

Teams for :	14/9	21/9	28/9	5/10	12/10	19/10
Children lit.	none	2	none	1	none	2
Coffee 9am (11)	3	4	5	6	7	8
Coffee 11am (9)	1	2	3	4	5	6
Flowers	Jan/ Sally	Jan/ Sally	Jo	Jo	Sr Rose	Sr Rose

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, 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)
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.

PARISH FUNDRAISER — BEETLE DRIVE WITH FISH 'N CHIP DINNER: Family fun on **Saturday, 20th September after 6pm Mass** in the JP11 Centre. Adults: £10, children £5 includes fish or sausage and chips. Tea/coffee/ juice provided. Bring your own alcoholic drinks. Card payments accepted— Option ‘Beetle Drive’. Please add your food choice to list a the back of church.

OXFORD PRO-LIFE COMMUNITY LAUNCH. Saturday 20th September 10-11pm St Anthony of Padua Church Hall, next to the JR, OX3 7SS. A fun and enjoyable morning to meet like-minded people and find your pro-life niche. Child & family-friendly. Free parking. Refreshments. Email Ed ox.prolife@gmail.com or visit <https://oxfordprolife.org.uk/> for more info.

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION 2025-2026 ENROLMENT SESSION
The Enrolment Session for children wishing to receive the Sacraments of Reconciliation, 1st Holy Communion and Confirmation will be held on **Monday, 22nd September 2025** in the St John Paul II Centre. Please bring along a copy of your child’s baptism certificate if your child does not attend St Mary’s School to the Enrolment session. Please do not send any details to the parish office. Sacramental Coordinator Clare St John: psc.tic.bicester@rcaob.org.uk Join our Reconciliation/1stHC and Confirmation Groups on our Catholic Bicester What’s App Group for up to date news.

ST. MARY’S PRIMARY SCHOOL OPEN DAY AND EVENING On Wednesday 17 September from 9.30am—11.30am, and again on Wednesday 1 October from 5.00pm—6.00pm our primary school is holding open days for prospective new parents for September 2026.

MISSIO The Autumn booklets are available from the back of church for Red Box holders. World Mission Sunday will be held on 19th October this year.

COFFEE MORNING Thank you to those came to the coffee morning last Friday, £208.60 was raised. The next one is on Friday 3rd October at 10am.
CHRISTMAS CRIBS If anyone is interested in purchasing a olive wood crib from the Friends of the Holy Land, please speak to Lucia.

CHANGE OF DATE: THE NEXT BAPTISM COURSE WILL BE HELD ON SATURDAY 11TH OCTOBER AT 10.30AM IN the JP II Centre.

THE SEASON OF CREATION September 1st to October 4th. This is a time to pray and reflect on what we our doing to our earth and all who dwell on it. The World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation, celebrated on 1st September is the official start of the *Season of Creation*, a time of sustained prayer and action which lasts a month and four days. During this season we are encouraged to pray and engage in community events in order to deepen our relationship with God, our neighbours and the earth, being ever more attentive to the cry of the earth and the cry of the poor. For more information go to: <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/season-of-creation/>

OUR WHATS APP FAMILY IS GROWING.
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.
NEW GROUPS JUST ADDED FOR RECONCILIATION /1ST HOLY COMMUNION & CONFIRMATION SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMME 2025-26.



Archdiocese of Birmingham
CSSA Thematic Inspection of Survivor Engagement –
Public Call for Survivor Input

The Catholic Safeguarding Standards Agency (CSSA) are undertaking a thematic inspection of survivor engagement and support, and the Archdiocese of Birmingham has been chosen as one of the Dioceses to be involved in this project.

As such, all Dioceses and Religious Life Groups (RLGs) have been asked by the CSSA to share a public survey inviting survivors to contribute their experiences. The purpose of this public call is to gather information from anyone who has had recent contact with the Archdiocese of Birmingham, or any other Diocese or RLG. This includes experiences that are new or ongoing, as well as those connected to non-recent abuse, both in a faith context and outside of faith. While the primary focus is the period from July 2024 onwards, the CSSA do not wish to limit what survivors choose to share. Information regarding this survey can be found via: www.catholicsafeguarding.org.uk/contact-us-and-other-information/public-calls-for-information/ The direct link to the survey is: https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=SSQzRY2fToOpJmB_Xy63KLBEXoG2tIVAm_gUYqKjMSFUOTc5TzILTEdT_VwKUYsJhaTlUoQURaOUo5SC4u *If you haven’t previously engaged with the Archdiocese of Birmingham Safeguarding team but feel that it would be helpful to do so, please don’t hesitate to contact the Safeguarding office on 0121-230-6240, or by emailing safeguarding@rcaob.org.uk. The survey is an important step in ensuring that survivor voices are heard, valued, and used to shape future safeguarding practice. We are committed to supporting survivors with compassion and sensitivity and are grateful to all those who have already shared their experience and work in partnership with us to improve support for survivors.”*

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.’

SEPTEMBER SECOND COLLECTIONS

14th: Parish Maintenance

21st: Catholic Evangelisation 28th: Fr Hudson Society

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

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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/SfORcspHjzNr8niFC4Is5oJQBgoc37B8YBCjKvPc>
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

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DATE	TIME	INTENTIONS	FEASTS	LECTORS	E O MINISTERS	WELCOMERS
SAT 13th Vigil Mass	4.00pm Hethe 6.00pm	People of the Parish Joseph & Anna Lemkalovich (RIP)	Mem of St John Chrysostom, B, Dr	P & K Kallay	S & M Doherty	S & M Doherty
SUN 14th	9.00am 11.00am 1.00pm	Ints of Jiminez Family - Safe return USA Eustachius & Marija Panejko (RIP) Baptism - Charles May	Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross	C Moyse/C St John T Lane/ N Ward	L & R Weaver J & M Franta	L & C Cleeve Timorean Community
MON 15th	9.30 @ Hethe 12 noon 7.00pm	Holy Souls Crisostomo Ramos (RIP) Parish Pastoral Meeting	Memorial of Our Lady of Sorrows	M Daniel		
TUE 16th	9.30am	Joseph O’Neill (RIP)	Mem of Ss Cornelius, P & Cyprian, B, M	L Cleeve		
WED 17th		No Mass	Mem of St Robert Bellarmine, B, Dr			
THU 18th	9.30am	Helen Jong (RIP)	Feria in Ordinary time	J Kokore		
FRI 19th	12 noon	Ezoua Kokore (RIP)	Mem of St Januarius, B, M	E King		
SAT 20th Vigil Mass	10.00am 10.30am-11.30am 4.00pm Hethe 6.00pm	Sr M Humbert O.P. (RIP) Exposition, Benediction & Confessions People of the Parish Mark MacKenzie (RIP)	Mem of St Andrew Kim Tae-gon, P, Paul Chong Ha-sang & Companions, M	J & X Rogers	D Gunaratra/ Sr Rose	S & M Doherty
SUN 21st	9.00am 11.00am	Ints of Ria Rianti (for recovery) In thanksgiving—Frank & Ann Jones & Family	25th Sunday in Ordinary Time <i>Evangelii Guadium Day</i>	L & S Taylor S Joseph & R Silvy	A Hall/ A Mutton J & J Kokore	Brown Family Rowena Elgado & Friends

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: Denis John Cashman (RIP)

OUR LADY’S CHAPEL: Ints of Kathleen & Andrew Cashman

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.

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Church	First Collection	Second Collection	Standing Orders	Mass Attendance
Bicester	£ 714.57	£224.43	£1122	471
Hethe	£ 60		£198	28

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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Holy Trinity Hethe

Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross

Entrance Antiphon We should glory in the Cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, in whom is our salvation, life and resurrection, through whom we are saved and delivered.

First readingNumbers 21:4b-9

‘If anyone were bitten by a serpent, he would look at the bronze serpent and live.’

In those days: The people became impatient on the way. And the people spoke against God and against Moses, ‘Why have you brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? For there is no food and no water, and we loathe this worthless food.’ Then the LORD sent fiery serpents among the people, and they bit the people, so that many people of Israel died. And the people came to Moses and said, ‘We have sinned, for we have spoken against the LORD and against you. Pray to the LORD, that he take away the serpents from us.’ So Moses prayed for the people. And the LORD said to Moses, ‘Make a fiery serpent and set it on a pole, and everyone who is bitten, when he sees it, shall live.’ So Moses made a bronze serpent and set it on a pole. And if a serpent bit anyone, he would look at the bronze serpent and live.

The word of the Lord
All: Thanks be to God

Responsorial Psalm *Never forget the deeds of the Lord!*

Second readingPhilippians 2:6-11

‘He humbled himself, therefore God has highly exalted him.’

Christ Jesus, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

The word of the Lord
All: Thanks be to God

Gospel Acclamation Alleluia, alleluia.
We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you,
because by your Cross you have redeemed the world.
Alleluia.

GospelJohn 3:13-17

‘The Son of Man must be lifted up.’

At that time: Jesus said to Nicodemus, ‘No one has ascended into heaven except he who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.’

The Gospel of the Lord
All: Thanks be to God.

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.