

Teams for :	20/4	27/4	4/5	11/5	18/5
Children lit.	tbc	tbc	tbc	tbc	tbc
Coffee gam (11)	4	5	6	7	8
Coffee 11am (9)	7	8	9	1	2
Flowers	All	All	Sally & Jan	Sally & Jan	Anita

LET US PRAY FOR THE SICK AND HOUSEBOUND:

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

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)*

URSULINE LAY ASSOCIATION: Every 2nd Wednesday of the month @ 2pm Ursuline Convent.

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.

ASSISTED SUICIDE - PASTORAL LETTERS from Bishops across England and Wales were read out at Masses over the weekend (5/6 April). The letters focused on the Terminally Ill Adults (End of Life) Bill. Catholics are asked to contact their MPs, even if they have done so already, and urge them to oppose the Bill that seeks to legalise assisted suicide. The Bill's Third Reading and vote are likely the end of April or start of May. Go to <https://righttolife.org.uk/33ab> to vote against. For the Pastoral letter go to <https://www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk>

EASTER RAFFLE The draw took place last Sunday. Please see list of winners on the church notice board. £740 was raised for parish funds.

LILIES IN REMEMBRANCE Thank you to all who contributed towards the Easter church flowers through buying Lilies in Remembrance and donations £338.50 was raised.

100 CLUB STARTS IN APRIL We have numbers 69 & 81, left to complete our 100 for the start of the new 100 club year. The first draw will take place on April 27th after gam mass at coffee time and we encourage all parishioners, especially new ones, to subscribe to this parish fundraiser. Thank you to the many new parishioners who have already signed up!

ST MARY'S PRIMARY SCHOOL St Mary's of Bicester is looking for a new Foundation Governor. St Mary's is a flourishing school with a strong Catholic ethos and has recently joined the Pope Francis MAC. School Governors, supported by a strong central team, work together as a local governing body to deliver its core purpose to uphold the Catholic nature of the school and ensure clarity of vision and strategic direction. If you are interested in this opportunity to serve your local community and would like to know more about the role (time commitment, role description etc.) please contact Father Craig or the current Chair of Governors - Sean Taylor, staylor@st-marys-bicester.oxon.sch.uk. Opportunities also exist for other more senior roles within the Governing Body.

OScott COLLEGE The Diocesan Seminary in Sutton Coldfield, are trying to spread the news about the work they do, by getting people to sign up to their newsletter at www.oscott.org. April's newsletter includes an update from the Rector, some answers to frequently asked questions about discernment, a report on some of the 'Hidden Treasures' in Oscott's museum, and details of how to book a college tour. It takes less than a minute to sign up, and those who do will receive a monthly newsletter, as well as early access to the annual 'Oscottian Magazine' and events hosted at the college.

PENTECOST INTERNATIONAL BRING AND SHARE LUNCH Sunday 8th June after 11am Mass. All are invited to join together as an international community in the JP2 centre for a Bring and Share lunch to celebrate Pentecost. Wherever you originate from we would love you to bring along some traditional food to a collective meal celebrating our cultures and traditions. This is a lovely way to meet new people with our parish community that you may see but never chat with. Let us bring our community closer to each other. For more information contact Jan Hartley 07718006645 or Claire St John 01869246787.

Please see Diary Dates section for more events planned. More details on these in due course.

DRESS SALE Some dresses are still available in the centre. Wedding, bridesmaid, and 1st Holy Communion. Reasonable donations please.

JOIN OUR WHATS APP COMMUNITY CATHOLIC BICESTER GROUP FOR TO KEEP IN TOUCH WITH PARISH INFORMATION & NEWS. SCAN THE QR CODE AND FOLLOW INSTRUCTIONS



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

SYMPATHY We send our condolences and assurances of our prayers to the families of Sean Archer-Knight and Alice Hertz. A Requiem Mass for Alice will be held on Thursday, 24th April at 10am followed by burial at Bicester cemetery. A Funeral Service for Sean will be held on the same date at 1.30pm followed by cremation at Oxford Crematorium.

ROBERT HERDMAN We have been saddened by the news of the death of former parishioner Robert Herdman, who died on the 15th March aged 94 years. His funeral has already taken place. May they rest in peace.



The celebration of the sacred Paschal Triduum being the most important three days of the year requires a lot of preparation, Fr Craig would like to therefore thank all who have in any way helped with the preparation of the church and for the services. Special thanks to the Sisters, Flower arrangers, the Organist & Choir, the Altar Servers, Church Cleaners, Extraordinary Ministers, Lectors and Welcomers. Thanks also to Deacons Michael & Nick for their help and support. And finally, wishing all parishioners a peaceful, joyful & Holy Easter!

DIARY DATES:

Coffee Mornings Every first Friday of the month from 10-11.45am.
1st Holy Communions: Saturday 11 am, 10th May & 17th May.

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

20th April: Traditional offerings to Parish Priest

27th April: Parish 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.

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This church live streams Mass and other events.

Parish YouTube 'Bicester Catholic Church' Channel

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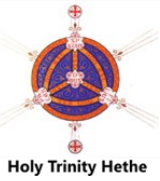
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Follow the readings at Mass: <https://universalis.com/mass.htm>



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

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

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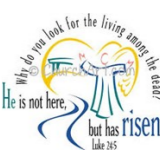
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SOLEMNITY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD

20th April 2025

Month of April is dedicated to The Holy Spirit- Sunday Cycle C - Psalter Week 1

Pope's Prayer Intention for April: For the use of the new technologies: Let us pray that the use of the new technologies will not replace human relationships, will respect the dignity of the person and will help us face the crises of our times.



DATE	TIME	INTENTIONS	FEASTS	LECTORS	E O MINISTERS	WELCOMERS
SAT 19th	9.00am-10.00am	Office of Readings & Morning Prayer (No Confessions) Blessing of Food Ints of Jane, Guy, Susan & Dale	Holy Saturday	For Vigil: J Franta, C St John, R & L Weaver & J Marshall	A Mutton	For Vigil: M Marrs, McArdle family & S & M Doherty
Vigil Mass	4.00pm 8.00pm					
SUN 20th	9.00am 10.00am Hethe 11.00am 1.00pm 4.00pm	Jaime Da Costa Tilman (RIP) People of the Parish William Swanson (RIP) Burmese Mass & Baptisms Baptism - Anthony Carlo Gerard Joyce	Solemnity of the Resurrection of the Lord	L & S Taylor J Li/A Kearsley	P Capretta/J Li Sr Rose/ Sr Sani	Brown Family Jiminez Family
MON 21st	9.30am Hethe 12 noon	Holy Souls Ints of the Castillo Family	<i>Easter Monday</i>	M Daniel		
TUE 22nd	12 noon	Private Intentions	<i>Easter Tuesday</i>	L Cleeve		
WED 23rd	12 noon	No Mass	<i>Easter Wednesday</i>			
THU 24th	10.00am 1.30pm	Requiem Mass-Alice Hertz (RIP) Funeral Service-Sean Knight-Archer (RIP)	<i>Easter Thursday</i>			
FRI 25th	10.00am (Chu)	Rory Edward O'Rourke (RIP) (Wh. Sch Mass)	<i>Easter Friday</i>	Children		
SAT 26th	10.00am- 11.30am	Fiona Mary Beasley & Eithne McDonagh (RIP) Exposition & Benediction (No Confessions) MaryAnn Rudolph (RIP) People of the Parish	<i>Easter Saturday</i>	J Kokore R John/C McArdle	D Gunaratna/ Sr Sani	L Hattam/A Mutton
Vigil Mass	4.00pm Hethe 6.00pm					
SUN 27th	9.00am 11.00am 1.00pm 3.00pm	Crisostomo Ramos (RIP) Luck & Wellbeing for Our Family Baptism—Oscar Michael John Emblow Divine Mercy Devotions	Second Sunday of Easter & Divine Mercy Sunday	M Daniel/L Cleeve T Lane/N Ward	L & R Weaver J & M Franta	C St John/Sr Molly Timorean Community

The CAFOD Lenten Lunch raised £152 towards the earthquake appeal. Thank you to all!

The second collection this weekend will be our traditional Easter offerings to our Parish Priest.



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

Church	First Collection	Second Collection	Standing Orders	Mass Attendance
Bicester	£726.46	£331.52	£1122	551
Hethe	£N/A	-	£185	N/A

This week we pray for...

SANCTUARY LIGHT: Felipe Teng RIP

OUR LADY'S CHAPEL: Thanksgiving for all Blessings

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 are 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.

Parish Priest: Father Craig Davies BA (hons) STB fr.craig.davies@rcaob.org.uk
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
Go to contacts page on website for parish group contacts.

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Solemnity of the Resurrection of the Lord

Entrance Antiphon: I have risen, and I am with you still, alleluia.
You have laid your hand upon me, alleluia.
Too wonderful for me, this knowledge, alleluia, alleluia

First reading

Acts 10:34a, 37-43

In those days: Peter opened his mouth and said: 'You yourselves know what happened throughout all Judea, beginning from Galilee after the baptism that John proclaimed: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power. He went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. And we are witnesses of all that he did both in the country of the Jews and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree, but God raised him on the third day and caused him to appear, not to all the people but to us who had been chosen by God as witnesses, who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. And he commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one appointed by God to be judge of the living and the dead. To him all the prophets bear witness that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.'

The word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God

Responsorial Psalm

*This is the day the LORD has made;
let us rejoice in it and be glad.*

or: Alleluia.

Second reading

Colossians 3:1-4'

Brothers and Sisters: If you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth. For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ who is your life appears, then you also will appear with him in glory.

The word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God

Gospel Acclamation Alleluia, alleluia. Christ, our Passover lamb, has been sacrificed; let us therefore celebrate the festival in the Lord. Alleluia.

Gospel

John 20:1-9

'On the first day of the week Mary Magdalene came to the tomb early, while it was still dark, and saw that the stone had been taken away from the tomb. So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, 'They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him.' So Peter went out with the other disciple, and they were going towards the tomb. Both of them were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. And stooping to look in, he saw the linen cloths lying there, but he did not go in. Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen cloths lying there, and the face cloth, which had been on the head of Jesus, not lying with the linen cloths but folded up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple, who had reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; for as yet they did not understand the Scripture, that he must rise from the dead.

The Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

EASTER SEASON

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/Choir: 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: 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: **Glorify 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, (*all bow*) 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 *or* Lord, graciously hear us.

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 forth the Mass is ended.

All: **Thanks be to God.**