

Teams for :	17/8	24/8	31/8	7/9	14/9	21/9
Children lit.	none	none	none	1	none	2
Coffee 9am (11)	11	1	2	3	4	5
Coffee 11am (9)	6	7	8	9	1	2
Flowers	Sr Rose	Anita	Anita			

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: <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.

SECOND COLLECTION Please welcome Fr Peter Umoru, MSP of the Missionary Society of St Paul (MSP) who will be making an appeal on behalf of the Missionaries of St Paul at all Masses this weekend. The MSP is a religious congregation working in different parts of the world, committed to spreading the good News of Jesus Christ and the salvific work of God the Father in the Holy Spirit. The MSP warmly invites you to support their mission appeal by donating to the second collections this weekend or by using this QR code or online <https://donate.mydona.com/missionary-society-of-st-paul>

MARRIAGES We offer our congratulations to Tom & Katie, Bekah & Matt and Lewis & Olivia who were married recently. We pray that God will bless and strengthen them in the years that lie ahead.

THANK YOU. The Hattam family would like to thank everyone involved in the wonderful Nuptial Mass for Lewis & Olivia. Special thanks to Fr Craig, the choir and altar servers. Also to all the parishioners for their good wishes and offers of help with the wedding preparations.

RIDE & STRIDE. The Annual Oxfordshire Historic Churches Trust Ride & Stride will take place from 10.00 to 4.00pm on Saturday, 13 September. 50% of all funds raised by parishioners will be paid to our Parishes in Bicester and Hethe respectively. Enjoy a healthy day of exercise as a cyclist, walker or as a visitor welcomer and help preserve the history on our doorstep by raising funds for OHCT and our own Churches. For further information or to receive a sponsorship form, please contact Tim Lane on 01869 277523 or at tim.lane@live.co.uk for the Immaculate Conception and Tom Hueg at tom.huegplace@verizon.net for Holy Trinity, Hethe.

ST JOHN HENRY NEWMAN Joy and celebration for the Archdiocese as St John Henry Newman to be declared a Doctor of the Church Oratorian, Cardinal, Scholar, Teacher, Pastor, Prophet, Saint - now Doctor. The Archdiocese of Birmingham is rejoicing following the news St John Henry Newman will be declared a Doctor of the Church. Pope Leo made the official announcement – Conferral of the Title of Doctor of the Church on Thursday 31 July, during an audience with His Most Reverend Eminence Cardinal Marcello Semeraro, Prefect of the Dicastery for the Causes of Saints. The title of Doctor of the Church is given to Saints who have made a significant contribution to theology or doctrine through their research, study or writing.The process for St John Henry Newman to be made a Doctor of the Church has taken several years. congratulations to the Provosts and Fathers of the Birmingham and Oxford Oratories alongside all the Oratorians in England and Wales.

SOCIAL COMMITTEE MEETING The next meeting will be held on Thursday, 21st August at 7pm in the centre. Please come along if you would like to help the committee with events in the coming months.

PARISH FINANCE MEETING Will be held on Monday, 8th September at 7pm in the presbytery.

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.



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. **RCIA Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults** Are you a non–Catholic who has been accompanying your family to church and feel drawn to join this community of faith? Or perhaps you are a Baptised Catholic but not received the Sacrament of Confirmation? This course is for anyone who wishes to explore the faith as adults with a view to becoming a Baptised and Confirmed member of the Catholic church next Easter. The course will run from Oct/Nov 2025 — April 2026. Please email your interest to the parish office.

COFFEE MORNING Next one is on Friday 5th September at 10am.

DIARY DATES:

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

Beetle Drive with Fish 'n Chip Dinner: Family fun Saturday 20th September after 6pm Mass. Details on this event coming out soon!

Christmas Bazaar Sunday 30th November after morning masses.
Diocesan Intercultural Mass and Social Saturday 21st February 2026 .

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.’

SECOND COLLECTIONS

16/17th August: Missionaries of St Paul Appeal
24th/31st August: Parish Maintenance

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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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/SfORcspHjzNr8niFC4ls5oJQBgoc37B8YBCjkVpC>
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.



Month of August is dedicated to The Immaculate Heart of Mary - Sunday Cycle C - Psalter Week 4
Holy Father’s Prayer Intention: **For mutual coexistence:** Let us pray that societies where coexistence seems more difficult may not succumb to the temptation of confrontation for ethnic, political, religious or ideological reasons.

DATE	TIME	INTENTIONS	FEASTS	LECTORS	E O MINISTERS	WELCOMERS
SAT 16th Vigil Mass	4.00pm Hethe 6.00pm	Holy Souls Agnus Forsyth (Snr) (RIP)	<i>Feria in Ordinary time</i>	P & P Kallay	M Kelly	McArdle Family
SUN 17th	9.00am 11.00am 1.00pm	People of the Parish Patrick Cracroft–Brennan (sick) Baptism — Ethan Richard James Marshall	20th Sunday in Ordinary Time	S & L Taylor U Edwards	J Li/ J Hartley J & M Franta	Volunteers Rowena Elgado & Friends
MON 18th	9.30 @ Hethe 12 noon	Holy Souls Jose Magleo (RIP)	<i>Feria in Ordinary time</i>	M Daniels		
TUE 19th	9.30am	Ints of Clare Whitehead	<i>Feria in Ordinary time</i>	L Cleeve		
WED 20th		No Mass	<i>Mem of St Bernard, A, Dr of the Church</i>			
THU 21st	9.30am	Belen Nolasco & Francisco Nolasco Snr (RIP)	<i>Mem of St Pius X, P</i>	J Kokore		
FRI 22nd	12 noon 1.30pm	Pat & Jim Smith (RIP) Nuptial Mass Jack Roberts & Catherine Martin	<i>Mem of the Queenship of the blessed Virgin Mary</i>	E King		
SAT 23rd Vigil Mass	10.00am 10.30am-11.30am 4.00pm Hethe 6.00pm	Anita Magleo (RIP) Exposition, Benediction & Confessions People of the Parish Agnus Forsyth (Jnr)	<i>Feast of St John Wall, P, M</i>	D Orleans Sr Rose	F Ostrowski	B & L Hattam
SUN 24th	9.00am 11.00am 1.00pm	Mary Irene Edwards (RIP) Janette & Peter Swanson (RIP) Baptism — Elliott Matthew Jack Huntley	21st Sunday in Ordinary Time	A Kirby –Hall E King	C Hartley/F Ostrowski J & J Kokore	L & C Cleeve Volunteers

Beetle Drive with Fish 'n Chip Dinner: Family fun Saturday, 20th September after 6pm Mass.
Please sign up on the list at the back of church. £10pp.

Tea & coffee in the centre after the 9am and 11am Masses will continue during the summer every weekend - come along for a chat and meet your fellow parishioners.

This week we pray for...

SANCTUARY LIGHT: Eileen Parker (RIP)
OUR LADY’S CHAPEL: Sruthi, Nithin & Noah

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

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

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

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

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Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

17th August 2025

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Church	First Collection	Second Collection	Standing Orders	Mass Attendance
Bicester	£689.34	£196.83	£1122	487
Hethe	£52.50		£185	37

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

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”.

TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Entrance Antiphon: Turn your eyes, O God, our shield; and look on the face of your anointed one; one day within your courts is better than a thousand elsewhere.

First reading

Jeremiah 38:4-6, 8-10

‘You bore me, a man of contention to the whole land.’

In those days: The officials said to the king, ‘Let this man, Jeremiah, be put to death, for he is weakening the hands of the soldiers who are left in this city, and the hands of all the people, by speaking such words to them. For this man is not seeking the welfare of this people, but their harm.’ King Zedekiah said, ‘Behold, he is in your hands, for the king can do nothing against you.’ So they took Jeremiah and cast him into the cistern of Malchiah, the king’s son, which was in the court of the guard, letting Jeremiah down by ropes. And there was no water in the cistern, but only mud, and Jeremiah sank in the mud. Ebed-melech went from the king’s house and said to the king, ‘My lord the king, these men have done evil in all that they did to Jeremiah the prophet by casting him into the cistern, and he will die there of hunger, for there is no bread left in the city.’ Then the king commanded Ebed-melech the Ethiopian, ‘Take thirty men with you from here, and lift Jeremiah the prophet out of the cistern before he dies.’

The word of the Lord
All: Thanks be to God

Responsorial Psalm *LORD, make haste to help me!*

Second reading

Hebrews 12:1-4

‘Let us run with endurance the race that is set before us.’

Brothers and Sisters: Since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God. Consider him who endured from sinners such hostility against himself, so that you may not grow weary or faint-hearted. In your struggle against sin you have not yet resisted to the point of shedding your blood.

The word of the Lord
All: Thanks be to God

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia.
My sheep hear my voice, says the Lord,
and I know them, and they follow me.
Alleluia.

Gospel

Luke 12:49-53

‘I have not come to give peace but division.’

At that time: Jesus said to his disciples, ‘I came to cast fire on the earth, and would that it were already kindled! I have a baptism to be baptised with, and how great is my distress until it is accomplished! Do you think that I have come to give peace on earth? No, I tell you, but rather division. For from now on in one house there will be five divided: three against two and two against three. They will be divided, father against son and son against father; mother against daughter and daughter against mother; mother-in-law against her daughter-in-law, and daughter-in-law against mother-in-law.’

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.**