

Teams for :	11/1	18/1	25/1	1/2	8/2
Children lit.	1	2	none	3	None
Coffee 9am (11)	9	10	11	1	2
Coffee 11am (8)	2	3	4	5	6
Flowers	All dismantle	Portia/Adelia	Jan/Sally	Jan/Sally	

LET US PRAY FOR THE SICK AND HOUSEBOUND

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

Mary Lynch, K Cashman, Jean McIntosh, Gerry Wright, Paul Chrisp.

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: <i>Saturday Bicester: 10.30am-11.30am</i> <i>Hethe: 3.15pm-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.
PIETY SHOP: Open Friday, Saturday and Sunday around Masses.

POLISH CAROL SERVICE & SOCIAL This will take place this Sunday, 11th January from 4pm in church followed by social in the centre. All welcome. **UKRAINIAN LITURGY** Ukrainian Divine Liturgy with Fr Taras Dovbaniuk from Coventry, will take place on every second Sunday of the month, next one this weekend, 11th January, at 6.30pm, here in church for all our Ukrainian parishioners and anyone who wishes to attend.

RCIA Rite of Christian Initiation CORRECTION The next RCIA session will take place on Wednesday, **14th January** at 7.30pm in the centre.

WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY SERVICE, ST EDBURG'S CHURCH, CAUSEWAY, WEDNESDAY 21ST JANUARY 7 30.PM Many of you will know that every year Catholics are encouraged to observe a week of prayer for Christian Unity. As well as praying for this individually, we are encouraged to meet with Christians of other traditions to pray for unity in the Body of Christ. This is supported and organised by Christians together in Britain and Ireland. You are warmly invited to attend this short service of prayer and reflection as outlined above. It will last for about an hour, and we are hoping that it will be possible to provide refreshments afterwards.

100 CLUB DECEMBER WINNERS £100 R & L Weaver-73, £50 O Hawke - 37, £25 R Evans 97, CHRISTMAS BONUS: £100 J Hartley - 67. Please see Sr Sani for your winnings. Contact the parish office if you would like to subscribe to the 100 club only £5 a month. Current numbers available are: 22,30,41,51,81,82,83,84,89 & 96.

BAPTISMS 2026 If you are considering having your child baptised in the first few months of the year, please contact the office to register onto the first Baptism Course that will be held on Saturday, 31st January from 10am -12 noon in the St John Paul II Centre. Baptisms will be held on Sundays at 1pm. Please contact the office to register on the course.

COFFEE MORNING The next Coffee Morning will be on Friday, 6th February 2026 at the usual time of 10am. The team look forward to seeing you all then!

DIARY DATE: PARISH PILGRIMAGE A pilgrimage to Fatima will take place from Friday, 7th August — Tuesday, 11th August 2026. Price: £695 sharing, £795 single room. Flights from Bristol airport. Optional insurance £55 pp. Please email the office if you are interested in more details.

COULD YOU BE A HEALTHCARE VOLUNTEER IN LOURDES? Are you a doctor, nurse or carer? Would you consider donating your time and expertise on the next Lourdes Pilgrimage? Every year sick pilgrims are able to make the journey to Lourdes thanks to the support of a dedicated Healthcare Team. Without their expertise many pilgrims would not be able to go. If you are a healthcare professional and would like to try something new please consider joining us. You will make a real difference. For more information, and to access the Volunteer Pilgrimage Pack and an application form, please visit <https://www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk/lourdes-pilgrimage> or scan the QR code.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY We are urgently looking for volunteers to help with Children's Liturgy which takes place during the 9am mass, currently only everyone other Sunday due to just few volunteers. You will need to be DBS checked. Please speak to Fr Craig or contact the parish office.

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.



CRIB COLLECTION

The crib collection this year will go towards Medecins Sans Frontieres (MSF)

Sans Frontières / Doctors Without Borders (MSF).

Their teams act fast to save people’s lives in conflict zones, natural disasters and epidemics.

Charity Reg. No. 1026588. Please go to <https://msf.org.uk/> to find out more information on the work they do.

Thank you in advance for your donations.

Donations by card accepted, option Crib Collection.

The crib will be displayed until February 2nd.

The church will be open daily for you to visit between 9-3pm.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED If you are new to the parish and/or have spare time this year and would like to help your church please contact the parish office or speak to Fr Craig. Thank you!
OSCOTT COLLEGE The next Organ recital will be on Sunday 8th February at 3pm. Booking can be done online at <https://www.oscott.org/events> or in person on the door.

FRIENDS OF THE HOLY LAND would like to thank all parishioners for £1249.52 raised for Christians in the Holy Land, at a time when they are most vulnerable. Please continue to remember our work in your prayers, giving our brothers and sisters strength to continue.

DIARY DATES 2026 :

Baptism Course - Saturday 31st January 10am-12 noon.

Coffee Mornings Friday 6th February & 6th March at 10am.

Ash Wednesday February 18th.

Diocesan Intercultural Mass and Social Saturday 21st February 2026.

Confirmation Retreat Day 28th February.

Mass of Confirmation Friday 20th March 2026 at 7pm.

First Holy Communions Saturday 16th May.

Corpus Christi Procession Sunday 7th June (to St Mary’s)

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 JANUARY - Parish Maintenance.

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. For details email: bicester@rcaob.org.uk

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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/SfORcspHizNr8niFC4Is5oJQBgoc37B8YBCjKVpC>

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

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FEAST OF THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

Sunday Cycle A - Weekdays II - 11th January 2026 - Psalter Week 1

Month of January is dedicated to The Holy Name of Jesus

Pope’s Prayer Intention - Let us pray that praying with the Word of God be nourishment for our lives and a source of hope in our communities, helping us to build a more fraternal and missionary church.



DATE	TIME	INTENTIONS	FEASTS	LECTORS	E O MINISTERS	WELCOMERS
SAT 10th Vigil Mass	4.00pm @ Hethe 6.00pm	People of the Parish In Thanksgiving—Annie Wong	<i>Mem of Our Lady</i>	P & K Kallay	O Panejko/B Santiago	McArdle Family
SUN 11th	9.00am 11.00am 4.00pm – 7.00pm 6.30pm	Peter A J (RIP) Joan & John Calnan (RIP) Polish Carol Service & Social Ukrainian Divine Liturgy	<i>Feast of the Baptism of the Lord</i>	S McCarthy/C Moyse F Nyonyoozi/C Tett	C St John/ C Drew J & J Kokore	Sr Molly/C Cleeve R Elgado & Friends
MON 12th	9.30 @Hethe 12 noon	Souls in Purgatory Holy Souls	<i>Feria in Ordinary Time</i>	A Fitzpatrick		
TUE 13th	9.30am	Gwilym Patrick Price (RIP)	<i>St Hilary, B, Dr</i>	L Cleeve		
WED 14th	2.00pm	Ursuline Association @Convent	<i>Feria in Ordinary Time</i>			
THU 15th	9.30am	Michael & Doreen furlong (RIP)	<i>Feria in Ordinary Time</i>	H King		
FRI 16th	12 noon	Ints of Nicolas	<i>Feria in Ordinary Time</i>	E King		
SAT 17th Vigil Mass	10.00am 11.00am 4.00pm @ Hethe 6.00pm	Holy Souls First Reconciliation (for non St Marys children) People of the Parish Ints of Nicolas	<i>Mem of St Anthony, Abbott</i>	Volunteer		
				A Mutton/ H King	S & M Doherty	B & L Hattam
SUN 18th	9.00am 11.00am 1.00pm 3.00pm	In Thanksgiving - Penhallow Family Roy Abbott (RIP) Baptisms - Talia & Nyla Mandivenga Baptisms - Dahlia & Noah Zabinski	<i>Second Sunday in Ordinary Time</i> <i>Peace Day - Paxi Christ</i>	S McCarthy/ P Cousins U Edwards/ E King	M & A Brown J Marshall/ G Andrade	Parati Family Kokore Family



POLISH CAROL SERVICE & SOCIAL

Sunday, 11th January from 4pm

in church followed by social in the centre. All welcome!



Church	First Collection	Second Collection	Standing Orders	Mass Attendance
Bicester	£718.86	£165.19	£1122	437
Hethe	£35		£198	30

Parish Priest: Father Craig Davies BA (hons) STB fr.craig.davies@rcaob.org.uk

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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.

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”.

FEAST OF THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

Entrance Antiphon: After the Lord was baptized, the heavens were opened, and the Spirit descended upon him like a dove, and the voice of the Father thundered: This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased.

First reading
Isaiah 42:1-4, 6-7
‘Behold my servant, in whom my soul delights.’

Thus says the LORD: Behold my servant, whom I uphold, my chosen, in whom my soul delights; I have put my Spirit upon him; he will bring forth justice to the nations. He will not cry aloud or lift up his voice, or make it heard in the street; a bruised reed he will not break, and a faintly burning wick he will not quench; he will faithfully bring forth justice. He will not grow faint or be discouraged till he has established justice in the earth; and the coastlands wait for his law. ‘I am the LORD; I have called you in righteousness; I will take you by the hand and keep you; I will give you as a covenant for the people, a light for the nations, to open the eyes that are blind, to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon, from the prison those who sit in darkness.’

The word of the Lord
All: Thanks be to God

Responsorial Psalm The LORD will bless his people with peace

Second reading
Acts 10:34-38
‘God anointed Jesus with the Holy Spirit.’

In those days: Peter opened his mouth and said: ‘Truly I understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. As for the word that he sent to Israel, preaching good news of peace through Jesus Christ — he is Lord of all — 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.’

The word of the Lord
All: Thanks be to God

Gospel Acclamation Alleluia, alleluia.
The heavens were opened and the voice of the Father thundered:
‘This is my beloved Son; listen to him’.
Alleluia.

Gospel
Matthew 3:13-17
‘When Jesus was baptised he saw the Spirit of God coming to rest on him.’

At that time: Jesus came from Galilee to the Jordan to John, to be baptised by him. John would have prevented him, saying, ‘I need to be baptised by you, and do you come to me?’ But Jesus answered him, ‘Let it be so now, for thus it is fitting for us to fulfil all righteousness.’ Then he consented. And when Jesus was baptised, immediately he went up from the water, and behold, the heavens were opened to him, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and coming to rest on him; and behold, a voice from heaven said, ‘This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased.’

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

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: 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.