

<b>Teams for :</b>	<b>15/2</b>	<b>22/2</b>	<b>1/3</b>	<b>8/3</b>	<b>15/3</b>	<b>22/3</b>
Children Liturgy	none HT	none HT	1	2	none	3
Coffee 9am (11)	3	4	5	6	7	8
Coffee 11am (9)	7	8	9	1	2	3
Flowers	Jo	none	none	none	Sr Rose	none

#### 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.

<b>ROSARY:</b> Daily 25 minutes before Mass starts.
<b>DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET:</b> Every Tuesday at 2.00pm in Church.
<b>BAPTISMS/WEDDINGS:</b> Please contact the Parish Office through email or phone.
<b>CONFESSIONS:</b> <i>Saturday Bicester: 10.30am-11.30am</i> <i>Hethe: 3.15pm-3.50 pm (Sacristy)</i>
<b>URSULINE LAY ASSOCIATION:</b> Every 2nd Wednesday of the month @ 2pm Ursuline Convent.
<b>EAST TIMOR COMMUNITY PRAYER:</b> First Sunday of the month at 5.00pm. Various locations.
<b>PARISH OUTREACH GROUP:</b> Contact the Office if you need some form of practical help.
<b>UKRAINIAN LITURGY</b> Ukrainian Divine Liturgy 2nd Sunday of the month at 6.30pm.
<b>PIETY SHOP:</b> Open Friday, Saturday and Sunday around Masses.



**ASH WEDNESDAY** The Season of Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, 18th February, the 40 days of fasting and penance that culminate in Easter Sunday. Masses will be held at 10am and 7pm in Bicester and at 12.30pm at RAF Croughton.

**SHOW THE LOVE 2026** The Parish Environmental Group will be handing out green hearts this weekend on which you can write messages to the government about improvements you would like to our local environment. We will collect the hearts after Mass and deliver to Calum Miller MP.

**SYMPATHY** Please pray for the repose for the soul of **Diana Lynch** who died recently. Her funeral service will take place on Thursday, 26th February at 11am followed by burial at Bicester Cemetery. *May she rest in peace.*

**ANNUAL INTERCULTURAL MASS FOR THE FEAST OF THE CHAIR OF ST PETER THE APOSTLE** All parishioners are invited to the Intercultural Mass which will take place next weekend Saturday, 21st February at 12 noon, celebrant Bishop Richard Walker. Mass will be followed by a social gathering in the JPII centre. The Mass is being coordinated by Mgr Daniel McHugh from the Ethnic Chaplaincy and it will be concelebrated by a number of priests along with diverse groups of visitors and parishioners taking part. Do come along to enjoy the experience and the opportunity to pray together in *“Celebrating One Church for Many Nations”*.

**LENTEN WALK WITH ME BOOKLETS** Are available from the back of church along with Lenten calendars for children. Any donations gratefully received for these.

**SCHOOL LENTEN MASSES** These will take place every Friday, at 8am in school during Lent. All welcome.

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS** Stations of the Cross will be recited every Friday at 7pm and Sundays at 5pm. CTS Stations of the Cross booklets (some large print) are now in stock in the piety shop along with other Lenten reading resources.

**LENTEN WALK** Anna FitzPatrick, a member of the Environmental group will be taking part in the CAFOD Big Lent walk that starts on Ash Wednesday, 18<sup>th</sup> February. She needs sponsors to raise money to bring life-saving water to people around the world. If you would like to sponsor her online, this is the link to her sponsorship page: <https://walk.cafod.org.uk/fundraising/annas-fundraising-page1029> Alternatively, there will be a form available for people to sign, at the back of the Church. Further information about the CAFOD Big Lent Walk is available at <https://cafod.org.uk/fundraise/big-lent-walk>.

**RCIA - RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION** The next RCIA session will take place on Wednesday, 25th February at 7.30pm in the centre. The Rite of Election will take place at 3pm on 22nd February at St Chad’s Cathedral. We have a number of adults in our parish who are preparing for the Easter Sacraments, of Baptism, Eucharist and Confirmation, please do keep them in your prayers.

**STATIONS AND SOUP LUNCH** Stations will be held in church at 12 noon on Wednesday, 4th March at 12 noon. In the St JPII Centre. All welcome!

**PARISH PILGRIMAGE** A pilgrimage to Fatima will take place from Friday, 7th August — Tuesday, 11th August 2026. Price: £695 sharing, £795 single

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room. Flights from Bristol airport. Optional insurance £55 pp. Please email the office if you are interested in more details. Forms and details are available from the back of church, alternatively email the parish office.

**NATIONAL NOVENA TO ST JOSEPH** Novena Masses from St Joseph’s Church, Maidenhead will be available on YOUTUBE via Mill Hill website: [www.millhillmissionaries.com/novena](http://www.millhillmissionaries.com/novena) during March 10-18th at 10am. See poster at the back of church for more information.  
**COFFEE MORNINGS** Thank you to everyone who came along to support the coffee mornings held recently. £ 237.91 was raised in Bicester and £39 in Hethe. Next one Friday, 6th March in the JPII.

#### SOCIAL EVENTS FOR YOUR DIARY!

**ORGANISED BY THE PARISH SOCIAL & FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE.**  
The Social Committee have met and put together a calendar of social events for the year and the first one is a:  
**Quiz Night** (for adults only) to be held on **Friday, 27th February 2026** with a 7.30pm prompt start a the JPII Centre, only £5 p.p. pay on door, max number of 6 per team. Just turn up on the night. Bring your own drinks and nibbles. No need to book. But to help S.C. please add names to the list at the back of church. Thank you.  
**Beetle Drive** Friday 13th March with fish and chip supper.  
**Cheese & Wine** with John Nelson Tunes, Saturday 25th April.  
**Angel Drive** Friday 9th October with fish and chip supper.

**DIARY DATES 2026 :**  
**Diocesan Intercultural Mass and Social** Sat 21st February at 12 noon.  
**Parish Finance Meeting** Thursday 19th February at 7pm.  
**Confirmation Retreat Day** 28th February.  
**Lenten Fast (CAFOD)** 1st March  
**Coffee Morning** Friday 6th March at 10am.  
**Art & Craft Market** Saturday 14th March 11am-2pm .  
**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 FEBRUARY** will be for

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](mailto: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/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



Holy Trinity Hethe

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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## SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

**Sunday Cycle A - Weekdays II - 15th February 2026 - Psalter Week 2**

**Month of February is dedicated to The Holy Family**

**Pope’s Prayer Intention - Let us pray that children suffering from incurable diseases and their families receive the necessary medical care an support, never losing strength and hope.**



DATE	TIME	INTENTIONS	FEASTS	LECTORS	E O MINISTERS	WELCOMERS
<b>SAT 14th</b> <b>Vigil Mass</b>	<b>4.00pm @ Hethe</b> <b>6.00pm</b>	People of the Parish Felipe Teng (RIP)	<i>Feast of St Cyril, Monk &amp; Methodius, B, Patrons of Europe</i> <i>Day of Prayer for Europe</i>	A Mutton/volunteer	M Doherty/O Panejko	L & B Hattam
<b>SUN 15th</b>	<b>9.00am</b> <b>11.00am</b> <b>1.00pm</b>	Ints of Kevin’s Family - (for guidance) Ints of Angela Whelan Baptism - Charles Oscar Porter	<b>Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> <i>Day for the Unemployed</i>	C Moyse/C St John E Green/ N Ward	C & J Hartley J Marshall/ Sr Sani	Brown Family Franta Family
<b>MON 16th</b>		No Mass	<i>Feria in Ordinary Time</i>			
<b>TUE 17th</b>	<b>9.30am</b>	Richard Allen (RIP)	<i>Feria in Ordinary Time</i>	L Cleeve		
<b>WED 18th</b>	<b>10.00am</b> <b>12.30 noon</b> <b>7.00pm</b>	Dr Jack Coughlan (RIP) 8th Ann. Mass at RAF Croughton Ints of Silvy Joseph - 50th Birthday	<b>Season of Lent</b> <b>Ash Wednesday</b> <b>Fast Day</b>	M Daniel  D Munoz/R Rianti		
<b>THU 19th</b>	<b>9.30am</b>	In Thanksgiving of Maria Olivia Manfio	<i>Thursday after Ash Wed</i>	J Kokore		
<b>FRI 20th</b>	<b>12 noon</b> <b>7.00pm</b>	Edith Latty (RIP) Stations of the Cross	<i>Friday after Ash Wed</i>	E King		
<b>SAT 21st</b> <b>Vigil Mass</b>	<b>12 noon</b> <b>4.00pm @ Hethe</b> <b>6.00pm</b>	Diocesan Intercultural Mass & Social People of the Parish In Thanksgiving of Maria Olivia Manfio	<i>Saturday after Ash Wednesday</i>	Volunteer Volunteer P Sims/Sr Rose	M Kelly/B Santiago	C West/R Rianti
<b>SUN 22nd</b>	<b>9.00am</b> <b>11.00am</b> <b>3.00 pm</b> <b>5.00pm</b>	Gwilym Patrick Price (RIP) Ints of Joseph Chand– Birthday Rite of Election at St Chad’s, Birmingham Stations of the Cross	<b>First Sunday of Lent</b> <b>Day of Prayer for the Candidates for the Sacraments</b>	L & S Taylor H King/ J Josh	A & R Parati Sr Sani/Sr Molly	Sr Molly/C Cleeve Timorean Community



### Intercultural Mass & Social — Saturday 21st February at 12 noon



Fairtrade/Rainforest Alliance tea & coffee in the centre after the 9am and 11am Masses every weekend & monthly Fridays throughout the year (not Jan, April or Aug)



Come along for a chat and meet your fellow parishioners!  
Donations can now be made by card—option ‘Coffee Mornings’

#### This week we pray for...

**SANCTUARY LIGHT:** Lucinda Murphy

**OUR LADY’S CHAPEL:** O’Rourke Family

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](mailto:safeguarding@rcaob.org.uk) if you have any concerns.

Church	First Collection	Second Collection	Standing Orders	Mass Attendance
<b>Bicester</b>	<b>£815.18</b>	<b>£214.27</b>	<b>£1122</b>	<b>509</b>
<b>Hethe</b>	<b>£98.15</b>		<b>£165</b>	<b>37</b>

**Parish Priest:** Father Craig Davies BA (hons) STB fr.craig.davies@rcaob.org.uk  
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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](mailto:tic.bicester@rcaob.org.uk)

**St John Paul II Centre Bookings:** Srs Sani & Molly Monday-Friday 10am-4pm  
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Go to contacts page on website for parish group contacts.

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SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Entrance Antiphon: These are holy men who became friends of God, glorious heralds of divine truth.

First reading Acts 13:46-49 ‘Behold, we are turning to the Gentiles.’

In those days: Paul and Barnabas spoke out boldly, saying, ‘It was necessary that the word of God be spoken first to you. Since you thrust it aside and judge yourselves unworthy of eternal life, behold, we are turning to the Gentiles. For so the Lord has commanded us, saying, “I have made you a light for the Gentiles, that you may bring salvation to the ends of the earth.” ’

And when the Gentiles heard this, they began rejoicing and glorifying the word of the Lord, and as many as were appointed to eternal life believed. And the word of the Lord was spreading throughout the whole region.

The word of the Lord  
All: Thanks be to God

Responsorial Psalm Go into all the world and proclaim the good news.

Gospel Luke 10:1-9 ‘Your peace will rest upon him.’

At that time: The Lord appointed seventy-two others and sent them on ahead of him, two by two, into every town and place where he himself was about to go. And he said to them, ‘The harvest is plentiful, but the labourers are few. Therefore pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out labourers into his harvest. Go your way; behold, I am sending you out as lambs in the midst of wolves. Carry no money bag, no knapsack, no sandals, and greet no one on the road. Whatever house you enter, first say, “Peace be to this house!” And if a son of peace is there, your peace will rest upon him. But if not, it will return to you. And remain in the same house, eating and drinking what they provide, for the labourer deserves his wages. Do not go from house to house. Whenever you enter a town and they receive you, eat what is set before you. Heal the sick in it and say to them, “The kingdom of God has come near to you.”

The word of the Lord  
All: Thanks be to God

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia.  
The Lord has sent me to proclaim good news to the poor;  
to proclaim liberty to the captives.  
Alleluia.

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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.