

Teams for :	16/11	23/11	30/11	7/12	14/12	21/12	28/12
Children lit.	none	2	none	1	none		none
Coffee 9am (11)	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Coffee 11am (9)8	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Flowers	Sally	Anita	Lucia	Meet	none	All	All

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.

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: <i>Saturday Bicester: 10.30am-11.30am</i> <i>Hethe: 3.15pm-3.50 pm (Sacristy)</i>
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.

RED WEDNESDAY is this coming Wednesday, November 19 2025, and is a global day of awareness and action to highlight the persecution of people of faith, particularly Christians. The event is organized by the Catholic charity Aid to the Church in Need (ACN). To participate, you can wear red, light buildings red, (our church will be lit up red inside, search ‘Bicester Catholic Church’ on YouTube to view from home) and participate in or organize local events to pray for and support those who are persecuted for their faith.

RCIA Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults The first session will take place on Wednesday, 26th November from 7.30pm-8.30pm upstairs in the centre. Open to all Catholics and non Catholics.

CHRISTMAS BAZAAR this will take place on Sunday, 30th November, 10am-1pm, the first weekend of Advent. The Social Committee chaired by Jan Hartley, with Committee members: Sue & Martin Doherty, Mark Brown, Kian Brown, Cath Moyse, Ken Hung, Silvy Joseph, Vera Lysak & Orsi Farmer. Thank you for all the generous donations to date. **We would now like to request donations of cakes, especially mince pies & yule logs and more new items for the ‘Gift Tombola’ and prizes for the Christmas Raffle. Any additional bottles (drinkable) and chocolates will always welcome.** These can be placed in the boxes in the porch. *No bric a brac please.* **Please also sign up** if you can help on the day on the list at the back of church. Or speak to any of the committee members if you can help in any way.

ST MARY'S CHRISTMAS FAYRE Will take place on Friday, December 5th from 5pm-8pm at St Mary's School—all welcome!

FILIPINO DAY OF PRAYER Saturday, 6th December from 3.30pm. Exposition, Benediction, readings, meditations, prayers, beautiful singing & flowers for Our Lady - all welcome to join, even for a short while.

SOLEMNITY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY Monday 8th December. To celebrate our church’s Patronal Feast Day Masses will be celebrated at 10am, with St Mary’s School pupils and staff attending and also at 7pm, at which we will be also celebrating the anniversary of the church consecration with The Abbot of Farnborough concelebrating. All are invited for drinks and nibbles in the centre after the evening Mass.

CHRISTMAS CRIBS & CARDS If anyone is interested in purchasing a olive wood crib from the Friends of the Holy Land, please speak to Lucia. The Friends of the Holy Land will be having a stall at the back of church on the weekend of 6th/7th December to raise funds to support Christians in the Holy Land. **CARDS** We have received beautifully hand made Christmas cards made by Fr Craig’s mother to raise funds for the parish. These are now available in the piety shop for donations of £1.50+.

CHRISTMAS RAFFLE Tickets are now on sale please take and sell to friends and relatives. Payments can be made buy card under Christmas Raffle/ Stars. £1 per ticket or £10 per book. The draw will take place on Sunday, 21st December during coffee after the 11am Mass.

WALK WITH ME Walk With Me booklets for Advent 2025 are now available, donations of £1 are gratefully received into the wall collection box at the back of church. Thank you.

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.



THE BLESSING OF GRAVES IN THE MONTH OF THE HOLY SOULS, NOVEMBER

Family and friends of those who are buried at St Marys, Ambrosden are warmly invited to the

Blessing of Graves, on **Sunday 23rd at 2pm**. A commemoration of all the faithful departed buried there and in all our Cemeteries and an opportunity to pray for the repose of their souls.

HOLY SOULS Envelopes are available at the back of church. Please add names in remembrance of lost loved ones with your offerings for the month of November, during which Holy Souls Masses will be said. Please return envelopes to the casket in church.

“If, during life, we have been kind to the suffering souls in purgatory, God will see that help be not denied us after death.” – St. Paul of the Cross



MASS INTENTIONS Availability is now from January 2026. Please give plenty of notice if a specific date is to be requested. If a funeral takes place on the requested date, then it take precedence and the requested mass intention will be moved the nearest available date. Please continue to use the Mass Offering envelopes even if you pay by card. Thank you.

DIARY DATES:

Coffee Mornings Every first Friday of the month from 10-11.45am.

Parish Pastoral Council Meeting: Monday 17th Nov at 7pm.

Christmas Bazaar Sunday 30th November 10am-1pm.

Filipino Day of Prayer Saturday December 6th from 3.30pm.

Friends of the Holy Land Stall Sale 6th & 7th December.

Diocesan Intercultural Mass and Social Saturday 21st February 2026.

Mass of Confirmation Friday 20th March 2026 at 7pm.

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.’

NOVEMBER 16th/30th Parish Maintenance.
23rd Catholic Youth Service.

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: bicester@rcaob.org.uk

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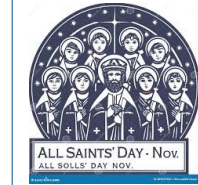
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This church live streams Mass and other events. Parish YouTube ‘Bicester Catholic Church’ Channel

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.



DATE	TIME	INTENTIONS	FEASTS	LECTORS	E O MINISTERS	WELCOMERS
SAT 15th Vigil Mass	4.00pm Hethe 6.00pm	Mary Evans (RIP) In Thanksgiving—Carmen Teng	<i>Mem of Our Lady</i>	Volunteer C McArdle/volunteer	volunteer/Sister	M Marrs/ P Behan
SUN 16th	9.00am 11.00am 1.00pm 3.00pm	Confirmation Commitment Mass - People of the Parish Jean Ann Lawrence (RIP) Baptism - Leo Arthur Dos Santos Tabaio Baptism - Oswald Oli Long Herrera	Thirty Third Sunday in Ordinary Time World Day of the Poor	Confirmandi S Joseph/ R Silvy	P Capretta/ C Hartley J & J Kokore	A & R Parati Rowena Elgado & Friends
MON 17th	9.30am @ Hethe 12 noon 7.00pm	Holy Souls Sean O’Neill (RIP) Parish Pastoral Meeting	<i>Feria in Ordinary Time</i>	A Fitzpatrick		
TUE 18th	9.30am	Elizabeth Ann Thompson (RIP)	<i>Feria in Ordinary Time</i>	J Kokore		
WED 19th	No Mass	#RED WEDNESDAY	<i>Feria in Ordinary Time</i>			
THU 20th	No Mass		<i>Feria in Ordinary Time</i>			
FRI 21st	12 noon 12.30pm 2.15pm (Sch)	Dr Pio Corpus (RIP) followed by Foynes Mem. Garden - Interment of ashes of the late Joan Burns (RIP) Holy Souls (School Hall)	<i>Mem of the Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i>	E King		
SAT 22nd Vigil Mass	10.00am 10.30am-11.30am 4.00pm Hethe 6.00pm	Decs. members of the Vettikkattil Family Exposition, Benediction & Confessions People of the Parish Catenian Mass for Deceased Brothers	<i>Mem of St Cecilia, V, M</i>	Volunteer P Sims/ Sr Molly	O Panejko/ volunteer	A Mutton/ volunteer
SUN 23rd	9.00am 11.00am 1.00pm 2.00pm	Louisa Hook (RIP) 8th Ann. Leizel Jiminez (Birthday) Baptism - Mylo Phoenix Twum Blessing of Graves at St Mary’s Ambrosden	Solemnity of the Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe National Youth Sunday	L & R Weaver H King/E Green	A & R Parati J Marshall/Sister	Brown family Kokore family

Fairtrade tea & coffee in the centre after the 9am and 11am Masses every weekend & every first Friday of the month - 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: Deacon Michael & Deacon Nick

OUR LADY’S CHAPEL: Caroline McDonagh

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.

The Catholic Parishes of Immaculate Conception @BICESTER

And **Holy Trinity** @ Hardwick Rd, HETHE OX27 8AW

Henley House, 12 Causeway, Bicester, OX26 6AW

Parish website: <https://www.immaculate-conception.org.uk>

Archdiocesan : <https://www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk>

Deanery: <https://banburyandwarwick-catholicdeanery.org.uk>

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Thirty Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Month of November is dedicated to The Holy Souls - Sunday Cycle C - Psalter Week 1

Pope’s Prayer Intention - For the prevention of suicide: Let us pray that those who are tempted to commit suicide may find the support, care and love they need in their community, and be open to the beauty of life.



Church	First Collection	Second Collection	Standing Orders	Mass Attendance
Bicester	£287.46	£104.60	£1122	298
Hethe	£43.50		£198	36

Parish Priest: Father Craig Davies BA (hons) STB fr.craig.davies@rcaob.org.uk
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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.

Archdiocese of Birmingham: “Our Vision is to be a Catholic Diocese which is faithful to the mission entrusted to us by Jesus Christ, full of missionary disciples who work together co-responsibly in vibrant communities of faith, joyful in their service of God and neighbour”.

Thirty Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

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 readingMalachi 4:1-2a

‘For you the sun of righteousness shall rise.’

Behold, the day is coming, burning like an oven, when all the arrogant and all evildoers will be stubble. The day that is coming shall set them ablaze, says the LORD of hosts, so that it will leave them neither root nor branch. But for you who fear my name, the sun of righteousness shall rise with healing in its wings.

The word of the Lord
All: Thanks be to God

Responsorial Psalm *The LORD comes to judge the peoples with fairness.*

Second reading2 Thessalonians 3:7-12

‘If anyone is not willing to work, let him not eat.’

Brothers and Sisters: You know how you ought to imitate us, because we were not idle when we were with you, nor did we eat anyone’s bread without paying for it, but with toil and labour we worked night and day, that we might not be a burden to any of you. It was not because we do not have that right, but to give you in ourselves an example to imitate. For even when we were with you, we would give you this command: If anyone is not willing to work, let him not eat. For we hear that some among you walk in idleness, not busy at work, but busybodies. Now such persons we command and encourage in the Lord Jesus Christ to do their work quietly and to earn their own living.

The word of the Lord
All: Thanks be to God

Gospel Acclamation Alleluia, alleluia.
 Straighten up and raise your heads,
 because your redemption is drawing near
 Alleluia.

GospelLuke 21:5-19

‘By your endurance you will gain your lives.’

At that time: While some were speaking of the Temple, how it was adorned with noble stones and offerings, Jesus said, ‘As for these things that you see, the days will come when there will not be left here one stone upon another that will not be thrown down.’ And they asked him, ‘Teacher, when will these things be, and what will be the sign when these things are about to take place?’ And he said, ‘See that you are not led astray. For many will come in my name, saying, “I am he!” and, “The time is at hand!” Do not go after them. And when you hear of wars and tumults, do not be terrified, for these things must first take place, but the end will not be at once.’

Then he said to them, ‘Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. There will be great earthquakes, and in various places famines and pestilences. And there will be terrors and great signs from heaven. But before all this they will lay their hands on you and persecute you, delivering you up to the synagogues and prisons, and you will be brought before kings and governors for my name’s sake. This will be your opportunity to bear witness. Settle it, therefore in your minds, not to meditate beforehand how to answer, for I will give you a mouth and wisdom, which none of your adversaries will be able to withstand or contradict. You will be delivered up even by parents and brothers and sisters, and relatives and friends, and some of you they will put to death. You will be hated by all for my name’s sake. But not a hair of your head will perish. By your endurance you will gain your lives.’

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.**