

THE CATHOLIC PARISH OF ST. EDMUND CAMPION

The Immaculate Conception, Bicester & Holy Trinity, Hethe

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Date: Sunday 15th November 2026

Sunday: THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR A

Weekday Cycle: Year II
Divine Office: Week 1

Date:	Time:	Intentions:	Readers:
Saturday 14th November **Mem of Our Lady** (1st Masses of Sunday)	4:00pm HT 6:00pm	Holy Souls Izabel Dos Reis Goncalves & Miguel & Rafael Mendes	Volunteer P & K Kallay
Sunday 15th November **Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time**	9:00am 11:00am 1;00pm 3:00pm	People of the Parish - Confirmation Commitment Mass Patricia Higgins (RIP) Baptisms - Emil Domozych & Lena Danuta Wenerska Vespers in church followed by Blessing of Graves – Bicester Cemetery	C Moyse & J Josh H King & E Green
Monday 16th November **Feria in Ordinary Time**	9:30am HT 12 noon IC 2:15pm SCH	Holy Souls Timothy (Theady) Joyce (RIP) Holy Souls	H King
Tuesday 17th November **Feria in Ordinary Time**	9:30am 2:00pm	Jose Magleo (RIP) *Divine Mercy Chaplet*	N Li
Wednesday 18th November **Dedication of the Basilicas of St. Peter & St. Paul**	NO MASS	***#REDWEDNESDAY***	
Thursday 19th November **Feria in Ordinary Time**	9:30am	Florence McCormack (RIP)	J Kokore
Friday 20th November **Feria in Ordinary Time**	12 noon	Bal Barsby (RIP)	E King
Saturday 21st November **Presentation of the BVM** (1st Masses of Sunday)	10:00am 10:30am-11:30am 4:00pm HT 6:00pm	Peter & Marie Murowski (RIP) *Benediction, Exposition & Confessions* Henryk Mazur (RIP) Carmen Teng (RIP)	Volunteer R Rianti/ N Li
Sunday 22nd November **Solemnity of Christ the King**	9:00am 11:00am	Ron & Thelma Brown (RIP) Jean Ann Lawrence (RIP)	L & R Weaver F Nyonyoozi/ C Tett

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	Parish Maintenance	Standing Orders	Mass Attendance
BICESTER	£526.57	£106.15	£1122	293
HETHE	£68		£165	35

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.

THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR A

Entrance Antiphon: **The Lord said: I think thoughts of peace and not of affliction. You will call upon me, and I will answer you, and I will lead back your captives from every place.**

First reading **Proverbs 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31**

'She works with willing hands.'

An excellent wife who can find? She is far more precious than jewels.
The heart of her husband trusts in her, and he will have no lack of gain.
She does him good, and not harm, all the days of her life.
She seeks wool and flax, and works with willing hands.
She puts her hand to the distaff, and her hands to the spindle.
She opens her hands to the poor and reaches out her hands to the needy.
Charm is deceitful, and beauty is vain, but a woman who fears the LORD is to be praised.
Give her of the fruit of her hands and let her works praise her in the gates.
The word of the Lord
All: Thanks be to God

Responsorial Psalm: ***Blessed are all who fear the Lord.***

Second Reading **Thessalonians 5 : 1-6**

'Do not let the day of the Lord surprise you like a thief.'

Concerning the times and the seasons, brothers and sisters you have no need to have anything written to you. For you yourselves are fully aware that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. While people are saying. 'There is peace and security', then sudden destruction will come upon them as labour pains come upon a pregnant woman, and they will not escape. But you are not in darkness, brothers and sisters, for that day to surprise you like a thief. For you are all children of light, children of the day. We are not of the night or of the darkness. So then let us not sleep, as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober.
The word of the Lord
All: Thanks be to God

Gospel Acclamation: **Alleluia, alleluia.**
Abide in me, and I in you, says the Lord.
Whoever abides in me bears much fruit.
Alleluia.

Gospel **Matthew 25 : 14-30**

'You have been faithful over a little, enter into the joy of the master.'

At that time; Jesus told his disciples this parable, 'The kingdom of heaven will be like a man going on a journey, who called his servants and entrusted to them his property. To one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. He who had received the five talents went at once and traded with them, and he made five talents more. So also, the who had the two talents made two talents more. But he who had received the one talent went and dug in the ground and hid his master's money.
'Now after a long time the master of those servants came and settled accounts with them. And he who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five talents more, saying, "Master, you delivered to me five talents; here, I have made five talents more." His master said to him, "Well done, good and faithful servant. You have been faithful over a little; I will set you over much. Enter into the joy of your master." And he also who had the two talents came forward saying, "Master, you delivered to me two talents; here, I have made two talents more." His master said to him, "Well done, good and faithful servant. You have been faithful over a little; I will set you over much. Enter into the joy of your master." He also who had received the one talent came forward, saying, "Master, I knew you to be a hard man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you scattered no seed, so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here, you have what is yours." But his master answered him, " You wicked and slothful servant! You knew that I reap where I have not sown and gather where I scattered no seed? Then you ought to have invested, your money with the bankers, and at my coming I should have received what was my own with interest. So take the talent from him and give it to him who has the ten talents. For to everyone who has will more be given, and he will have an abundance. But from the one who has not, even what he has will be taken away. And cast the worthless servant into the outer darkness. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth." '
The Gospel of the Lord
All: Praise to you Lord, Jesus Christ

School Masses

Mass will be held at 2.15pm at St Mary's School on Monday 16th November. Advent Masses will also be held on Fridays 4th,11th & 18th December at 8am. All parishioners are welcome to attend.

#RED WEDNESDAY

This coming Wednesday, 18th November, we will be lighting up our church red to show our support in solidarity with persecuted Christians around the world. Red candles will be made available for anyone wishing to pop in to light a candle for this cause. We will also start to collect old and used postage stamps, foreign coins and banknotes. These can be placed into the boxes at the back of church or delivered to the piety shop. These will be sent in to Aid to the Church in Need (ACN), who can turn these donations into valuable funds to support their work helping persecuted Christians.

PARISH PATRONAL FEAST OF ST EDMUND CAMPION

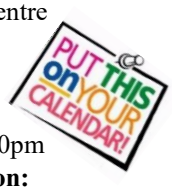
Tuesday 1st December
Mass will be celebrated at 7.00pm followed by a Cheese and Wine Social in the JPII Centre.
Everyone is welcome to come along to celebrate our first Patronal Feast of St Edmund Campion!

Monthly Coffee Morning

Thank you to the organisers & everyone who came along to the coffee morning last week, a fantastic amount of £320 was made towards parish funds. We are very grateful to all the art and craft stalls who are proving very popular for also coming along.

Dates for your Diary 2026

Christmas Bazaar:
Sunday 29th November: 10am – 2pm
Parish Patronal Feast of St Edmund Campion
Tuesday 1st December: Mass at 7.00pm followed by Social in the JPII Centre
Parish Monthly Coffee Morning:
Friday 4th December at 10am
Filipino Prayer Day:
Saturday 5th December from 3.30pm
The Feast of the Immaculate Conception:
Tuesday 8th December: Mass at 7.00pm
Christmas Market: Sunday 13th December 10am-4pm at the JPII Centre.



Advent Walk with me Booklets & Calendars

These are now available from the back of church - any donations towards them greatly received. Please place into donations wall money box – thank you.

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.

Safeguarding

A small talk will be given by our Safeguarding representatives, Elizabeth Green and Les Cleeve at all Masses on the weekend of 21st/22nd November.

November – Month of the Holy Souls:

The Church dedicates November to praying for the Holy Souls. As the celebration of Mass is the highest offering the Church can provide for the dead, we invite you to submit the names of your deceased parents, relations, friends, and all for whom you wish to pray. These names will be remembered in Masses for Holy Souls. Please use the Holy Souls envelopes provided and post them, together with your offerings, into the casket near the sanctuary during the month of November.

"*We pray with Christian hope that they are with God in paradise, in the expectation of being together again in that Mystery of Love that we don't understand, but which we know is true because it is a promise that Jesus made.*" — Pope Francis.

Blessing of Graves

Bicester Cemetery –This Sunday 15th November - 3pm Vespers in church
St Mary's Ambrosden – Sunday in November TBC

Christmas Bazaar:

Our Christmas Bazaar will take place on the first weekend of Advent, Sunday 29th November after the 9am Mass. The Social Committee would be very grateful for donations to support this important parish fundraiser. Donations can be brought along on the designated weekends to church or the JPII.

This weekend: 14th/15th November - Chocolates for Chocolate Tombola
21st/22nd November - New gifts for Tombola
28th/29th November - Cakes for Cake Stall and Mince Pies and Chocolate Logs for Café
Please support this wonderful parish event if you can. Your generosity and support are very much appreciated and will help to make the bazaar a success. Thank you!

Advent Wreath Making Workshop

LAST FEW PLACES REMAINING!

Tuesday 24th November at 7pm at the JPII Centre.
Come along and join our wonderful team of Church Flower Ladies for a fun and festive evening of wreath making.
Please bring plenty of evergreen foliage and decorative bits along, all other items will be provided.
To take part please add your name ASAP to the list at the back of the church. £10 pp.

Christmas Food Sacks

Christmas food sacks will be available on Wednesday, 16th December for any families who may be struggling during these challenging economic times. If you or your family would benefit from a little extra support this Christmas, please contact the parish office to reserve a parcel. Please don't hesitate to get in touch.

This week the Sanctuary Candles burn for:



Sanctuary Lamp: Int. of Oliver Cucharski
Our Lady's Chapel: The Holy Souls
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.

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 November:

For the proper use of wealth: Let us pray for the proper use of wealth, that not succumbing to the temptation of selfishness, it may always be put at the service the common good and solidarity of those who have less.

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):
First Meeting - Monday 30th November 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 November:

15th/29th Parish Maintenance
22nd Catholic Youth Service

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 taxpayer, 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 Taxpayer, 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: 14th/15th Nov		
6pm Mass	Welcomers:	S & M Doherty
	E. O. Ministers:	Sisters
9.45am Mass	Welcomers:	C West & C Cleeve
	E. O. Ministers:	J Li & J Hartley
	Children's Liturgy:	Team 1
	Tea/Coffee:	Team 9
No Mass	Welcomers:	Timorean Community
	E. O. Ministers:	J & J Kokore
	Children's Liturgy:	No Children's Liturgy
	Tea/Coffee:	Team 6
Duties During the Week For Sunday: 22nd November		
Cleaners:	Team 4	
Flowers:	Sr Rose	
Parish Duties Next Weekend: 21st/22nd November		
6pm Mass	Welcomers:	B & L Hattam
	E. O. Ministers:	O Panejko & B Santiago
9.00am Mass	Welcomers:	L & C Cleeve
	E. O. Ministers:	C Hartley & J Li
	Children's Liturgy:	Team 2
	Tea/Coffee:	Team 10
11.00am Mass	Welcomers:	R Elgado & friends
	E. O. Ministers:	J Marshall & Sister
	Children's Liturgy:	No Children's Liturgy
	Tea/Coffee:	Team 2