £10 pp from Les Cleeve & Jackie Flynn. Come and support this parish fundraiser!

**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!

**PARISH ENVIRONMENTAL GROUP TIPS OF THE WEEK** Promote water conservation, by using washing up water on the garden, installing a water butt, using washing machines & dishwashers on full. loads.

**ARCHBISHOP BERNARD'S CALL TO CELEBRATE THE SEASON OF CREATION** September 1st to October 4th. 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 Bazar after 9am and 11 am Masses  
 Sunday, 22nd December: Christmas Raffle Draw after 11 am Mass

**FINANCIAL INFORMATION**

**SECOND COLLECTIONS**

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	£437.94	£143.94	£1157	£162	393
Hethe	£50		£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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September is the Month of Our Lady of Sorrows

**23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Sunday Cycle B - Weekdays - Year II

Weekend beginning 8th—15th September 2024 - Psalter Week 3

Pope's Prayer Intention for September: For the cry of the earth. We pray that each one of us will hear and take to heart the cry of the earth and of victims of natural disasters and climactic change, and that all will undertake to personally care for the world in which we live.



	TIME	INTENTIONS	FEASTS	LECTORS	E O MINISTERS	WELCOMERS
SAT 7th	4.00pm @ Hethe	People of the Parish	23rd Sunday O T			R Deane & S Wilde
Vigil Mass	6.00pm	Bill & Kitty Hornby & Angela Nelson (RIP)		R John/T Nugent	J & D Jiminez	McArdle Family
SUN 8th	9.00am	The Irving Family (RIP)	Education Sunday	L & S Taylor	A Hall/A Mutton	L Williams/C St John
	11.00 am	Dr Francisco Nolasco Sr. (RIP)		H King/T lane	D Gunaratra/ Sr Rose	R Elegado & Friends
MON 9th	9.30am @ Hethe	Private Intentions	Feria in Ordinary Time			
	12 noon	Beatrice Ellen Vernon (RIP)		M Daniel		
TUE 10th	9.30am	All Who Mourn	Feria in Ordinary Time	J Kokore		
	2.00pm	Ursuline Association Meeting	Convent			
WED 11th	6.30pm	Service of the Word with Holy Communion	Feria in Ordinary Time	L Cleeve		
THU 12th	9.30am (Chu) Whole School Mass	Tadeusz Lewandowski (RIP) 50th Anniversary	Feria in Ordinary Time	H King		
FRI 13th	12 noon	Yvonne & Rodney Wandsworth (RIP)	Mem of St John Chrysostom, B, Dr	E King		
SAT 14th	11.00 am	Baptism - Sofia Elodie Romero				
	4.00pm @ Hethe	People of the Parish	24th Sunday in O T			R Deane & S Wilde
Vigil Mass	6.00pm	Ints of Fr Craig Davies		P Sims/ Sr Sani	S & M Doherty	L Hattam/ Sisters
SUN 15th	9.00am	Jose Magleo (RIP)		M Daniel/ L Cleeve	J Jimenez	L & C Cleeve
	11.00 am	In thanksgiving - Michael Waive 80th Birthday		J Ximenes/C Tett	Sr Sani/TBC	Kokore Family

**This week we pray for...**  
**SANCTUARY LIGHT: O'Rourke Family**  
**OUR LADY'S LIGHT: Ursula Steel (RIP)**  
**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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 Diocesan Safeguarding Team can be contacted on 0121 2306240 or [safeguarding@rcaob.org.uk](mailto:safeguarding@rcaob.org.uk) if you have any concerns.

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 Rev Mr Nick St John: 01869 246 787  
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# Twenty Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

**Entrance antiphon: You are just, O Lord, and your judgement is right; treat your servant in accord with your merciful love.**

**First Reading**      *The blind shall see, the deaf hear, the dumb sing for joy.*      Isaiah 35:4-7

Say to all faint hearts, 'Courage! Do not be afraid. Look, your God is coming, vengeance is coming, the retribution of God; he is coming to save you.' Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, the ears of the deaf unsealed, then the lame shall leap like a deer and the tongues of the dumb sing for joy; for water gushes in the desert, streams in the wasteland, the scorched earth becomes a lake, the parched land springs of water.

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

## Responsorial Psalm

**My soul, give praise to the Lord. ( 3 V )**

**Second Reading**      *God chose the poor according to the world to be rich in faith.*      James 2:1-5

My brothers, do not try to combine faith in Jesus Christ, our glorified Lord, with the making of distinctions between classes of people. Now suppose a man comes into your synagogue, beautifully dressed and with a gold ring on, and at the same time a poor man comes in, in shabby clothes, and you take notice of the well-dressed man, and say, 'Come this way to the best seats'; then you tell the poor man, 'Stand over there' or 'You can sit on the floor by my foot-rest.' Can't you see that you have used two different standards in your mind, and turned yourselves into judges, and corrupt judges at that? Listen, my dear brothers: it was those who are poor according to the world that God chose, to be rich in faith and to be the heirs to the kingdom which he promised to those who love him.

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## Gospel acclamation

**Alleluia, alleluia! Speak, Lord, your servant is listening: you have the message of eternal life. Alleluia!**

**Gospel**      *He makes the deaf hear and the dumb speak*      Mark 7:31-37

Returning from the district of Tyre, Jesus went by way of Sidon towards the Sea of Galilee, right through the Decapolis region. And they brought him a deaf man who had an impediment in his speech; and they asked him to lay his hand on him. He took him aside in private, away from the crowd, put his fingers into the man's ears and touched his tongue with spittle. Then looking up to heaven he sighed; and he said to him, 'Ephphatha', that is, 'Be opened.' And his ears were opened, and the ligament of his tongue was loosened and he spoke clearly. And Jesus ordered them to tell no one about it, but the more he insisted, the more widely they published it. Their admiration was unbound. 'He has done all things well,' they said 'he makes the deaf hear and the dumb speak.'

The Gospel of the Lord.  
**All: 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