

Teams for :	23/2	2/3	9/3	16/3	23/3	30/3
Children lit.	none	3	none	4	none	1
Coffee 9am (11)	7	8	9	10	11	1
Coffee 11am (9)	8	9	1	2	3	4
Flowers	Kirsten	A & K	none	Jo/Sally	none	none

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

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

**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.

**DEANERY DAY PILGRIMAGE TO LITTLEMORE - SATURDAY 22<sup>ND</sup> MARCH**

A pilgrimage to one of our Diocesan Jubilee churches in Oxford, the College of St John Henry Newman and Blessed Dominic Barberi Church, OX4 4JX. 10.30am arrival and Mass, coffee and a talk, guided visit of the College, BYO packed lunch, Exposition with Indulgence prayers and ending with tea at 3pm. Ample car parking at church. No charge but a collection will be taken for the Sisters and the Parish. To assist Sisters, please confirm attendance to [peter.rand@btinternet.com](mailto:peter.rand@btinternet.com) as soon as you know or by 17 March latest.

**RCIA** Next session: 26th February at 7.30pm in the Centre. Topic: Mary, Mother of God. All welcome!

**VOCATIONS** The month of March is our parishes Deanery Vocations month during which Holy Hour will be held on Saturdays after morning Mass and a Mass on Sunday 2nd March at 9am, will be held especially for us to pray for Vocations. We ask you for your prayers and support. For more information go to [www.vocations.org.uk](http://www.vocations.org.uk)

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

**CONTACTLESS CARD MACHINE** Some of you may have noticed that we now have a DONA contactless card machine situated in the Centre. There is a further category added to this machine, 'Coffee Mornings' for donations for your coffee on a Sunday or for the monthly Friday coffee mornings.

**PIETY SHOP** We have the following in stock: St Patricks, Mothering Sunday & Confirmation cards along with gift items & a selection of new birthday cards. 2025 CALENDARS NOW HALF PRICE. Come have a browse.

**MASS OFFERINGS** Please be sure to request masses in good time if a specific date is to be requested. Thank you.

**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, with ref: surname/100 club. Forms are available at the back of church, please complete and return to the office or piety shop.

**CAFOD BIG LENT WALK** Anna Fitzpatrick is taking on the CAFOD BIG Lent Walk Challenge, walking at least 100 km in 40 days to help fight global poverty. Please sign up on the sheet at the back of church if you are able to sponsor her or go to her Just Giving page to donate. <https://walk.cafod.org.uk/fundraising/annas-cafod-lent-walk-2025>

**OXFORD LEG PILGRIM CROSS** The Pilgrim Cross Team would like to invite you to join them on their Easter pilgrimage from Oxford to Walsingham, the team join us annually at the Vigil of Palm Sunday weekend. Email [studentcross.oxfordleg@gmail.com](mailto:studentcross.oxfordleg@gmail.com) to register or for more information. Poster at the back of church also.

**LENTEN MASSES** Additional masses will be held in St Mary's School on the following dates: Fridays at 8am on the 7th, 14th, 21st, 28th March, and 4th April in the school hall. All parishioners are warmly invited to come along.

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS** Will take place every Friday during Lent at 7pm here at the Immaculate Conception & on Good Friday, and also on the 18th April at Hethe.



JUBILEE YEAR 2025  
"Pilgrims of Hope"  
To find out more, visit: [www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk/jubilee-year](http://www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk/jubilee-year) or scan:



**ASH WEDNESDAY** marks the beginning of the Season of Lent and is the doorway into our Lenten season. The season of penance, reflection, fasting and practical generosity (almsgiving), which prepares us for Christ's Resurrection on Easter Sunday, through which we attain redemption.

The ashes themselves come from the burned palms from last year's Palm Sunday celebration: thus bringing us full circle to our last celebration of the Passion, Death and Resurrection of Jesus. On Ash Wednesday, we are reminded that we are called to turn away from sin, to repent and to believe the Good News of our salvation through Jesus Christ.

**Masses will be celebrated here at the Immaculate Conception at 10am, 12 noon and 7pm.**

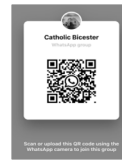
**Lenten Penance Service: Friday 11th April at 7pm.**

**DIARY DATES:**

**Coffee Mornings** Every first Friday of the month ( March 7th) from 10-11.45am

Saturday, 8th March at 6pm: **Confirmation Mass**

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**FINANCIAL INFORMATION**

**CANDLE MONEY** Please place money into wall collection box at the back of church near the piety shop. Alternatively pay by card 'Sanctuary lamps & votives.'

**SECOND COLLECTIONS**

23rd February: Parish Maintenance  
2nd March : Cathedral Maintenance

**PARISH GIVING**

**BICESTER LINK TO DONATE:**

<https://portal.mydona.com/assets/webPay/index.php?cid=528>

**Standing Orders/Donations/Payments/100 Club**

**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.

**If you have changed address within the last financial year (since April 2024) and gift aid your donations, please forward your new details to [ga.tic.bicester@rcaob.org.uk](mailto:ga.tic.bicester@rcaob.org.uk)**

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The Catholic Parishes of  
**Immaculate Conception @ BICESTER**



And **Holy Trinity @** Hardwick Rd, HETHE OX27 8AW

Henley House, 12 Causeway, Bicester, OX26 6AW

Parish website: <https://www.immaculate-conception.org.uk>

Archdiocesan website: <https://www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk>

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

**Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time**

23rd February 2025

Month of the Holy Family - Sunday Cycle C - Psalter Week 3

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 22nd	5.20pm	Confessions				
	4.00pm@Hethe	People of the Parish				R Deane & S Wilde
Vigil Mass	6.00pm	Felipe Teng (RIP)		P & K Kallay	O Panejko/B Santiago	McArdle family
SUN 23rd	9.00am	Richard Evans ( for recovery)	7th Sunday in Ordinary Time	M Daniel/L Cleeve	M & A Brown	Sr Molly /volunteer
	11.00am	Ints of Adrienne & Richard Evans		R Evans/J Hurst	J Marshall/Sr Sani	Jimenez Family
MON 24th	9.30am @ Hethe	Patrick Conboy (RIP)	Feria in Ordinary Time			
	12 noon	Bridget Cullinan (RIP)		M Daniel		
TUE 25th	9.30am	Ints of Fr Michael White	Feria in Ordinary Time	J Kokore		
WED 26th		No Mass	Feria in Ordinary Time			
THU 27th	9.30am	Glen Paget (RIP)	Feria in Ordinary Time	H King		
	4.00pm	Reception of Eileen Parker (RIP)				
FRI 28th	12 noon	Requiem Mass -Eileen Parker (RIP)	Feria in Ordinary Time			
MARCH SAT 1st	10.00am 10.30-11.30am 12 noon	Jose Magleo & Crisostomo Ramos (RIP) Benediction & Confessions Confirmation Retreat Day	Feast of St David, B, Patron of Wales	Confirmandi		
	4.00pm@Hethe	People of the Parish				R Deane & S Wilde
Vigil Mass	6.00pm	Ints of Kath Cashman	8th Sunday in Ordinary Time Day for the Unemployed	R John/Sr Molly	L & D Jimenez	M & S Doherty
SUN 2nd	9.00am	Mass For Vocations		L & R Weaver	P Capretta/ F Ostrowski	Brown Family
	11.00am	Patsy Harber (RIP)		J Franta/ A Kearsley	Sr Rose/Sr Molly	Rowena Elgado & Friends



Tea & coffee in the centre after the 9am and 11am masses every weekend - come along for a chat and meet your fellow parishioners.



This week we pray for...

**SANCTUARY LIGHT: Eileen Parker (RIP)**

**OUR LADY'S LIGHT: Eileen Parker (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.

**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:  
**Elizabeth Green:** [sg.tic.bicester@rcaob.org.uk](mailto:sg.tic.bicester@rcaob.org.uk) &  
**Les Cleeve:** [sg.holytrinity.hethe@rcaob.org.uk](mailto:sg.holytrinity.hethe@rcaob.org.uk)  
**Diocesan Safeguarding Team** 0121 2306240 or [safeguarding@rcaob.org.uk](mailto:safeguarding@rcaob.org.uk) if you have any concerns.

Church	First Collection	Second Collection	Standing Orders	Mass Attendance
Bicester	£597.31	£193.32	£1122	409
Hethe	£55.40	N/A	£185	35

**Parish Priest: Father Craig Davies BA (hons) STB** [fr.craig.davies@rcaob.org.uk](mailto:fr.craig.davies@rcaob.org.uk)  
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Rev Mr Nick St John: 01869 246 787 /**Parish Youth:** [yth.tic.bicester@rcaob.org.uk](mailto:yth.tic.bicester@rcaob.org.uk)

**Retired Priest:** Rev. Fr. Pat Armstrong

**Parish Sisters:** Ursuline Convent - Sr Rose Mathew - 01869 327 689

**Parish Office/Secretary:** Lucia Hattam Wednesday & Friday 9am-4pm 01869 253277 / [tic.bicester@rcaob.org.uk](mailto:tic.bicester@rcaob.org.uk)

**St John Paul II Centre Bookings:** Srs Sani & Molly Monday-Friday 10am-4pm 01869 324 307 / [office@johnpaulcentre.co.uk](mailto:office@johnpaulcentre.co.uk)

**Gift Aid - Sr Sani Vijayan** [ga.tic.bicester@rcaob.org.uk](mailto:ga.tic.bicester@rcaob.org.uk)

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**Parish Environmental & Peace and Justice Group - J Marshall** [peg.tic.bicester@rcaob.org.uk](mailto:peg.tic.bicester@rcaob.org.uk)

**St Mary's Primary School** 01869 252035 / [office.3824@st-marys-bicester.oxon.sch.uk](mailto:office.3824@st-marys-bicester.oxon.sch.uk)

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# Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

**Entrance Antiphon** O Lord, I trust in your merciful love. My heart will rejoice in your salvation. I will sing to the Lord who has been bountiful with me.

## First reading

**1 Samuel 26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23**

In those days: Saul arose and went down to the wilderness of Ziph with three thousand chosen men of Israel to seek David in the wilderness of Ziph. David and Abishai went to the army by night. And there lay Saul sleeping within the encampment, with his spear stuck in the ground at his head, and Abner and the army lay round him.

Then Abishai said to David, 'God has given your enemy into your hand this day. Now please let me pin him to the earth with one stroke of the spear, and I will not strike him twice.' But David said to Abishai, 'Do not destroy him, for who can put out his hand against the LORD's anointed and be guiltless?' So David took the spear and the jar of water from Saul's head, and they went away. No man saw it or knew it, nor did any awake, for they were all asleep, because a deep sleep from the LORD had fallen upon them.

Then David went over to the other side and stood far off on the top of the hill, with a great space between them. David said, 'Here is the spear, O king! Let one of the young men come over and take it. The LORD rewards every man for his righteousness and his faithfulness, for the LORD gave you into my hand today, and I would not put out my hand against the LORD's anointed.'

The word of the Lord

**All: Thanks be to God**

**Responsorial Psalm** The LORD is compassionate and gracious.

## Second reading

**1 Corinthians 15:45-49**

Brothers and Sisters: 'The first man Adam became a living being'; the last Adam became a life-giving spirit. But it is not the spiritual that is first but the natural, and then the spiritual. The first man was from the earth, a man of dust; the second man is from heaven. As was the man of dust, so also are those who are of the dust, and as is the man of heaven, so also are those who are of heaven. Just as we have borne the image of the man of dust, we shall also bear the image of the man of heaven.

The word of the Lord

**All: Thanks be to God**

**Gospel Acclamation** Alleluia, alleluia. A new commandment I give to you, says the Lord, that you love one another, just as I have loved you. Alleluia.

## Gospel

**Luke 6:27-38**

At that time: Jesus said to his disciples, 'I say to you who hear: Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you. To one who strikes you on the cheek, offer the other also; and from one who takes away your cloak do not withhold your tunic either. Give to everyone who begs from you; and from one who takes away your goods, do not demand them back. And as you wish that others would do to you, do so to them.

'If you love those who love you, what benefit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them. And if you do good to those who do good to you, what benefit is that to you? For even sinners do the same. And if you lend to those from whom you expect to receive, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, to get back the same amount. But love your enemies, and do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return, and your reward will be great, and you will be sons of the Most High, for he is kind to the ungrateful and the evil.

'Be merciful, even as your Father is merciful. Judge not, and you will not be judged; condemn not, and you will not be condemned; forgive, and you will be forgiven. Give, and it will be given to you; good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap. For with the measure you use it will be measured back to you.'

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.**

### Homily

### 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.**