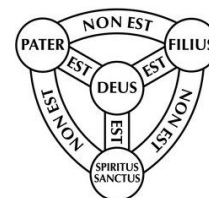




# THE CATHOLIC PARISH OF ST. EDMUND CAMPION

## The Immaculate Conception, Bicester & Holy Trinity, Hethe

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| <p><b><u>PARISH CLERGY:</u></b></p> <p>PARISH PRIEST:<br/><b>FR. CRAIG A. DAVIES</b></p> <p>PARISH DEACONS:<br/><b>DCN. MICHAEL PANEJKO</b><br/><b>DCN. NICK ST. JOHN</b></p> | <p><b><u>Parish Website:</u></b><br/><a href="https://www.immaculate-conception.org.uk">https://www.immaculate-conception.org.uk</a></p> <p><b><u>Parish Email:</u></b><br/><a href="mailto:tic.bicester@rcaob.org.uk">tic.bicester@rcaob.org.uk</a></p> <p><b><u>Fr. Craig's Email:</u></b><br/><a href="mailto:fr.craig.davies@rcaob.org.uk">fr.craig.davies@rcaob.org.uk</a></p> <p><b><u>Safeguarding Representative's Email:</u></b><br/><a href="mailto:sg.tic.bicester@rcaob.org.uk">sg.tic.bicester@rcaob.org.uk</a></p> <p><b><u>John Paul II Centre Email &amp; telephone:</u></b><br/><a href="mailto:office@johnpaulcentre.co.uk">office@johnpaulcentre.co.uk</a> / 01869 324 307</p> | <p><b>This Parish is<br/>part of the<br/>Archdiocese of<br/>Birmingham.<br/>Registered Charity<br/>No:234216</b></p> |
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| <p><b><u>Date:</u></b><br/><b>Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> October 2026</b></p> | <p><b><u>Sunday:</u></b><br/><b>TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY<br/>IN ORDINARY TIME<br/>YEAR A</b></p> | <p><b><u>Weekday Cycle:</u> Year II</b><br/><b><u>Divine Office:</u> Week 1</b></p> |
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| <b>Date:</b>                                                                                          | <b>Time:</b>                                      | <b>Intentions:</b>                                                                                                                                    | <b>Readers:</b>                     |
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| Saturday 17 <sup>th</sup> Oct<br><b>Mem of St Ignatius of Antioch, B, M</b>                           | 4:00pm HT<br>6:00pm                               | People of the Parish<br>Ints of Fr Aldo Tapparo – Golden Jubilee                                                                                      | Volunteer<br>N Li/P Sims            |
| Sunday 18 <sup>th</sup> Oct<br><b>29<sup>th</sup> in Ordinary Time</b><br><b>World Mission Sunday</b> | 9:00am<br>11:00am<br>1:00pm                       | James Joseph Landy (RIP)<br>Bridie O'Connor (RIP)<br>Baptism – Tallen James Brooks                                                                    | M Brown/ J Li<br>J Franta/A Keasley |
| Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> Oct<br><b>Mem of St Frideswide, A</b>                                         | 9.30am HT<br>12 noon IC                           | Ints of Sarah Withers (for recovery)<br>Ints of Fr Pat Armstrong (90 <sup>th</sup> Birthday)                                                          | A Fitzpatrick                       |
| Tuesday 20 <sup>th</sup> Oct<br><b>Feria in Ordinary Time</b>                                         | 9.30am                                            | Private Intentions (GA)                                                                                                                               | L Cleeve                            |
| Wednesday 21 <sup>st</sup> Oct<br><b>Feria in Ordinary Time</b>                                       | NO MASS                                           |                                                                                                                                                       |                                     |
| Thursday 22 <sup>nd</sup> Oct<br><b>Mem of Pope John Paul II</b>                                      | 9.30am<br>2.15pm SCH                              | Mike Gosling (RIP)<br>Holy Souls                                                                                                                      | J Kokore                            |
| Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> Oct<br><b>Feria in Ordinary Time</b>                                          | 12.00noon                                         | Jimmy Landy (RIP)                                                                                                                                     | E King                              |
| Saturday 24 <sup>th</sup> Oct<br><b>Mem of Our Lady</b>                                               | 10.00am<br>10.30am-11.30am<br>4:00pm HT<br>6:00pm | Private Intentions (KL)<br>Confessions, Exposition & Benediction<br>People of the Parish – David & Veronica Barnes (Golden Wedd)<br>Bill Hornby (RIP) | Volunteer<br><br>Volunteer Sisters  |
| Sunday 25 <sup>th</sup> Oct<br><b>30<sup>th</sup> in Ordinary Time</b>                                | 9:00am<br>11:00am<br>1:00pm                       | Private Ints (GA)<br>William Swanson (RIP)<br>Baptism – Zachary Roger Monger                                                                          | S McCarthy<br>T Lane/ N Ward        |

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| <p><b><u>Parish Live Stream</u></b></p> <p>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:<br/><a href="https://camstreamer.com/redirect/xmTDv4jBRjMTOM5VBVYN34wpRY1nK34jSHQcqhR">https://camstreamer.com/redirect/xmTDv4jBRjMTOM5VBVYN34wpRY1nK34jSHQcqhR</a><br/>Follow the Mass Readings at:<br/><a href="https://universalis.com/mass.html">https://universalis.com/mass.html</a><br/>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.</p> |
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| Church   | First Collection | Fr Hudson | Standing Orders | Mass Attendance |
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| BICESTER | £756.58          | £323.12   | £1122           | 487             |
| HETHE    | £48.05           | £13.50    | £165            | 27              |

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| <p> <b><u>TEA &amp; COFFEE MORNING</u></b> </p> <p>Tea &amp; Coffee is available in the JP II Centre every Sunday after the 9am &amp; 11am Masses. We also have our monthly Coffee Morning, on a Friday, throughout the year, from 10-11:45am.</p> <p><b>Come along for a chat and meet other members of the parish community!</b></p> |
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| <p> 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.</p> |
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## TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR A

**Entrance Antiphon:** To you I call; for you will surely heed me, O God; turn your ear to me; hear my words. Guard me as the apple of your eye; in the shadow of your wings protect me.

### First reading

Isaiah 45:1, 4-6

**‘I have grasped the right hand of Cyrus to subdue nations before him.’**

Thus says the LORD to his anointed, to Cyrus,  
whose right hand I have grasped,  
to subdue nations before him  
and to loose the belts of kings,  
to open doors before him  
that gates may not be closed:  
‘For the sake of my servant Jacob,  
and Israel my chosen,  
I call you by your name,  
I name you, though you do not know me.  
I am the LORD, and there is no other,  
besides me there is no God;  
I equip you, though you do not know me,  
that people may know, from the rising of the sun  
and from the west, that there is none besides me;  
I am the LORD, and there is no other.’

The word of the Lord

**All: Thanks be to God**

**Responsorial Psalm** *Ascribe to the LORD glory and power.*

### Second reading

1 Thessalonians 1:1-5b

**‘Remembering your faith, love and hope.’**

Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy, to the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ: grace to you and peace. We give thanks to God always for all of you, constantly mentioning you in our prayers, remembering before our God and Father your work of faith and labour of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ. For we know, brothers and sisters loved by God, that he has chosen you, because our gospel came to you not only in word, but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with full conviction.

The word of the Lord

**All: Thanks be to God**

**Gospel Acclamation** Alleluia, alleluia.

**Shine as lights in the world,  
holding fast to the word of life.  
Alleluia.**

### Gospel

Matthew 22:15-21

**‘Render to Caesar the things that are Caesar’s, and to God the things that are God’s.’**

At that time: The Pharisees went and plotted how to entangle Jesus in his words. And they sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying, ‘Teacher, we know that you are true and teach the way of God truthfully, and you do not care about anyone’s opinion, for you are not swayed by appearances. Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to Caesar, or not?’ But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, ‘Why put me to the test, you hypocrites? Show me the coin for the tax.’ And they brought him a denarius. And Jesus said to them, ‘Whose likeness and inscription is this?’ They said, ‘Caesar’s.’ Then he said to them, ‘Therefore render to Caesar the things that are Caesar’s, and to God the things that are God’s.’

The Gospel of the Lord

**All: Praise to you Lord, Jesus Christ**



## SECOND COLLECTION:

### **Today is World Mission Sunday**

Today, parishes worldwide celebrate World Mission Sunday. By supporting Missio – the Pope’s charity for world mission – we stand united as God’s global family, in prayer, solidarity and action. The Holy Father has chosen the theme ‘**One in Christ, united in mission**’ to celebrate 100 years of World Mission Sunday and encourages us to unite with missionaries as they strive to reach out with God’s love to communities in need. Please pray for the work of mission and give what you can to this vital collection. To donate, use a Missio envelope, call 020 7821 9755 (office hours) or visit [missio.org.uk](http://missio.org.uk) to give a gift, set up a Direct Debit and Gift Aid your donation if possible.

### ANGEL DRIVE:

A heartfelt thank you to everyone who joined us for last Friday’s Angel Drive, and to our wonderful Social Committee along with Fr Craig, for organising such an enjoyable evening. Together, we raised £473 for parish funds.

### ENVIRONMENTAL GROUP CAFOD LIVESIMPLY AWARD

We are delighted to announce that our parish has achieved the LiveSimply award, in recognition of our commitment to living simply, and in solidarity with the poor. A heartfelt thank you to everyone in the Environmental Group for all their hard work, dedication and enthusiasm in making this achievement possible and in helping us care for God’s creation.

### BAPTISM COURSE:

The next Baptism Course will take place on Saturday, 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2027 from 10.30am-12.30pm in the JPPII Centre. If you are planning to have your child/ren baptised in the first half of 2027 please do make every effort to attend this course. Please contact the parish office by email to register.

### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY 2026

#### **Parish Finance Committee Meeting:**

Monday 26<sup>th</sup> October at 7pm

#### **Parish Monthly Coffee Morning:**

Friday 6<sup>th</sup> November at 10am

#### **JPPII Gaming Event:**

Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> November 11am – 4pm

#### **Christmas Bazaar:**

Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> November: 10am – 2pm



### MASS INTENTIONS:

Mass Intentions are currently available from January 2027. Please ensure that you complete a “Mass Offering Envelope” if you pay by card.

### THIS WEEK THE SANCTUARY CANDLES BURN

#### FOR:

**Sanctuary Lamp: Ints of Martin, Trisha & family**

**Our Lady’s Chapel: Ints of the O’Rourke Family**



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.

### CHRISTMAS BAZAAR:

Our Christmas Bazaar will take place on the first weekend of Advent, Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> 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 JPPII, leading up to the bazaar.

7th/8th November - Bottles for Bottle Stall (alcoholic and non-alcoholic drinks)

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!

### VISIT OUR PIETY SHOP:

Have you visited our little gem at the back of church? Our parish repository shop is full of lovely gifts, religious items and other interesting finds. We have just received a new supply of candles. We regularly stock it with beautiful religious items, making it well worth a browse. Christmas items will be available soon. All profits go towards supporting our church. Please do pop in your support is greatly appreciated. Orders for olive cribs from Bethlehem are being taken now. A few more volunteers are needed to open the shop at Sunday Masses. Please speak to Lucia if you can help.

### 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.

### MONTH OF THE HOLY ROSARY:

A few more volunteers are needed to recite the Rosary, especially before the 6pm Mass on Saturday. If you are willing to help, even once a month, please speak to Fr. Craig. October is traditionally dedicated to the Holy Rosary, one of the Church’s most cherished prayers. Through the Rosary we meditate on the life, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ through the eyes of His mother, Mary. It is a simple yet profound prayer that has sustained generations of Catholics in times of joy, uncertainty and trial. As Pope St John Paul II reminded us, the Rosary is a prayer centred on Christ. May October be a month in which we rediscover its beauty and allow Mary to lead us more deeply into the life of her Son.

*"Pray the Rosary every day to obtain peace for the world."* – Our Lady of Fatima.

### Journey in Faith (RCIA):

If you want to learn more about the Catholic Faith, need a refresher in the basics of the faith, have a desire to become Catholic, or have been baptised Catholic and want to receive your 1<sup>st</sup> Holy Communion and Confirmation, join the next ‘Journey in Faith Course’. The course will commence on **Monday 30<sup>th</sup> November from 7.30pm- 9pm** in the JPPII Centre up to Easter. Please speak to Fr. Craig, or contact the Parish Office, ASAP.

### **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](mailto:sg.tic.bicester@rcaob.org.uk) and: **Mr Les Cleeve**, who can be contacted at [ht.sg.holytrinity.hethe@rcaob.org.uk](mailto:ht.sg.holytrinity.hethe@rcaob.org.uk)  
The Diocesan Safeguarding Team can be contacted at [safeguarding@rcaob.org.uk](mailto:safeguarding@rcaob.org.uk) or on 0121 230 6240 if you have any safeguarding concerns.

### **POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR OCTOBER:**

**For mental health ministry:** Let us pray for mental health ministry to be established throughout the Church, helping to overcome the stigma and discrimination towards people with mental illnesses.

### **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 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday at 2pm in the Convent.

#### **East Timor Community Prayer:**

First Sunday of the month at 5pm (Various Locations)

#### **Journey in Faith (RCIA):**

Monday's from Autumn to Easter 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 OCTOBER:**

**17<sup>th</sup>/18<sup>th</sup> APF /World Mission.**

**24<sup>th</sup>/25<sup>th</sup> Parish Maintenance**

### **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 tax payer, 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 Tax Payer, 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: 17<sup>TH</sup>/18<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 2026**

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| <b>6pm Mass</b>     | <b>Welcomers:</b>          | <b>S &amp; M Doherty</b>                  |
|                     | <b>E. O. Ministers:</b>    | <b>Sisters</b>                            |
| <b>9.00am Mass</b>  | <b>Welcomers:</b>          | <b>L &amp; C Cleeve</b>                   |
|                     | <b>E. O. Ministers:</b>    | <b>C St John &amp; C Drew</b>             |
|                     | <b>Children's Liturgy:</b> | <b>Team 2</b>                             |
|                     | <b>Tea/Coffee:</b>         | <b>Team 5</b>                             |
| <b>11.00am Mass</b> | <b>Welcomers:</b>          | <b>R Evans &amp; Sister</b>               |
|                     | <b>E. O. Ministers:</b>    | <b>J Marshall &amp; Sister</b>            |
|                     | <b>Children's Liturgy:</b> | <b>No Children's Liturgy this weekend</b> |
|                     | <b>Tea/Coffee:</b>         | <b>Team 6</b>                             |

### **DUTIES DURING THE WEEK FOR SUNDAY: 25<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 2026**

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| <b>Cleaners:</b> | <b>Team 7</b> |
| <b>Flowers:</b>  | <b>Sally</b>  |

### **PARISH DUTIES NEXT WEEKEND: 24<sup>TH</sup>/25<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER**

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| <b>6pm Mass</b>     | <b>Welcomers:</b>          | <b>M Marrs &amp; P Behan</b>                          |
|                     | <b>E. O. Ministers:</b>    | <b>O Panejko &amp; B Santiago</b>                     |
| <b>9.00am Mass</b>  | <b>Welcomers:</b>          | <b>C St John &amp; volunteer</b>                      |
|                     | <b>E. O. Ministers:</b>    | <b>M &amp; A Brown</b>                                |
|                     | <b>Children's Liturgy:</b> | <b>No Children's Liturgy – Half Term</b>              |
|                     | <b>Tea/Coffee:</b>         | <b>Team 6</b>                                         |
| <b>11.00am Mass</b> | <b>Welcomers:</b>          | <b>Kokore Family</b>                                  |
|                     | <b>E. O. Ministers:</b>    | <b>Sister &amp; J Kokore</b>                          |
|                     | <b>Children's Liturgy:</b> | <b>No Children's Liturgy this weekend – Half Term</b> |
|                     | <b>Tea/Coffee:</b>         | <b>Team 7</b>                                         |