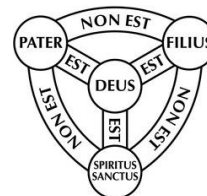




THE CATHOLIC PARISH OF ST. EDMUND CAMPION

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<u>Date:</u> Sunday 11th October 2026	<u>Sunday:</u> TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR A	<u>Weekday Cycle:</u> Year II <u>Divine Office:</u> Week 4
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Date:	Time:	Intentions:	Readers:
Saturday 10 th Oct Feast of Our Lady 1st Masses of Sunday	1.30pm 4:00pm HT 6:00pm	Marriage Convalidation Souls in Purgatory Ints of John & Ria Salisbury (5 th Wedding Anniv.)	Volunteer P & K Kallay
Sunday 11 th Oct 28th in Ordinary Time	9:00am 11:00am 1:00pm	Reconciliation Commitment Mass– People of the Parish Florencio Liporada Sr. (RIP) Baptism - James Thomas Warr	L & R Weaver J Gilliland/ M Lawrence
Monday 12 th Oct Feria in Ordinary Time	9.00am HT 12 noon IC 2.15pm SCH	Erica Marchi (RIP) Dr R Holding (RIP) Holy Souls	M Daniel
Tuesday 13 th Oct Mem of St Edward the Confesor	9.30am	Baby Michael (RIP)	N Li
Wednesday 14 th Oct Feria in Ordinary Time	NO MASS 2.00pm	Ursuline Association Meeting @ Convent	
Thursday 15 th Oct Mem of St Teresa of Jesus, V, Dr	9.30am	Crispin Ramos (RIP)	H King
Friday 16 th Oct Feria in Ordinary Time	12.00noon	Jose Magleo (RIP)	E King
Saturday 17 th Oct Mem of St Ignatius of Antioch, B, M	10.00am 10.30am-11.30am 4:00pm HT 6:00pm	Ints of Victor Li (birthday) Confessions, Exposition & Benediction People of the Parish Ints of Fr Aldo Tapparo – Golden Jubilee	Volunteer Volunteer N Li/P Sims
Sunday 18 th Oct 29th in Ordinary Time World Mission Sunday	9:00am 11:00am 1:00pm	James Joseph Landy (RIP) Bridie O'Connor (RIP) Baptism – Tallen James Brooks	M Brown/ J Li J Franta/A Keasley

Parish Live Stream

All of the services at Bicester are live-streamed on our Parish YouTube 'Bicester Catholic Church' Channel. This can be accessed via the Parish website or by visiting:
<https://camstreamer.com/redirect/xmTDv4jBRjMTOM5VBVyN34wpRY1nK34jSHqcqhR>
 Follow the Mass Readings at:
<https://universalis.com/mass.html>
 We have a CCTV System that operates 24hrs a day. This is in place for the safety of all who attend this church, the protection of property and crime prevention.

 An Induction Loop System is provided at the Church of the Immaculate Conception. Please switch Hearing Aids to 'T'.

Church	First Collection	Comboni Missions	Standing Orders	Mass Attendance
BICESTER	£605.89	£774.44	£1122	501
HETHE	£58.50	£36.00	£165	26

 **TEA & COFFEE MORNING** 

Tea & Coffee is available in the JP II Centre every Sunday after the 9am & 11am Masses. We also have our monthly Coffee Morning, on a Friday, throughout the year, from 10-11:45am.
Come along for a chat and meet other members of the parish community!

 Use this QR Code to join our Parish WhatsApp Group where you can keep up with news and information from the parish. Here you will also find other group pages for the different church groups created within the app. Simply scan the QR Code and follow the instructions.

TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR A

Entrance Antiphon: If you, O Lord, should mark iniquities, Lord, who could stand? But with you is found forgiveness, O God of Israel.

First reading

Isaiah 25:6-10a

‘The Lord will make a feast, and he will wipe away tears from all faces.’

On this mountain the LORD of hosts will make for all peoples a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wine, of rich food full of marrow, of aged wine well refined. And he will swallow up on this mountain the covering that is cast over all peoples, the veil that is spread over all nations. He will swallow up death for ever; and the Lord GOD will wipe away tears from all faces, and the reproach of his people he will take away from all the earth, for the LORD has spoken. It will be said on that day, ‘Behold, this is our God; we have waited for him, that he might save us. This is the LORD; we have waited for him; let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.’ For the hand of the LORD will rest on this mountain.

The word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God

Responsorial Psalm: *In the LORD’S own house shall I dwell for length of days unending.*

Second reading

Philippians 4:12-14, 19-20

‘I can do all things through him who strengthens me.’

Brothers and Sisters: I know how to be brought low, and I know how to abound. In any and every circumstance, I have learned the secret of facing plenty and hunger, abundance and need. I can do all things through him who strengthens me. Yet it was kind of you to share my trouble. And my God will supply every need of yours according to his riches in glory in Christ Jesus. To our God and Father be glory for ever and ever. Amen.

The word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God

Gospel Acclamation Alleluia, alleluia.

May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
enlighten the eyes of our hearts,
so that we may know the hope to which he has called us.
Alleluia.

Gospel

Matthew 22:1-14

‘Invite to the wedding feast as many as you find.’

At that time: Jesus again spoke to the chief priests and the elders of the people, in parables, saying, ‘The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding feast for his son, and sent his servants to call those who were invited to the wedding feast, but they would not come. Again he sent other servants, saying, “Tell those who are invited, ‘See, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and everything is ready. Come to the wedding feast.’” But they paid no attention and went off, one to his farm, another to his business, while the rest seized his servants, treated them shamefully, and killed them. The king was angry, and he sent his troops and destroyed those murderers and burned their city. Then he said to his servants, “The wedding feast is ready, but those invited were not worthy. Go therefore to the main roads and invite to the wedding feast as many as you find.” And those servants went out into the roads and gathered all whom they found, both bad and good. So the wedding hall was filled with guests.

‘But when the king came in to look at the guests, he saw there a man who had no wedding garment. And he said to him, “Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding garment?” And he was speechless. Then the king said to the attendants, “Bind him hand and foot and cast him into the outer darkness. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. For many are called, but few are chosen.’

The Gospel of the Lord

All: Praise to you Lord, Jesus Christ

SECOND COLLECTION – THANK YOU:

Sr Asmeret would like to sincerely thank you all for the warm welcome she received last weekend and for the very generous donations of **£774.44** for the Comboni Missionary Sisters. God Bless you all.

COFFEE MORNING -THANK YOU:

The coffee team would like to thank everyone who came along to the Monthly Coffee Morning which raised an impressive £316.02 last Friday. The next one will take place on Friday 6th November at 10am.

JPII GAMING EVENT (FORMALLY 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 are now available online via wegottickets.com – The JPII Gaming Event.

ENVIRONMENTAL GROUP -TRANSFORM TRADE

A bill is being debated on the Business, Human Rights and Environmental Act. This requires companies to prevent harm, ensuring that all products sold in the UK are free of exploitation and abuse. Companies take responsibility for their actions, workers speak out without fear, products fairness and safety. Do you know where your clothes come from? who made them? At the back of the church you will find labels, please take a page, fill in one and give the others away. Send a message, that exploitation is not acceptable. transform-trade.org

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY 2026

Parish Finance Committee Meeting:

Monday 26th October at 7pm

Parish Monthly Coffee Morning:

Friday 6th November at 10am

JPII Gaming Event:

Saturday 14th November 11am – 4pm

Christmas Bazaar:

Sunday 29th November: 10am – 2pm



PARISH 100 CLUB-SEPTEMBER WINNERS:

£100 K Gore - 87, £50 Anon - 56, £25 D L Allan – 53

Please see Sr Sani for your prizes. The following numbers are still available: 66, 78, 81, 82, 83 & 92. It costs £5 per month, or £60 per year, paid by Direct Debit, per number. Forms to sign up are available to the back of church. The draw takes place on the last Sunday of the month during coffee after the 9am Mass. **You have to be in it to win it!**

MASS INTENTIONS:

Mass Intentions are currently available from December. Please ensure that you complete a “Mass Offering Envelope” if you pay by card. All Souls November envelopes now available too.

THIS WEEK THE SANCTUARY CANDLES BURN

FOR:

**Sanctuary Lamp: Florencio Liporada Sr. (RIP)
Our Lady's Chapel:**



If you wish to sponsor one of the lamps which burn perpetually in the church, please complete and return the slip to the Parish Office/Sisters.

Lamps cost £10 each and burn for one week.

WORLD MISSION SUNDAY – 18TH OCTOBER

Nest Sunday in the Holy Father invites all Catholics to support Missio – his charity for world mission – through a special collection.

This day of prayer, solidarity and giving unites Catholics worldwide to share the Good News of God's Love which has the power to transform lives and heal our world.

To donate, use the Missio envelopes, or visit missio.org.uk to give a gift, set up a Direct Debit and gift aid your donation if possible.

Red box holders: Please start bringing in your box contents, empty boxes can be found at the back of church. If you would like a box and are not registered please take a box & complete a form which can be found at the back of church. *Thank you.*



SYMPATHY:

Gilbert Standage: A Requiem Mass for Gilbert will take place on Friday 30th October at 12 noon followed by burial at Hethe. *May he rest in peace.*

Gerry Wright: We were saddened to hear of the recent death of longstanding parishioner Gerry Wright. Many of you will remember Gerry from the 6pm Mass where, for many years, particularly before the COVID pandemic, he regularly served as one of our offering collectors and church warden. He was also caretaker at St Mary's School. More recently Gerry was in a nursing home in Abingdon. His funeral will take place on 21st October in Didcot. Further details can be found on the funeral notice in the church porch. *May he rest in peace.*

PRAY FOR THE SICK AND THE HOUSEBOUND:

Let us pray for the sick in our parish, those at home, in hospital, and in Nursing Homes: **Mary Lynch, Jean McIntosh.** Please pray also for those who carry the burden of their illnesses privately.

MONTH OF THE HOLY ROSARY:

A few more volunteers are needed to recite the Rosary, especially before the 6pm Mass on Saturday. If you are willing to help, even once a month, please speak to Fr. Craig.

October is traditionally dedicated to the Holy Rosary, one of the Church's most cherished prayers. Through the Rosary we meditate on the life, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ through the eyes of His mother, Mary. It is a simple yet profound prayer that has sustained generations of Catholics in times of joy, uncertainty and trial. As Pope St John Paul II reminded us, the Rosary is a prayer centred on Christ. May October be a month in which we rediscover its beauty and allow Mary to lead us more deeply into the life of her Son.

"Pray the Rosary every day to obtain peace for the world." – Our Lady of Fatima.

Journey in Faith (RCIA):

If you want to learn more about the Catholic Faith, need a refresher in the basics of the faith, have a desire to become Catholic, or have been baptised Catholic and want to receive your 1st Holy Communion and Confirmation, join the next 'Journey in Faith Course'. These take place on a Monday evening from 7pm in the JPII Centre from autumn to Easter. Dates will be announced soon. Please speak to Fr. Craig, or contact the Parish Office, ASAP.

SAFEGUARDING NOTICE:

This Parish operates in accordance with Statutory Safeguarding Guidance and National and Archdiocesan policies & procedures at all times. Our Parish Safeguarding Representatives are: **Mrs Elizabeth Green**, who can be contacted at sg.tic.bicester@rcaob.org.uk and: **Mr Les Cleeve**, who can be contacted at ht.sg.holytrinity.hethe@rcaob.org.uk
The Diocesan Safeguarding Team can be contacted at safeguarding@rcaob.org.uk or on 0121 230 6240 if you have any safeguarding concerns.

POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR OCTOBER:

For mental health ministry: Let us pray for mental health ministry to be established throughout the Church, helping to overcome the stigma and discrimination towards people with mental illnesses.

PARISH INFORMATION BOARD:

Piety Shop:

Open Friday, Saturday & Sunday around Mass times

Rosary:

Daily 25 mins before the start of Mass

Divine Mercy Chaplet:

Every Tuesday at 2pm in Church

Confession:

Bicester: Saturday 10:30am – 11:30am

Hethe: Saturday 3:30pm – 3:50pm

Ursuline Lay Association:

Every 2nd Wednesday at 2pm in the Convent.

East Timor Community Prayer:

First Sunday of the month at 5pm (Various Locations)

Journey in Faith (RCIA):

Monday's from Autumn to Easter at 7pm

FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Please place all candle money into the wall safe marked 'CANDLES' at the back of the church near the Piety Shop. Alternatively, you can pay on the card machine under 'Sanctuary Lamps & Votives'.

SECOND COLLECTIONS FOR OCTOBER:

10th/11th Fr Hudson,
17th/18th APF /World Mission.

PARISH GIVING:

Link to Donate Online:

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

Mass Intention Offerings:

Please use the 'Mass Intention Envelopes' provided. You can either make your donation by placing cash in the envelope or, by using the card machine under 'Mass Offerings' NB, when using the card machine you must also put the intention in the 'message box' so that your donation and the envelope can be matched together. Please also write 'paid by card or machine' on the envelope. Envelopes should then be delivered to the sacristy.

Contactless Giving:

You can also donate by scanning the QR Code with your phone or by using the card machine in the church porch. If you are a UK tax payer, please consider Gift Aiding your donation. Each time you make a subsequent donation using the same card Gift Aid will be added automatically.



Gift Aid Your Offering

If you are a UK Tax Payer, and you give by Standing Order, please consider Gift Aiding your weekly offerings. 25% in every £1 could be added to the value of your donation at no cost to you! Please contact Sr. Sani, the Parish Gift Aid Co-ordinator.

PARISH DUTIES THIS WEEKEND: 10TH/11TH OCTOBER 2026

6pm Mass	Welcomers:	McArdle Family
	E. O. Ministers:	S & M Doherty
9.00am Mass	Welcomers:	C Cleeve
	E. O. Ministers:	C Hartley & J Li
	Children's Liturgy:	No Children's Liturgy this weekend
	Tea/Coffee:	Team 4
11.00am Mass	Welcomers:	R Elgado & Friends
	E. O. Ministers:	J & M Franta
	Children's Liturgy:	No Children's Liturgy this weekend
	Tea/Coffee:	Team 4

DUTIES DURING THE WEEK FOR SUNDAY: 18TH OCTOBER 2026

Cleaners:	Team 6
Flowers:	Jo & Lucia

PARISH DUTIES NEXT WEEKEND: 17TH/18TH OCTOBER 2026

6pm Mass	Welcomers:	B & L Hattam
	E. O. Ministers:	Sisters
9.00am Mass	Welcomers:	L & C Cleeve
	E. O. Ministers:	C St John & C Drew
	Children's Liturgy:	Team 2
	Tea/Coffee:	Team 5
11.00am Mass	Welcomers:	R Evans & Sister
	E. O. Ministers:	J Marshall & Sister
	Children's Liturgy:	No Children's Liturgy this weekend
	Tea/Coffee:	Team 6