

Teams for :	16/8	23/8	30/8	6/9	13/9
Children Liturgy	none	none	none		
Coffee 9am (11)	7	8	9	10	11
Coffee 11am (9)	6	7	8	9	1
Flowers	Jo	Jo	Sr Rose		

LET US PRAY FOR THE SICK AND HOUSEBOUND

We include those in hospitals, nursing homes and their own homes:

Mary Lynch, Jean McIntosh, Gerry Wright, Sonya Drury.

ROSARY: Daily 25 minutes before Mass starts.
DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET: Every Tuesday at 2.00pm in Church with prayer intentions.
BAPTISMS/WEDDINGS: Please contact the Parish Office through email or phone.
CONFESSIONS: <i>Saturday Bicester: 10.30am-11.30am</i> <i>Hethe: 3.30pm-3.50 pm (Sacristy)</i>
URSULINE LAY ASSOCIATION: Every 2nd Wednesday of the month @ 2pm Ursuline Convent.
EAST TIMOR COMMUNITY PRAYER: First Sunday of the month at 5.00pm. Various locations.
PARISH OUTREACH GROUP: Contact the Office if you need some form of practical help.
UKRAINIAN LITURGY Ukrainian Divine Liturgy occasional Sundays. Announced in bulletin.

THE TERMINALLY ILL ADULTS (END OF LIFE) BILL The Terminally Ill Adults (End of Life) Bill is back in the House of Commons and seeks to legalise assisted suicide. It will have its Second Reading and vote on Friday, 11 September 2026. Please write to your MP to make your voice heard and oppose the Bill. “This bill is wrong in principle,” says Archbishop Richard Moth, President of the Bishops’ Conference, “It is also deeply flawed and, if passed, could lead to vulnerable people feeling pressured into ending their lives. The Bill has a serious lack of protection for health and social care staff and risks putting many wonderful hospices and care homes in the position of no longer being able to operate. I urge you to write to your Members of Parliament to petition them to vote against the Bill at Second Reading.” You can support the Archbishop’s call and contact your MP now as a matter of urgency. Even if you have already done so in the past, please speak up and voice your opposition. The charity Right to Life UK has a simple online mechanism to do this. It takes little more than a few minutes to enter your postcode, make sure the suggested text suits your viewpoint and submit your message to ask your MP to stop this flawed Bill progressing through parliament. For more information and resources, visit: [cbcew.org.uk/opposing-assisted-suicide](https://www.cbcew.org.uk/opposing-assisted-suicide) [righttolife.org.uk/Sept11vote](https://www.righttolife.org.uk/Sept11vote)

HOLY COMMUNION FOR THE SICK If someone you know would like to receive Holy Communion at home or in a care or nursing home, please get in touch with the parish office.

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE Please keep in your prayers all couples preparing for the Sacrament of Marriage. In particular, we pray for Maisie Berry and Robert Hitchcock who were married on Monday. May the Lord bless them as they begin their life together.

RCIA -Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults If you are wanting to learn more about the Catholic faith or need a refresher in the basics of the faith, have a desire to become a Catholic, or perhaps you are a baptised Catholic but haven't made our First Holy Communion or Confirmation and would like to join the next course, which will take place on Monday evenings from the autumn until Easter, then please speak to Fr Craig and or contact the parish office asap.

HARVINGTON HALL ANNUAL PILGRIMAGE The Annual Archdiocese of Birmingham Pilgrimage Mass will take place on Sunday, 6th September. Confessions 1.45pm-2.30pm Mass at 3pm. Harvington Hall Lane, Harvington, Kidderminster, Worcestershire, DY10 4LR. All welcome.

PRAYER FOR PEACE Pope Leo has asked for Prayer for Peace. Please consider praying this intention, before Mass, and in your own homes, with friends, family and individually. Let us offer the Rosary for an end to wars and conflicts, and the effects it is having on the countries involved and for nations to gather together and bring peace.

THE 100 CLUB The following numbers are still available: 16, 40, 51, 66, 78, 81, 82, 83, 92, for only a £5 monthly direct debit subscription, forms available at the back of church. ***You have to be in it to win it! The draw takes place on the last Sunday of the month after the 9am mass. Come and spin the 100 club wheel!***

JPII GAMING EVENT (formerly ZZAP!) this will take place on Saturday, 14th November from 11am-4pm. A chance to play retro, modern games and more! Raffle and refreshments available. This is a fundraiser for the church and tickets can now be purchased online via [wegottickets.com](https://www.wegottickets.com) - The JPII Gaming Event.

JOIN US ON THE WHATS APP COMMUNITY CATHOLIC BICESTER GROUP FOR TO KEEP IN TOUCH WITH PARISH INFORMATION & NEWS. THERE ARE ALSO SEPARATE GROUPS FOR CHURCH GROUPS CREATED WITHIN THE APP. SCAN THE QR CODE AND FOLLOW INSTRUCTIONS.



SACRAMENTAL ENROLMENT SESSION This will take place on Monday, 21st September at 7pm in the St John Paul II Centre for any children wishing to prepare for their First Reconciliation, First Holy Communion and Confirmation.

Dates for the Sacraments 2027

First Reconciliation - Friday, 15th January 2027 at 4pm for St Mary’s children and Saturday, 16th January 2027 at 11am for non - St Mary’s children.

Confirmation Mass - Friday 12th March 2027.

First Holy Communion - Saturday, 15th May 2027 at 11am for all children.

Application forms will be available at the Enrolment Session. If your child does not attend St Marys, please bring along a copy of their Baptism certificate. Children will need to commit to all the sessions to complete their preparation for the Sacrament/s, and will also be expected to attend weekend Mass regularly.

BAPTISM COURSE The next Baptism Course will now take place on Wednesday, 30th September at 7pm in the JPII Centre and **not** Monday, 28th September as previously advertised. Apologies for any inconvenience. Please contact the office to register. We are desperately short of Baptism Catechists to run the courses which

DIARY DATES 2026:

Coffee Mornings Fridays 4th September, 2nd October at 10am.

Banbury & Warwick Deanery Pastoral Forum: Thursday 27th Aug at 7pm at the JPII.

Parish Pastoral Meeting Friday 11th September at 7pm.

Angel Drive Friday 9th October with fish and chip supper.

JPII GAMING EVENT Saturday 14th November 11am-4pm.

Christmas Bazaar Sunday 29th November.

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.’

PARISH GIVING

SECOND COLLECTIONS

For August:16th/23rd/30th: Parish Maintenance.

Ways in which you can support your parish:

Consider whether you can increase your donation to the parish.

Switch to giving by way of standing order or direct debit. *This ensures that the parish receives a more regular income.*

If you are a UK taxpayer, complete a **gift aid** declaration, which in-creases your donation by 25% at no extra cost to you.

Include a bequest to the parish in your will.

BICESTER LINK TO DONATE:

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

Contact the Parish Office for account details to set up the following: Weekly offerings/Donations/Payments/100 Club etc **Mass intentions offerings:** Complete an offering envelope which can be

found at the back of church whether you pay by cash or card.

If paying by card use option ‘mass offerings’ & enter surname when prompted. Deliver envelope to Clergy/Sisters or Parish Office. Thank you.

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. Thank you!

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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/](https://camstreamer.com/redirect/xmTDv4jBRjMTROM5VBVyn34wpRY1nK34jSHqcqhr)

[xmTDv4jBRjMTROM5VBVyn34wpRY1nK34jSHqcqhr](https://camstreamer.com/redirect/xmTDv4jBRjMTROM5VBVyn34wpRY1nK34jSHqcqhr)

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

A CCTV System operates 24 hours a day. This is in place for the safety of people, protection of property and crime prevention.



The Catholic Parish of St Edmund Campion

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>

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The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Sunday Cycle A - Weekdays II - 16th August 2026 - Psalter Week 4

The month of August is dedicated to the Immaculate Heart of Mary

Pope’s Prayer Intention for August — For evangelization in the city. Let us pray in the large cities often marked by anonymity and loneliness we find new ways to proclaim the gospel, discovering creative paths to build community.

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DATE	TIME	INTENTIONS	FEASTS	LECTORS	E O MINISTERS	WELCOMERS
SAT 15th	4.00pm HT 6.00pm	People of the Parish Angus Forsyth Snr (RIP) 25th Ann.	<i>Memorial of Our Lady</i>	A Jennifer	M Kelly/B Santiago	McArdle Family
SUN 16th	9.00am 11.00am 1.00pm	Anna & Joao Barretto (RIP) Eileen Parker (RIP) Baptisms-Samuel & Gabriela Menon Dionisio	Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary	P Cousins J Franta	A Hall/J Josh Sr Sani/C Tah	C West/Sr Molly Kokore Family
MON 17th	9.30am HT 12 noon IC 2.00pm IC	Holy Souls Ints of Fr Pat Armstrong - 90th Birthday Funeral Service—Sheelagh Clarke (RIP)	<i>Feria in Ordinary Time</i>	A Fitzpatrick		
TUE 18th	9.30am 2.00pm IC	Ints of Patrick Donovan and family Divine Mercy Chaplet	<i>Feria in Ordinary Time</i>	L Cleeve		
WED 19th	12 noon	No Mass	<i>Feria in Ordinary Time</i>			
THU 20th	9.30am	Cyril & Gertrude Hurst (RIP)	<i>Mem of St Bernard, A Dr</i>	H King		
FRI 21st	12 noon	Patrick & Irene Burke (RIP)	<i>Mem of St Pius, X, Pope</i>	E King		
SAT 22nd	10.00am 10.30am-11.30am 4.00pm HT 6.00pm	Private Intentions Exposition, Benediction & Confessions People of the Parish Edward Ward & Bernard Mongan (RIP)	<i>Memorial of The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i>	Volunteer R Evans	 Volunteers	 Volunteers
SUN 23rd	9.00am 11.00am	Holy Souls Robert (Bob) Dipple (RIP) Followed by Fr Pat’s 90th birthday celebration	21st Sunday in Ordinary Time	M Brown T lane	J Li Sr Rose	C St John/ Volunteer Franta Family



Fr Pat's 90th Birthday Celebration will take place on Sunday 23rd August after the 11am Mass—all welcome!



Tea & Coffee in the JP II Centre after the 9am and 11am

Masses every weekend & once a month on a Friday

throughout the year (not in Aug).

Come along for a chat and meet your fellow parishioners!

Donations can now be made by card—option ‘Coffee Mornings’

We use Fairtrade / Rainforest Alliance Tea and Coffee!



This week we pray for...

SANCTUARY LIGHT: Mary Lynch & Family

OUR LADY’S CHAPEL: Sruthi Varghese

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	Parish Maintenance	Standing Orders	Mass Attendance
Bicester	£638.92	£318.86	£1122	462
Hethe	£ 35.00		£165	18

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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

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Parish Sacramental Programme - Clare St John psc.tic.bicester@rcaob.org.uk

Go to contacts page on website for parish group contacts.

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”.

The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Entrance Antiphon: A great sign appeared in heaven: a woman clothed with the sun, and the moon beneath her feet, and on her head a crown of twelve stars.

First reading Revelation 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab

‘A woman clothed with the sun, with the moon under her feet.’

God’s temple in heaven was opened, and the ark of his covenant was seen within his temple. And a great sign appeared in heaven: a woman clothed with the sun, with the moon under her feet, and on her head a crown of twelve stars. She was pregnant and was crying out in birth pains and the agony of giving birth. And another sign appeared in heaven: behold, a great red dragon, with seven heads and ten horns, and on his heads seven diadems. His tail swept down a third of the stars of heaven and cast them to the earth. And the dragon stood before the woman who was about to give birth, so that when she bore her child he might devour it. She gave birth to a male child, one who is to rule all the nations with a rod of iron, but her child was caught up to God and to his throne, and the woman fled into the wilderness, where she has a place prepared by God. And I heard a loud voice in heaven, saying, ‘Now the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God and the authority of his Christ have come.’

The word of the Lord
All: Thanks be to God

Responsorial Psalm: *On your right stands the queen in gold of Ophir*

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia,
Mary has been taken up into heaven;
the host of angels rejoice.
Alleluia. alleluia.

Second reading 1 Corinthians 15:20-27

‘Christ the first fruits, then those who belong to Christ.’

Brothers and Sisters: Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep. For as by a man came death, by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead. For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ shall all be made alive. But each in his own order: Christ the first fruits, then at his coming those who belong to Christ. Then comes the end, when he delivers the kingdom to God the Father after destroying every rule and every authority and power. For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. The last enemy to be destroyed is death. For ‘God has put all things in subjection under his feet.’

Gospel Luke 1:39-56

‘He who is mighty has done great things for me; he has exalted those of humble estate.’

In those days Mary arose and went with haste into the hill country, to a town in Judah, and she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. And when Elizabeth heard the greeting of Mary, the baby leaped in her womb. And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit, and she exclaimed with a loud cry, ‘Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb! And why is this granted to me that the mother of my Lord should come to me? For behold, when the sound of your greeting came to my ears, the baby in my womb leaped for joy. And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfilment of what was spoken to her from the Lord.’

And Mary said,
‘My soul magnifies the Lord,
and my spirit rejoices in God my Saviour,
for he has looked on the humble estate of his servant.
For behold, from now on all generations will call me blessed;
for he who is mighty has done great things for me,
and holy is his name.
And his mercy is for those who fear him
from generation to generation.
He has shown strength with his arm;
he has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts;
he has brought down the mighty from their thrones
and exalted those of humble estate;
he has filled the hungry with good things,
and the rich he has sent away empty.
He has helped his servant Israel,
in remembrance of his mercy,
as he spoke to our fathers,
to Abraham and to his offspring for ever.’

And Mary remained with her about three months and returned to her home.

The Gospel of the Lord
All: Praise to you Lord, Jesus Christ

ORDER OF 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 (*Not used during Advent & Lent*)

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: Glory and praise to you O Christ(a few words)

People: Glory and praise to you O 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.

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.