

Teams for :	19/10	26/10	2/11	9/11	16/11	23/11	30/11
Children lit.	2	none	none	1	none	2	none
Coffee 9am (11)	8	9	10	11	1	2	3
Coffee 11am (9)	6	7	8	9	1	2	3
Flowers	Sr Rose	Anne & Kirsten	Anne & Kirsten	Sally	Sally	Anita	Lucia

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.

WORLD MISSION SUNDAY - MISSION/APF BOXES

'Missionaries of Hope Among All Peoples' is this year's theme, reminding us of our call to be messengers and builders of hope in this Jubilee Year. Rooted in Christ's resurrection, this hope has the power to transform lives and heal our world. Prayers and donations on this day directly sustain young and struggling faith communities, support vocations, and enable missionaries to bring the Gospel to remote and often dangerous places. Together we help communities grow in faith, dignity, and self-reliance. This day of prayer and giving unites Catholics worldwide to share the Good News of God's love for all peoples. Thank you for your continued support of Missio. Red Box holders to please bring in the contents of your boxes or the complete box itself and leave with welcomers or deliver to the piety shop. Empty boxes are available at the back of church. If you would like a Red Box to start donating, please take one home today, fill and return regularly. Thank you.

HARVEST MASSES Will be held next weekend, 24th/25th October and the Environment Group is requesting donations of home grown fruit and vegetables which will be donated, with other food to the Food Bank. Thank you.

OCTOBER Month of the Rosary Rosary is recited after weekday masses and before the 6pm Vigil Mass on Saturday.

RCIA Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults The course will run from Oct/Nov 2025—April 2026. Dates will be announced soon. Please email your interest to the parish office.

BLESSED GEORGE NAPIER SCHOOL, BANBURY Sixth Form Open Evening—this coming Wednesday, 22nd October 6pm - 8pm. All welcome.

ST MARYS CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL Open Evening Thursday 6th November 4.30pm-6pm. <https://www.st-marys-bicester.oxon.sch.uk/>

NOVEMBER HOLY SOULS ENVELOPES These are available from this week-end. 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 from November 1st.

REMINDER If you place your offering by card for a mass intention, please remember to *also* complete a Mass Offering envelope. This ensures that no mass offerings will be missed. Thank you.

DEFIBRILLATOR Many thanks for the kind donations which covered the cost of the replacement pads. *God bless you!*

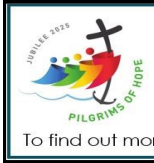
NEW MISSALS Orders being taken for Daily Missals priced at £66, and Weekday missals priced at £55. Please leave £20 deposit at the shop when ordering.

CHURCHES IN BICESTER REFUGEE SUPPORT GROUP are looking for people with vans to help refugee families who are moving house. This would only be on a very occasional basis and would only involve moves within Cherwell district. If you think you might be able to help, please contact Cath Moyse on 07929749669 or simoncathmoyse@gmail.com

ENVIROMENTAL TIPS The Environmental Group would like share these tips and encourage you to save water by: Collecting shower water in a bucket and use to flush your toilet. Switching off the tap whilst cleaning your teeth. By checking your toilet to see if water is leaking into the pan between flushes.

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.





JUBILEE YEAR 2025

“Pilgrims of Hope”



To find out more, visit: www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk/jubilee-year or scan:

Parish Consultation - An Open Meeting
This coming Friday 24th October 2025 at 7pm in the Saint John Paul II Centre, Bicester.

All Parishioners are invited to attend an open meeting to discuss, and to choose, a new name for the Parish. This does not change the names of the two churches, The Immaculate Conception, Bicester, and Holy Trinity, Hethe, but only the name of the newly created Parish following the merger of Hethe with Bicester. Please come along for this discussion before you, the parish, vote on the new Sacred Name.

During the Deanery Visitation, June 2023 to July 2024, it was agreed that the best way to secure the future of the two parishes, now served by one priest, was to bring them together to form one parish. This is an exciting venture as we reunite the Mother Church of the area, Hethe, with the daughter parish of Bicester. It reduces the administrative tasks required of the priest. It opens up new and exciting ways of working together to further the Mission of the Church.

One community served by two churches, two churches served by one priest. ***One people united in faith!*** Please see posters in church for proposed new sacred designations.

DIARY DATES:
Coffee Mornings Every first Friday of the month from 10-11.45am.
Parish Pastoral Council Meeting: Monday 17th Nov at 7pm.
#REDWEDNESDAY Wednesday 19th November.
Christmas Bazaar Sunday 30th November after morning masses.
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.

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.’

OCTOBER SECOND COLLECTIONS

19th: MISSIO/APF
26th: 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



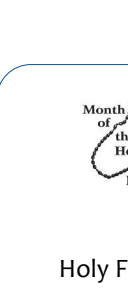



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This church live streams Mass and other events. Parish YouTube ‘Bicester Catholic Church’ Channel Go to the website or follow this link <https://camstreamer.com/redirect/SfORcspHjzNr8niFC4ls5oJQBgoc37B8YBCjkVpC> Follow the readings at Mass: <https://universalis.com/mass.htm> A CCTV System operates 24 hours a day. This is in place for the safety of people, protection of property and crime prevention.



The Catholic Parishes of Immaculate Conception @BICESTER

And Holy Trinity @

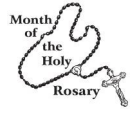
Hardwick Rd, HETHE OX27 8AW

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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Twenty Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

19th October 2025

Month of October is dedicated to The Holy Rosary - Sunday Cycle C - Psalter Week 1

Holy Father’s Prayer Intention: For collaboration between different religious traditions. Let us pray that believers in different religious traditions may work together to defend and promote peace, justice and human fraternity.

DATE	TIME	INTENTIONS	FEASTS	LECTORS	E O MINISTERS	WELCOMERS
SAT 18th Vigil Mass	4.00pm Hethe 6.00pm	People of the Parish Ann Murphy (RIP)	<i>Memorial of Our Lady</i>	Volunteer P & K Kallay	S & M Doherty	McArdle Family
SUN 19th	9.00am 11.00am	Wallace (RIP) & Barbara Andrade In thanksgiving to St Jude - Kerton Family	29th Sunday in Ordinary Time <i>World Mission Sunday</i>	M Brown/J Li R Evans/J Hurst	M & A Brown J & J Kokore	L & C Cleeve Rowena Elgado & Friends
MON 20th	9.30am @ Hethe 12 noon	Holy Souls Thomas Mathai (RIP)	<i>Feria in Ordinary Time</i>	M Daniel		
TUE 21st	9.30am	Ints of Andrew—Good Health	<i>Feria in Ordinary Time</i>	J Kokore		
WED 22nd		No Mass	<i>Pope St John Paul II</i>			
THU 23rd	9.30am 2.25 pm @ Sch	P. O. Kunjavareed (RIP) Ints. for the Philippines	<i>Feria in Ordinary Time</i>	H King		
FRI 24th	12 noon 7.00pm	Decs. Members of the Brazil family (RIP) Parish Consultation Meeting	<i>Feria in Ordinary Time</i>	E King		
SAT 25th Vigil Mass	10.00am 10.30am-11.30am 4.00pm Hethe 6.00pm	Ints of John & Sue Wilde (Anniversary) Exposition, Benediction & Confessions People of the Parish Bill Hornby (RIP)	<i>Mem or Our Lady</i>	L Cleeve Volunteer B & K McFall	M Kelly/Sister	S & M Doherty
SUN 26th	9.00am 11.00am	Ronald J Hawke (RIP) William Swanson (RIP) 25th Ann.	30th Sunday in Ordinary Time	A Mutton/S McCarthy J Franta/ A Kearsley	A & R Parati J Marshall/Sister	C St John/ C West Kokore Family



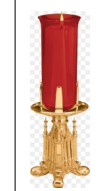
Today is World Mission Sunday. On World Mission Sunday, the whole Church unites in prayer and generosity to support Catholic communities across the world facing poverty, conflict, and hardship. Please use envelopes if you can gift aid your contribution. Donations please into the second collection, by card on the DONA machine, via mission.org.uk or by using the QR code.





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: Greg & Mander Family

OUR LADY’S CHAPEL: Li Family

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.



Holy Trinity Hethe

Church	First Collection	Second Collection Fr Hudson	Standing Orders	Mass Attendance
Bicester	£689.89	£189.87	£1122	500
Hethe	£45	Fr Hudson £20 CAFOD £20	£198	30

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

Twenty Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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 readingExodus 17:8-13

‘Whenever Moses held up his hand, Israel prevailed.’

In those days: Amalek came and fought with Israel at Rephidim. So Moses said to Joshua, ‘Choose for us men, and go out and fight with Amalek. Tomorrow I will stand on the top of the hill with the staff of God in my hand.’ So Joshua did as Moses told him, and fought with Amalek, while Moses, Aaron, and Hur went up to the top of the hill. Whenever Moses held up his hand, Israel prevailed, and whenever he lowered his hand, Amalek prevailed. But Moses’ hands grew weary, so they took a stone and put it under him, and he sat on it, while Aaron and Hur held up his hands, one on one side, and the other on the other side. So his hands were steady until the going down of the sun. And Joshua overwhelmed Amalek and his people with the sword.

The word of the Lord
All: Thanks be to God

Responsorial Psalm *Our help is in the name of the LORD, who made heaven and earth.*

Second reading2 Timothy 3:14-4:2

‘That the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work.’

Beloved: Continue in what you have learned and have firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it and how from childhood you have been acquainted with the sacred writings, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work.

I charge you in the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and the dead, and by his appearing and his kingdom: preach the word; be ready in season and out of season; reprove, rebuke, and exhort, with complete patience and teaching.

The word of the Lord
All: Thanks be to God

Gospel Acclamation Alleluia, alleluia.
The word of God is living and active,
discerning the thoughts and intentions of the heart.
Alleluia.

GospelLuke 18:1-8

‘God will give justice to his elect, who cry to him.’

At that time: Jesus told his disciples a parable to the effect that they ought always to pray and not lose heart. He said, ‘In a certain city there was a judge who neither feared God nor respected man. And there was a widow in that city who kept coming to him and saying, “Give me justice against my adversary.” For a while he refused, but afterwards he said to himself, “Though I neither fear God nor respect man, yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will give her justice, so that she will not beat me down by her continual coming.”’

And the Lord said, ‘Hear what the unrighteous judge says. And will not God give justice to his elect, who cry to him day and night? Will he delay long over them? I tell you, he will give justice to them speedily. Nevertheless, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?’

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.