

Teams for :	2/3	9/3	16/3	23/3	30/3	6/4	13/4
Children lit.	3	none	4	none	1		
Coffee 9am (11)	8	9	10	11	1	2	3
Coffee 11am (9)	9	1	2	3	4	5	6
Flowers	A & K	none	Jo/Sally	none	none	none	Sr Rose

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

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 22ND 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 as soon as you know or by 17 March latest.

RCIA Next session: Wednesday 5th March at 7.30pm in the Centre. Topic: The Commandments 1-3. 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

PIETY SHOP We have the following in stock: St Patricks, Mothering Sunday & Confirmation cards along with gift items & a selection of new birthday cards. 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.

FEBRUARY 100 CLUB WINNERS £100 K Gore- 87, £50 S McArdle-98, £25 S & J Wilde-59. Please collect your prizes from Sr Sani.

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 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 at 7pm and Sunday at 6pm during Lent here at the Immaculate Conception & on Good Friday, and also on the 18th April (Good Friday) at Hethe at 7pm.

MISSION/APF Please can all red box holders deliver their boxes to the piety shop /office. Empty boxes to replace returned ones can be found at the back of church. Please remember to add your names on the labels.

THE BICESTER REFUGEE SUPPORT GROUP have requested a representative from the Catholic Community. This would require attendance at evening meetings held approximately every other month. Are you able to get involved & help? For more details contact Sue Wilde on 07502 281776 or email sue.4wilde@btinternet.com.



JUBILEE YEAR 2025
"Pilgrims of Hope"
 To find out more, visit: 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. Ash Wednesday is a day to be observed as a day of penance, one of both abstinence and fasting. **Masses will be celebrated here at the Immaculate Conception at 10am, 12 noon and 7pm.**

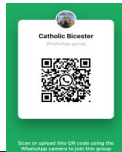
Lenten Penance Service: Friday 11th April at 7pm.
World Day of Prayer Friday - March 7th at 10.30am at St Edburg's Church. All are welcome.

DIARY DATES:

Coffee Mornings Every first Friday of the month from 10-11.45am.

Lenten School Masses: Fridays at 8am: 7th, 14th, 21st, 28th March, 4th April in the school hall.

JOIN OUR WHATS APP COMMUNITY GROUP FOR TO KEEP IN TOUCH WITH PARISH INFORMATION & NEWS.



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

2nd March: Cathedral Maintenance
 9th March: Parish Maintenance

PARISH GIVING

BICESTER LINK TO DONATE:

<https://portal.myдона.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. Thank you.

An Induction Loop system is provided. Please switch Hearing Aid to 'T'

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/SfORcspHjzNr8niFC4Is5oJBgoc37B8YBCIKVpC> Follow the readings at Mass: <https://universalis.com/mass.htm>



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

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

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

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

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Holy Trinity Hethe

Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

2nd March 2025

Month of St Joseph - Sunday Cycle C - Psalter Week 4

Pope's Prayer Intention for March: For families in crisis. Let us pray that broken families might discover the cure for their wounds through forgiveness, rediscovering each other's gifts, even in their differences.



Saint Joseph

DATE	TIME	INTENTIONS	FEASTS	LECTORS	E O MINISTERS	WELCOMERS
SAT 1st	4.00pm@Hethe	People of the Parish				R Deane & S Wilde
Vigil Mass	6.00pm	Ints of Kath Cashman	8th Sunday in Ordinary Time <i>Day for the Unemployed</i>	Confirmandi	L & D Jiminez	M & S Doherty
SUN 2nd	9.00am	Mass for Vocations		L & R Weaver	P Capretta/F Ostrowski	Brown Family
	11.00am	Patsy Harber (RIP)		R Evans/ A Kearsley	Sr Rose/Sr Molly	R Elgado & Friends
MON 3rd		No Masses	<i>Feria in Ordinary Time</i>			
TUE 4th	9.30am	Ints of Rose Maria (18th Birthday)	<i>Feria in Ordinary Time</i>	J Kokore		
WED 5th	10.00am 12 noon 2.00pm 7.00pm	Patrick McGovern (RIP) Eileen Parker (RIP) Mass at RAF Croughton Eve Tarrant (RIP)	Ash Wednesday	Children A Fitzpatrick — H King		
THU 6th	9.30am	Ints of Frankie Ostrowski	<i>Thu after Ash Wednesday</i>	Volunteer		
FRI 7th	8.00am 10am-11.45am 12 noon 7.00pm	Lenten Mass at School - Holy Souls Coffee Morning Joseph & Charles Lebihan (RIP) Stations of the Cross	<i>Fri after Ash Wednesday</i> <i>Women's World Day of Prayer</i>	E King		
SAT 8th	10.00am 10.30-11.30am	Dr Jack Coughlan (RIP) 7th Ann. Benediction & Confessions	<i>Sat after Ash Wednesday</i>	A Jiminez		
	4.00pm@Hethe	Holy Souls		Volunteer		R Deane & S Wilde
Vigil Mass	6.00pm	Confirmation Mass (People of the Parish)	First Sunday in Lent	Confirmandi	S & M Doherty	B& K McFall/ Confirmandi
SUN 9th	9.00am	Eileen Parker (RIP)	<i>Day of Prayer for the Candidates</i>	A Kirby Hall/ P Cousins	L & R Weaver	L & C Cleeve
	11.00am 6.00pm	Ints of Marek Lewandowski - Birthday Stations of the Cross	<i>for the Sacraments</i>	T Lane/N Ward	J Marshall/ A Hall	Kokore Family

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: Vocations to the Priesthood
OUR LADY'S LIGHT: Our Confirmandi & their families
 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 &
Les Cleeve: sg.holytrinity.hethe@rcaob.org.uk
Diocesan Safeguarding Team 0121 2306240 or safeguarding@rcaob.org.uk if you have any concerns.

Church	First Collection	Second Collection	Standing Orders	Mass Attendance
Bicester	£624.10	£175.62	£1122	440
Hethe	£45.50	N/A	£185	25

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Parish Deacons:
 Rev Mr Michael Panejko MA 01869 246 459 /**Altar Servers:** dce.michael.panejko@rcaob.org.uk
 Rev Mr Nick St John: 01869 246 787 /**Parish Youth:** 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
St John Paul II Centre Bookings: Srs Sani & Molly Monday-Friday 10am-4pm 01869 324 307 / office@johnpaulcentre.co.uk
Gift Aid - Sr Sani Vijayan ga.tic.bicester@rcaob.org.uk
Parish Sacramental Programme - Clare St John psc.tic.bicester@rcaob.org.uk
Parish Children's Liturgy - Elspeth Morgan pcl.tic.bicester@rcaob.org.uk
Parish Health & Safety - Les Cleeve hs.tic.bicester@rcaob.org.uk
Parish Environmental & Peace and Justice Group - J Marshall peg.tic.bicester@rcaob.org.uk
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Blessed George Napier Secondary School 01295 264216 / office.4600@bgn.oxon.sch.uk

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Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Entrance Antiphon The Lord became my protector. He brought me out to a place of freedom; he saved me because he delighted in me.

First reading

‘Do not praise a man before you hear him reason.’

Sirach 27:4-7

When a sieve is shaken, the refuse appears; so a person’s filth in his thoughts. The kiln tests the potter’s vessels; likewise the test of a person is in his reasoning. The fruit discloses the cultivation of a tree; so the expression of a thought discloses the cultivation of a person’s mind.

Do not praise a man before you hear him reason, for this is the test of people.

The word of the Lord
All: Thanks be to God

Responsorial Psalm *It is good to give thanks to you, O LORD.*

Second reading

‘He gives us the victory through Jesus Christ.’

1 Corinthians 15:54-58

Brothers and Sisters: When the perishable puts on the imperishable, and the mortal puts on immortality, then shall come to pass the saying that is written: ‘Death is swallowed up in victory.’ ‘O death, where is your victory? O death, where is your sting?’

The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. Therefore, my beloved brothers and sisters, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that in the Lord your labour is not in vain.

The word of the Lord
All: Thanks be to God

Gospel Acclamation **Alleluia, alleluia.**
Shine as lights in the world,
holding fast to the word of life.
Alleluia!

Gospel

‘Out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaks.’

Luke 6:39-45

At that time: Jesus told his disciples a parable: ‘Can a blind man lead a blind man? Will they not both fall into a pit? A disciple is not above his teacher, but everyone when he is fully trained will be like his teacher. Why do you see the speck that is in your brother’s eye, but do not notice the log that is in your own eye? How can you say to your brother, “Brother, let me take out the speck that is in your eye”, when you yourself do not see the log that is in your own eye? You hypocrite! First take the log out of your own eye, and then you will see clearly to take out the speck that is in your brother’s eye.

‘For no good tree bears bad fruit, nor again does a bad tree bear good fruit, for each tree is known by its own fruit. For figs are not gathered from thorn bushes, nor are grapes picked from a bramble bush. The good person out of the good treasure of his heart produces good, and the evil person out of his evil treasure produces evil, for out of the abundance of the heart his mouth speaks.’

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.**