

Teams for :	15/3	22/3	29/3	5/4	12/4	19/4
Children Liturgy	none	3	tbc	tbc	tbc	tbc
Coffee gam (11)	7	8	9	10	11	1
Coffee 11am (9)	2	3	4	5	6	7
Flowers	Sr Rose	none	Sisters	All to	water	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, Sonya Drury.

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.

UKRAINIAN LITURGY Ukrainian Divine Liturgy 2nd Sunday of the month at 6.30pm.

PIETY SHOP: Open Friday, Saturday and Sunday around Masses.

LENT - PRAYER - FASTING - ALMSGIVING

LENTEN ALMSGIVING COLLECTION Our collection will go towards Great Ormond Street Hospital. Your donations can be left in the basket near the font or by card on the machine. Thank you.

MASS OF CONFIRMATION Our parish children will be Confirmed by His Grace, Archbishop Bernard Longley this coming Friday, 20th March at 7pm. Please pray for all the children as they prepare to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation and for all the catechists, teachers and parents who have help prepare and guide them in deepening their love for Christ. Certificates will be given in the St JP II Centre during refreshments after mass.

SCHOOL MASS A whole school Mass will be celebrated here in church on Monday, 23rd March at 10am.

LENTEN PENANCE SERVICE Monday, 23rd March at 7pm. A number of priests will be available to hear confessions. You are encouraged to attend this session if you intend to make your confession before Easter when other priests will be present.

RCIA - RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION The next RCIA sessions will take place on Wednesdays 18th & 25th March at 7.30pm and in the centre. Please keep all those preparing to be received into the Church at Easter in your prayers.

URSULINE ASSOCIATION The Ursuline Association Annual Retreat will take place on Thursday, 19th March from 10.30am-3.00pm at the Convent, Kings End. This will replace the usually monthly meeting. All are very welcome.

PASSION PLAY 'JERUSALEM JOY' This is a great musical the children in Year 5 of St Mary's School have been working hard on and will perform especially just for parents and parishioners. It will take place on Thursday, 26th March at 9.00am in the school hall. Please do come along.

PALM SUNDAY (29th March) A reminder that we will gather at the Ursuline Convent (opposite Lisserters) at 10.50am to process towards the church. Remember: clocks will go forward by 1 hour on 29th.

BLESSING OF FOOD This will take place on Holy Saturday 4th April at 4pm.

LENTEN WALK Anna would like to thank those who have already donated to the CAFOD Big Lent Walk. Her sponsor form is available on the church notice board if you would like to sponsor her.

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, but not on 20th March due to Confirmation Mass being held, 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.

EASTER RAFFLE Plenty of Easter raffle tickets are still available at the back of church, please take some and sell to family and friends. £5 per book of 5. The draw will take place on Sunday, 5th April after 11am mass in the centre. Any raffle prizes gratefully received please deliver to the JP II Centre.

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. Forms and details are available from the back of church, alternatively email the parish office.

PARISH OFFICE Will be closed this coming week.

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.



SYMPATHY Please pray for the repose for the soul of Ana Barreto, aged 97, of Upper Heyford. Funeral details will be announced in due course. *May she rest in peace.*

CHILDRENS LITURGY As a bit of a trial, Children's Liturgy will take place this weekend at the 11am mass. Please encourage your children to attend.

MASS FOR MARRIAGE Saturday, 2nd May at 12 noon at St Chad's Cathedral. Celebrant: Bishop Richard Walker. All welcome! Please let the organisers know you will be attending by going to www.vocations.org.uk/marriage-mass

PIETY SHOP Has new stock in! St Patricks Day & Mothers Day cards, statues, rosaries, confirmation gifts and more...come and have a browse...

EASTER FLOWERS Lilies cost £2.50 each, money raised will go towards Easter flowers. Please deliver forms by 1st April to the office.

ENVIRONMENTAL GROUP INFO Have you visited Bicester Green - your one-stop, local, plastic-free shop? Stock up on loose cereal, pasta, rice, coffee beans, dried fruit and much more.

Refill your empty bottles of olive oil, washing up liquid, toilet cleaner, washing detergent, hand soap....

SOCIAL EVENTS FOR YOUR DIARY!

ORGANISED BY THE PARISH SOCIAL & FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE.

S & F Committee can be contacted on: sc.tic.bicester@rcaob.org.uk

Cheese & Wine with John Nelson Tunes, Saturday 25th April.

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

ZAPP Retro Games Day Saturday 14th November.

Christmas Bazaar Sunday 29th November.

DIARY DATES 2026 :

Coffee Morning Friday 10th April at 10am.

Art & Craft Market Saturday 11th April 11am-2pm.

Baptism Course Monday 20th April 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 MARCH :

15th/22nd/29th: Parish Maintenance.

BICESTER LINK TO DONATE:

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

Standing Orders/Donations/Payments/100 Club

Bicester: Sort Code: 51 70 15 Acc. No: 02342731

Account Name: For RCA Birmingham Immaculate Conception Bicester Reg Charity

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.

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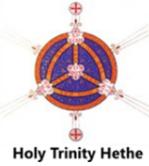
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Follow the readings at Mass: <https://universalis.com/mass.htm>

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FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

Sunday Cycle A - Weekdays II - 15th March 2026 - Psalter Week 4

Month of March is dedicated to St Joseph (Solemnity 19th March)

Pope's Prayer Intention - Let us pray that nations move toward effective disarmament, particularly nuclear disarmament, and that world leaders choose the path of dialogue and diplomacy instead of violence.



DATE	TIME	INTENTIONS	FEASTS	LECTORS	E O MINISTERS	WELCOMERS
SAT 14th Vigil Mass	4.00pm @ Hethe 6.00pm	Helen Parnaby (RIP) Catenian Mass for Vocations	Lent Feria	Volunteer R Riant/ A Mutton	M Kelly/B Santiago	A Mutton/ C West
SUN 15th	9.00am 11.00am 5.00pm	Anna Barreto (RIP) People of the Parish Stations of the Cross	Fourth Sunday of Lent Day of Prayer for the Candidates for the Sacraments	A Kirby Hall/P Cousins E Green/ H King	L & R Weaver J & J Kokore	L & C Cleeve Franta Family
MON 16th	9.30am @ Hethe 12 noon	Jean Withers (RIP) Emilia Nheu (Birthday)	Lent Feria Dementia Prayer Week	Volunteer A Fitzpatrick		
TUE 17th	9.30am	Sonia M. S. Dasilva Oliveira (Birthday)	Feast of St Patrick, B, Patron of Ireland	L Cleeve		
WED 18th		No Mass	Lent Feria			
THU 19th	9.30am 10.30- 3pm 1.00pm	Helena Nowak (RIP) Ursuline Assoc. Retreat @ Convent Reconciliations at School KS2	Solemnity of St Joseph, spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary	J Kokore		
FRI 20th	8.00am @ Sch 12 noon 7.00pm	Lenten Mass at School - Holy Souls Holy Souls Confirmation Mass	Lent Feria	Children E King Confirmandi		Confirmandi
SAT 21st Vigil Mass	10.00am 10.30-11.30am 4.00pm @ Hethe 6.00pm	Shella Grant (RIP) Exposition, Benediction & Confessions People of the Parish Bill & Kitty Hornby & Angela Nelson (RIP)	Lent Feria	Volunteer Volunteer P Sims/ Sr Sani	Sr Molly/ Sr Rose	S & M Doherty
SUN 22nd	9.00am 11.00am 5.00pm	Malachy McKeon (RIP) John Cabey (RIP) Stations of the Cross	Fifth Sunday of Lent	M Brown/ J Li J Josh/ H King	A Hall/ A Mutton J Marshall/ Sr Sani	C St John/ A Mutton R Elgado & Friends

WE HAVE A NEW CAMERA & LIVESTREAM LINK <https://camstreamer.com/redirect/xmTDv4jBRjMTR0M5VBVvN34wpRY1nK34jSHqcgHr>

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 Jan or 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: Remembering all Deceased Members of Our Parish

OUR LADY'S CHAPEL: Helena Nowak (RIP)
If you wish to sponsor one of the sanctuary lamps which perpetually burn in the Church, please complete and

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	Second Collection Cath Maint.	Standing Orders	Coffee Morning	Mass Attendance
Bicester	£ 925.18	£ 748.41	£1122	£240.10	575
Hethe	£36.20	£22	£165		39

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Parish Sisters: Ursuline Convent - Sr Rose Mathew - 01869 327 689
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Go to contacts page on website for parish group contacts.

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FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

Entrance Antiphon: Rejoice, Jerusalem, and all who love her. Be joyful, all who were in mourning; exult and be satisfied at her consoling breast.

First reading

1 Samuel 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a

David is anointed king of Israel.

In those days: The LORD said to Samuel, 'Fill your horn with oil, and go. I will send you to Jesse the Bethlehemite, for I have provided for myself a king among his sons.'

When they came, he looked on Eliab and thought, 'Surely the LORD's anointed is before him.' But the LORD said to Samuel, 'Do not look on his appearance or on the height of his stature, because I have rejected him. For the LORD sees not as man sees: man looks on the outward appearance, but the LORD looks on the heart.' And Jesse made seven of his sons pass before Samuel. And Samuel said to Jesse, 'The LORD has not chosen these.' Then Samuel said to Jesse, 'Are all your sons here?' And he said, 'There remains yet the youngest, but behold, he is keeping the sheep.' And Samuel said to Jesse, 'Send and get him, for we will not sit down till he comes here.' And he sent and brought him in. Now he was ruddy and had beautiful eyes and was handsome. And the LORD said, 'Arise, anoint him, for this is he.' Then Samuel took the horn of oil and anointed him in the midst of his brothers. And the Spirit of the LORD rushed upon David from that day forward.

The word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God

Responsorial Psalm *The LORD is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.*

Second reading

Ephesians 5:8-14

'Arise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you.'

Brothers and Sisters: At one time you were darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Walk as children of light, for the fruit of light is found in all that is good and right and true, and try to discern what is pleasing to the Lord. Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness, but instead expose them. For it is shameful even to speak of the things that they do in secret. But when anything is exposed by the light, it becomes visible, for anything that becomes visible is light. Therefore it says, 'Awake, O sleeper, and arise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you.'

The word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God

Gospel Acclamation: Praise and honour to you, Lord Jesus. I am the light of the world, says the Lord; whoever follows me will have the light of life. Praise and honour to you, Lord Jesus.

Gospel

John 9:1-41

'He went and washed and received his sight.'

At that time: As Jesus passed by, he saw a man blind from birth. And his disciples asked him, 'Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?' Jesus answered, 'It was not that this man sinned, or his parents, but that the works of God might be displayed in him. We must work the works of him who sent me while it is day; night is coming, when no one can work. As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world.' Having said these things, he spat on the ground and made mud with the saliva. Then he anointed the man's eyes with the mud and said to him, 'Go, wash in the pool of Siloam' (which means Sent). So he went and washed and came back seeing.

The neighbours and those who had seen him before as a beggar were saying, 'Is this not the man who used to sit and beg?' Some said, 'It is he.' Others said, 'No, but he is like him.' He kept saying, 'I am the man.' So they said to him, 'Then how were your eyes opened?' He answered, 'The man called Jesus made mud and anointed my eyes and said to me, "Go to Siloam and wash." So I went and washed and received my sight.' They said to him, 'Where is he?' He said, 'I do not know.'

They brought to the Pharisees the man who had formerly been blind. Now it was a Sabbath day when Jesus made the mud and opened his eyes. So the Pharisees again asked him how he had received his sight. And he said to them, 'He put mud on my eyes, and I washed, and I see.' Some of the Pharisees said, 'This man is not from God, for he does not keep the Sabbath.' But others said, 'How can a man who is a sinner do such signs?' And there was a division among them. So they said again to the blind man, 'What do you say about him, since he has opened your eyes?' He said, 'He is a prophet.'

The Jews did not believe that he had been blind and had received his sight, until they called the parents of the man who had received his sight and asked them, 'Is this your son, who you say was born blind? How then does he now see?' His parents answered, 'We know that this is our son and that he was born blind. But how he now sees we do not know, nor do we know who opened his eyes. Ask him; he is of age. He will speak for himself.' His parents said these things because they feared the Jews, for the Jews had already agreed that if anyone should confess Jesus to be Christ, he was to be put out of the synagogue. Therefore his parents said, 'He is of age; ask him.'

So for the second time they called the man who had been blind and said to him, 'Give glory to God. We know that this man is a sinner.' He answered, 'Whether he is a sinner I do not know. One thing I do know, that though I was blind, now I see.' They said to him, 'What did he do to you? How did he open your eyes?' He answered them, 'I have told you already, and you would not listen. Why do you want to hear it again? Do you also want to become his disciples?' And they reviled him, saying, 'You are his disciple, but we are disciples of Moses. We know that God has spoken to Moses, but as for this man, we do not know where he comes from.' The man answered, 'Why, this is an amazing thing! You do not know where he comes from, and yet he opened my eyes. We know that God does not listen to sinners, but if anyone is a worshipper of God and does his will, God listens to him. Never since the world began has it been heard that anyone opened the eyes of a man born blind. If this man were not from God, he could do nothing.' They answered him, 'You were born in utter sin, and would you teach us?' And they cast him out.

Jesus heard that they had cast him out, and having found him he said, 'Do you believe in the Son of Man?' He answered, 'And who is he, sir, that I may believe in him?' Jesus said to him, 'You have seen him, and it is he who is speaking to you.' He said, 'Lord, I believe', and he worshipped him. Jesus said, 'For judgement I came into this world, that those who do not see may see, and those who see may become blind.' Some of the Pharisees near him heard these things, and said to him, 'Are we also blind?' Jesus said to them, 'If you were blind, you would have no guilt; but now that you say, "We see", your guilt remains.'

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 in Advent and 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.**