

Teams for :	2/2	9/2	16/2	23/2	2/3	9/3	16/3
Children lit.	1	none	none	none	3	none	4
Coffee 9am (11)	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Coffee 11am (9)	5	6	7	8	9	1	2
Flowers	Anita	Anita	Anne &	Kirsten	A & K	none	Jo/Sally

**LET US PRAY FOR THE SICK AND HOUSEBOUND:**

Mary Lynch, K Cashman, Jean McIntosh, Gerry Wright, Marie Oke.

**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:** Saturday Bicester: 10.30am-11.30am Hethe: 3.15pm-3.50 pm (Sacristy)

**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.

**PIETY SHOP:** Open Friday, Saturday and Sunday around Masses.

**SYMPATHY** We extend our deepest sympathy and the assurance of our prayers to Freddie Jones on the death of her mother, Eileen Parker who died on Sunday, 26th January and also to the family of Timothy Davies who died on Thursday. Funeral details will be announced in due course. *May they rest in peace.*

**CONFIRMATION 2025** Mass for the Sponsors of Confirmandi will be held next weekend, Sunday, 9th February at 9am. The Confirmation Mass for this parish will be held on Saturday, 8th March at 6pm. The children will be confirmed by Bishop Richard Walker. Please keep all the Confirmandi, their sponsors and teachers in your prayers.

**BOOK SALE** Books will be on sale again this weekend with all money raised going to wards parish funds.

**HETHE** Volunteers are required to join the small team of Hethe parishioners who look after flowers, church cleaning, and altar linen laundry. For more information please telephone Jill Kelly on 01280 702500 ([jillbeatricekelly@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:jillbeatricekelly@yahoo.co.uk)).

**RCIA** The next session will be held on Wednesday, 5th February at 7.30pm in the Centre. Topic: The Sacraments of Initiation.

**COFFEE MORNING** The next Coffee Morning will be held on Friday, 7th February at 10am and thereafter on every first Friday of the month. The team look forward to seeing you!

**BAPTISMS 2025** Any parents intending to baptise their child/ren must attend a Baptism Course prior to the baptism/s. Our next course will be held on Saturday, 15th February from 10am-12 noon in the St John Paul II Centre. Please email the office if you wish to attend. Further courses will be held in June and September.

**PARISH FINANCE MEETING** Will be held on Monday, 17th February at 7pm in the presbytery.

**CANDLE MONEY THEFT** Due to the candle money boxes being broken into recently, please pop your money into the WALL collection money box in future at the back of church near the piety shop. Alternatively candles may be paid for by card on the DONA machine under option 'Sanctuary lamps & votives' - thank you.

**100 CLUB JANUARY WINNERS:** £100- 67 J Hartley, £50-18 D Gilbert, £25 –9 anon. Please collect your winnings from Sr Sani.

**100 CLUB FUNDRAISER** The next 100 club year will soon be upon us and we are now taking subscriptions for the forthcoming year, April 1st 2025 –March 31st 2026. There are monthly prizes of £100, £50 & £25 and a Christmas bonus draw of £100. The draws take place on the last Sunday of the month after 9am mass at coffee time and we encourage all parishioners, especially new ones, to subscribe to this parish fundraiser. It costs £60 per year or £5 monthly by direct debit payments. Forms are attached with the bulletin, please complete and return to the office or piety shop. The easiest way to pay is by annual subscription of £60 by bank transfer or monthly direct debit of £5. If you currently have a subscription and have set up annual or monthly payments you need to do nothing! If you usually pay annually by cash or cheque, please consider changing your payment method to bank transfers, prompt payments would be appreciated by Sunday, April 13th for your number/s to be entered into the first draw in April. **IMPORTANT**—When setting up bank payments please reference your payment by adding '100 club' so that it can be identified. This is our main ongoing fundraiser for the parish, 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. This is a great way to support the parish. Contact the parish office or Paul Cousins for any details if needed.



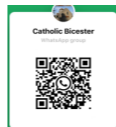
**JUBILEE YEAR 2025**  
**"Pilgrims of Hope"**  
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**CONTACTLESS CARD MACHINE** Parishioners who use the DONA machine will see a new feature that will pop up during the transaction process. You will be asked if 'you would like to leave a message?' This gives you the option (not compulsory) to add your surname or short reference to the payment and is helpful to us in order to recognise payments—this is especially helpful if you are making a donation for a Mass to be offered.

**CHILDREN'S LITURGY** The Children's Liturgy teams at 9am mass are urgently looking for new volunteers. This term we are down to 3 teams out of an ideal 5 teams. We apologise for the weeks when we can't run, and would be delighted to hear from anyone who would be happy to get involved as we would like to have more teams running after Easter. Please contact Elspeth Morgan, our Parish Children's Liturgy Coordinator, on [pcl.tic.bicester@rcaob.org.uk](mailto:pcl.tic.bicester@rcaob.org.uk) All volunteers will need to go through a DBS check.

**FOYNES MEMORIAL GARDEN** We are looking for a volunteer who can help with some light gardening work in the Foynes Memorial Garden. If you can spare a few hours every month please contact the parish office.

**IT ISSUES** Due to recent technical issues its not always been possible to upload the bulletin onto the website in time for weekend Masses. Ongoing attempts are being made to rectify the issue, and we apologise for any inconvenience caused. The bulletin is also made available on the What's App Community **Catholic Bicester** Group which can be joined using the QR code.



**FINANCIAL INFORMATION**



**SECOND COLLECTIONS**

2nd February : Day for Life  
 9th/16th/23rd February: 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 intentions offerings:** By cash in offering envelopes from the back of church or option 'mass offerings' on card machine, please enter surname when prompted.

**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.

**HETHE BICESTER**



Church	First Collection	Second Collections	Standing Orders	Mass Attendance
Bicester	£795.97	£202.58	£1157	445
Hethe	£36	N/A	£185	19



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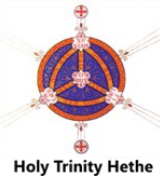
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**Feast of the Presentation of the Lord**

**2nd February 2025**

**Sunday Cycle C - Psalter Week 4**

**Pope's Prayer Intention for February: For vocations to the priest hood and religious life. Let us pray that the ecclesial community may welcome the desires and doubts of those young people who feel a call to serve Christ's mission in the priesthood and religious life.**



DATE	TIME	INTENTIONS	FEASTS	LECTORS	E O MINISTERS	WELCOMERS
SAT 1st	10.00am	Mary Gilmore (RIP) 4th Ann.	Mem of Our Lady	G Jimenez		
	10.30am-11.30am	Confessions and Benediction				
	4.00pm@Hethe	Sean O'Neill (RIP)				R Deane & S Wilde
Vigil Mass	6.00pm	Abilio Soares (RIP)		B & K McFall	L & D Jiminez	Volunteers
SUN 2nd	9.00am	Ana & Bobby Duggan (RIP)	Feast of the Presentation of the Lord	P Cousins/ S McCarthy	L & D Jiminez	Brown family
	11.00am	Ints of Michael & Jane Waive		T Lane/ N Ward	Volunteers	Kokore Family
MON 3rd	9.30am @ Hethe	People of the Parish	St Blaise, B, M			
	12 noon	Ian McLean (RIP)		M Daniel		
TUE 4th	9.30am	In Thanksgiving - Alma Teng	Feria in Ordinary Time	J Kokore		
	2.15 pm (Sch)	Holy Souls				
WED 5th		No Mass	Mem of St Agatha, V, M			
THU 6th	9.30am	Eileen Parker (RIP)	Mem of St Paul Miki & Comp. M	H King		
	2.30pm	Requiem Mass - Roy Abbott (RIP)				
FRI 7th	10am-11.45am	Coffee Morning	JPII			
	12 noon	Mee Yung Sze ( Simon ) ( RIP)	Feria in Ordinary Time	E King		
SAT 8th	10.00am	Doreen & Michael Furlong (RIP)	Mem of Our Lady	G Jimenez		
	10.30am-11.30am	Confessions and Benediction				
Vigil Mass	4.00pm@Hethe	People of the Parish				R Deane & S Wilde
	6.00pm	William McDermott (RIP)		R John/ T Nugent	B Santiago/M Kelly	M Marrs/P Behan
SUN 9th	9.00am	Confirmation Sponsors Mass Barbara Folan (RIP)	5th Sunday in Ordinary Time	C Moyse/ A Jiminez	J Li/A Mutton	L & C Cleeve
	11.00am	John Hackett (RIP)	World Day for the Sick	S Joseph/R Silvy	J & J Kokore	Franta Family

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



**SANCTUARY LIGHT: Jim Bridle (RIP)**

**OUR LADY'S LIGHT: John Dunn (RIP)**

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.

**Archdiocese of Birmingham:** "Our Vision is to be a Catholic Diocese which is faithful to the mission entrusted to us by Jesus Christ, full of missionary disciples who work together co-responsibly in vibrant communities of faith, joyful in their service of God and neighbour".

**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](mailto:sg.holytrinity.hethe@rcaob.org.uk)  
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# Feast of the Presentation of the Lord

## Entrance Antiphon:

Your merciful love, O God, we have received in the midst of your temple.

Your praise, O God, like your name, reaches the ends of the earth; your right hand is filled with saving justice.

## First reading

**Malachi 3:1-4**

Thus says the LORD God: Behold, I send my messenger, and he will prepare the way before me. And the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his Temple; and the messenger of the covenant in whom you delight, behold, he is coming, says the LORD of hosts. But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears? For he is like a refiner's fire and like fullers' soap. He will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the sons of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, and they will bring offerings in righteousness to the LORD. Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the LORD as in the days of old and as in former years.

## The word of the Lord

**All: Thanks be to God**

**Responsorial Psalm**     *The LORD of hosts, he is the king of glory!*

## Second reading

**Hebrews 2:14-18**

Since the children share in flesh and blood, Jesus himself likewise partook of the same things, that through death he might destroy the one who has the power of death, that is, the devil, and deliver all those who through fear of death were subject to lifelong slavery. For surely it is not angels that he helps, but he helps the offspring of Abraham. Therefore he had to be made like his brothers in every respect, so that he might become a merciful and faithful high priest in the service of God, to make propitiation for the sins of the people. For because he himself has suffered when tempted, he is able to help those who are being tempted.

## The word of the Lord

**All: Thanks be to God**

**Gospel Acclamation**     **Alleluia, alleluia. A light for revelation to the Gentiles, and for glory to your people Israel. Alleluia.**

## Gospel

**Luke 2:22-40**

When the time came for their purification according to the Law of Moses, the parents of Jesus brought him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord (as it is written in the Law of the Lord, 'Every male who first opens the womb shall be called holy to the Lord') and to offer a sacrifice according to what is said in the Law of the Lord, 'a pair of turtle-doves, or two young pigeons'.

Now there was a man in Jerusalem, whose name was Simeon, and this man was righteous and devout, waiting for the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit was upon him. And it had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord's Christ. And he came in the Spirit into the Temple, and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him according to the custom of the Law, he took him up in his arms and blessed God and said, 'Lord, now you are letting your servant depart in peace, according to your word; for my eyes have seen your salvation that you have prepared in the presence of all peoples, a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and for glory to your people Israel.' And his father and his mother marvelled at what was said about him. And Simeon blessed them and said to Mary his mother, 'Behold, this child is appointed for the fall and rising of many in Israel, and for a sign that is opposed — and a sword will pierce through your own soul also — so that thoughts from many hearts may be revealed.' And there was a prophetess, Anna, the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was advanced in years, having lived with her husband seven years from when she was a virgin, and then as a widow until she was eighty-four. She did not depart from the Temple, worshipping with fasting and prayer night and day. And coming up at that very hour she began to give thanks to God and to speak of him to all who were waiting for the redemption of Jerusalem. And when they had performed everything according to the Law of the Lord, they returned into Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. And the child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom. And the favour of God was upon him.

## The Gospel of the Lord

**All: Thanks be to God.**

## 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:** Glory to God in the highest, 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**     Alleluia, Alleluia

... (a few words)

**People**     **Alleluia**

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.**

## 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

**All:**     **Thanks be to God.**

