

<b>Teams for :</b>	<b>1/2</b>	<b>8/2</b>	<b>15/2</b>	<b>22/2</b>	<b>1/3</b>	<b>8/3</b>
Children Liturgy	3	none	none HT	none HT	1	2
Coffee 9am (11)	1	2	3	4	5	6
Coffee 11am (9)	5	6	7	8	9	1
Flowers	Jan/Sally	Jo	Jo	none	none	none

<b>LET US PRAY FOR THE SICK AND HOUSEBOUND</b>
We include those in hospitals, nursing homes and their own homes: Mary Lynch, K Cashman, Jean McIntosh, Gerry Wright, Paul Chrisp.
<p><b>ROSARY:</b> Daily 25 minutes before Mass starts.</p> <p><b>DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET:</b> Every Tuesday at 2.00pm in Church.</p> <p><b>BAPTISMS/WEDDINGS:</b> Please contact the Parish Office through email or phone.</p> <p><b>CONFESSIONS:</b> <i>Saturday Bicester: 10.30am-11.30am</i> <i>Hethe: 3.15pm-3.50 pm (Sacristy)</i></p> <p><b>URSULINE LAY ASSOCIATION:</b> Every 2nd Wednesday of the month @ 2pm Ursuline Convent.</p> <p><b>EAST TIMOR COMMUNITY PRAYER:</b> First Sunday of the month at 5.00pm. Various locations.</p> <p><b>PARISH OUTREACH GROUP:</b> Contact the Office if you need some form of practical help.</p> <p><b>UKRAINIAN LITURGY</b> Ukrainian Divine Liturgy 2nd Sunday of the month at 6.30pm.</p> <p><b>PIETY SHOP:</b> Open Friday, Saturday and Sunday around Masses.</p>

**ST BLAISE - BLESSING OF THROATS** During the persecution of Christians,

**St. Blaise** was arrested for refusing to renounce his faith in Christ. While imprisoned, he performed the miracle for which he is best known: saving a young boy who was choking on a fishbone after the child’s mother begged for his prayers. This event led to the Church’s enduring custom of the Blessing of the Throats, celebrated each year on his feast day, 3rd February. Blessing of Throats will take place during Mass on Tuesday. **RCIA - RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION** The next RCIA session will take place on Wednesday, 4th February at 7.30pm in the centre. **COFFEE MORNING** The February Coffee Morning will take place this coming Friday, 6th February 2026 at the usual time of 10am in the downstairs hall where the underfloor heating has now finally been fixed. The team look forward to seeing you all then!

**OSCOTT COLLEGE** The next Organ recital will be on Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> February at 3pm. Booking can be done online at <https://www.oscott.org/events> or in person on the door.

**DEANERY PASTORAL FORUM MEETING** St Joseph’s Whitnash at 7pm, following a 6.30pm Mass, on Thursday 26 February for Deanery members.

**ART AND CRAFT MARKET** Monthly Art & Craft Markets will be held on Saturdays in the centre from 11am-2pm. There will be individual stall holders and also a parish stall run by the Bamber Family who are organising the market. First few dates are: 14th March, 11th April & 9th May.

**DIARY DATE: PARISH PILGRIMAGE** A pilgrimage to Fatima will take place from Friday, 7th August — Tuesday, 11th August 2026. Price: £695 sharing, £795 single room. Flights from Bristol airport. Optional insurance £55 pp. Please email the office if you are interested in more details.

**100 CLUB JANUARY WINNERS** £100 H King - 42, £50 E Penhallow - 16, £25 J Marshall - 62. Contact the parish office if you would like to subscribe to the 100 club, only £5 a month by Standing Order. Current numbers available are: 41,51,81,82,83,84,89 & 96.

**CEILIDH DANCE** A fundraising Ceilidh Dance for BGN students Lourdes Pilgrimage will take place on Friday. 27th February from 7.30pm-10pm at Blessed Geroge Napier School, Banbury. Adults (17+) £10, young people ( 7 -16) £5. Tickets via QR code on notice board.

**WORLD MISSION SUNDAY 2025** £562.04 was raised on World Mission Sunday last year, and a further £504 was collected via the Red Mission boxes. Due to less change in our pockets donations are now possible via our card machine. Your donations to the WMS will go directly to mission-aries and local churches in mission dioceses who are doing all they can to make god’s love more tangible and visible in their own communities. Your support and ongoing prayer encourage communities to grow in faith, dignity and self—reliance. *Thank you in advance.*

**Invitation to meet Cardinal Giorgio Marengo IMC next Thursday, 5 Feb.** Cardinal Marengo is the Apostolic Prefect of Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia. He has spent many years sharing the Gospel in Mongolia, one of the world’s smallest and youngest Catholic communities. Whilst in the UK with Missio, he will be visiting St Mary’s Oscott on Thursday, 5 February. The Cardinal will give a talk at 2pm followed by a question and answer session, fol-lowed by refreshments. **All are very welcome.** Further details below and at [missio.org.uk/cardinal-marengo](https://www.missio.org.uk/cardinal-marengo)

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



**CARD MACHINE** Please note: Option ‘1st collection’ is for church offerings. ‘Mass Offerings’ are for Mass intention offerings for requested masses. Please add name when prompted to leave mes-sage so we can link your mass the offering to the intention. Thank you.




**CRIB COLLECTION** This is the last weekend for our crib collection which will go towards Medecins Sans Frontieres (MSF) Sans Frontières / Doctors Without Borders (MSF). Charity Reg. No. 1026588. Please go to <https://msf.org.uk/> for more information on the work they do. Thank you in advance for your donations. Donations by card accepted, option Crib Collection.

**SOCIAL EVENTS FOR YOUR DIARY!**  
**ORGANISED BY THE PARISH SOCIAL & FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE.** The Social Committee have met and put together a calendar of social events for the year and the first one is a:  
**Quiz Night** (for adults only) to be held on **Friday, 27th February 2026** with a 7.30pm start a the JPll Centre, only £5 pp. Tickets available now from committee members.

**Beetle Drive** Friday 13th March with fish and chip supper.  
**Cheese & Wine** with John Nelson Tunes, Saturday 25th April.  
**Angel Drive** Friday 9th October with fish and chip supper.  
**ZAPP Retro Games Day** Saturday 14th November.

**DIARY DATES 2026 :**  
**Coffee Morning** Friday 6th Feb & March at 10am.  
**Lenten Fast (CAFOD)** 1st March.  
**Ash Wednesday** February 18th.  
**Diocesan Intercultural Mass and Social** Saturday 21st February 2026.  
**Parish Finance Meeting** Monday 23rd February at 7pm.  
**Confirmation Retreat Day** 28th February.  
**Mass of Confirmation** Friday 20th March 2026 at 7pm.  
**First Holy Communions** Saturday 16th May.  
**Corpus Christi Procession** Sunday 7th June (to St Mary’s)  
**Baptism Course** - Saturday - date to be confirmed - 10am-12 noon.



FINANCIAL INFORMATION
<b>CANDLE MONEY</b> Please place money into wall collection box at the back of church near the piety shop. Alternatively pay by card ‘Sanctuary lamps & votives.’
<b>PARISH GIVING</b>
<b>SECOND COLLECTIONS FOR FEBRUARY</b> will be for Parish Maintenance.
<b>BICESTER LINK TO DONATE:</b>
<a href="https://portal.myдона.com/assets/webPay/index.php?cid=528">https://portal.myдона.com/assets/webPay/index.php?cid=528</a>
<b>Standing Orders/Donations/Payments/100 Club</b>
<b>Bicester:</b> Sort Code: 51 70 15 Acc. No: 02342731
<b>Hethe:</b> Sort Code: 51 70 15 Acc. No: 02301466
<b>Mass intentions offerings:</b> By cash in offering envelopes from the back of church or option ‘mass offerings’ on card machine, please enter surname when prompted.
<b>CONTACTLESS</b> 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: <a href="mailto:bicester@rcaob.org.uk">bicester@rcaob.org.uk</a>
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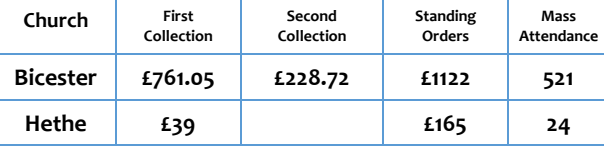

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	<p>This church live streams Mass and other events. Parish YouTube ‘Bicester Catholic Church’ Channel</p> <p>Go to the website or follow this link <a href="https://camstreamer.com/redirect/SfORcspHjzNr8niFC4Is5oJQBgoc37B8YBCjKVpC">https://camstreamer.com/redirect/SfORcspHjzNr8niFC4Is5oJQBgoc37B8YBCjKVpC</a></p> <p>Follow the readings at Mass: <a href="https://universalis.com/mass.htm">https://universalis.com/mass.htm</a></p> <p>A CCTV System operates 24 hours a day. This is in place for the safety of people, protection of property and crime prevention.</p>	

	<p>The Catholic Parishes of</p> <h1>Immaculate Conception @BICESTER</h1> <p>And <b>Holy Trinity</b> @Hardwick Rd, HETHE OX27 8AW</p> <p>Henley House, 12 Causeway, Bicester, OX26 6AW</p> <p>Parish website: <a href="https://www.immaculate-conception.org.uk">https://www.immaculate-conception.org.uk</a></p> <p>Archdiocesan : <a href="https://www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk">https://www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk</a> Deanery: <a href="https://banburyandwarwick-catholicdeanery.org.uk">https://banburyandwarwick-catholicdeanery.org.uk</a></p> <p><i>The Parishes of the Immaculate Conception &amp; Holy Trinity are part of the Archdiocese of Birmingham: Registered Charity No: 23 4216</i></p>	
	<h2>FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</h2> <p><b>Sunday Cycle A - Weekdays II - 1st February 2026 - Psalter Week 4</b></p> <p><b>Month of February is dedicated to The Holy Family</b></p> <p><b>Pope’s Prayer Intention - Let us pray that children suffering from incurable diseases and their families receive the necessary medical care an support, never losing strength and hope.</b></p>	

DATE	TIME	INTENTIONS	FEASTS	LECTORS	E O MINISTERS	WELCOMERS
<b>SAT 31st Vigil Mass</b>	<b>4.00pm @ Hethe 6.00pm</b>	Sean O’Neill (RIP) People of the Parish	<i>Mem of St John Bosco, P</i>	Volunteer	Sr Rose/ S Doherty	C West/ Volunteer
<b>SUN 1st February</b>	<b>9.00am 11.00am</b>	Mary Gilmore (RIP) Tony McGovern (RIP)	<b>Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> <b>Racial Justice Day</b>	M Brown/ J Li R Evans/ J Hurst	A Hall/ A Mutton J & M Franta	L & C Cleeve Timorean Community
<b>MON 2nd</b>	<b>9.30 @Hethe 12 noon</b>	Holy Souls Micheal Hynes (RIP)	<b>Feast of the Presentation of the Lord</b>	M Daniel		
<b>TUE 3rd</b>	<b>9.30am</b>	<b>Blessing of Throats</b> Margot Malone (RIP)	<i>Mem of St Blaise, B , M</i>	L Cleeve		
<b>WED 4th</b>		No Mass	<i>Feria in Ordinary Time</i>			
<b>THU 5th</b>	<b>12 noon 2.15pm @ Sch</b>	Krysia Gazur (RIP) Eileen Parker (RIP)	<i>Mem of St Agatha, V, M</i>	H King		
<b>FRI 6th</b>	<b>10am-11.45am 12 noon</b>	February Coffee Morning Ints of Mrs Dawner (healing)	<i>Mem of St Paul Miki &amp; Companions, M</i>	E King		
<b>SAT 7th Vigil Mass</b>	<b>10.00am 10am-12 noon 4.00pm @ Hethe 6.00pm</b>	Catherine Webb (RIP) Benediction, Exposition & Confessions Holy Souls Charles Le’Bihan (RIP)	<i>Memorial of Our Lady</i>	P & K Kallay	O Panejko/ B Santiago	M & S Doherty
<b>SUN 8th</b>	<b>9.00am 11.00am 6.30pm</b>	<b>Confirmation Sponsors Mass</b> People of the Parish In Thanksgiving - Otum Family Ukrainian Divine Liturgy	<b>Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> <b>Day for Victims of Human Trafficking</b>	H Gerrow/ A Kirby Hall J Franta/ A Kearsley	J Li/ C Hartley J & J Kokore	C St John/ A Mutton R Elgado & Friends

	<p>Fairtrade/Rainforest Alliance tea &amp; coffee in the centre after the 9am and 11am Masses every weekend &amp; monthly Fridays throughout the year (not Jan, April or Aug)</p> <p>Come along for a chat and meet your fellow parishioners!</p> <p>Donations can now be made by card—option ‘Coffee Mornings’</p>
	

	<p><b>This week we pray for...</b></p> <p><b>SANCTUARY LIGHT: Fred Thornley (RIP)</b></p> <p><b>OUR LADY’S CHAPEL: Year Blessings - Nithin, Sruthi &amp; Noah</b></p> <p>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.</p>
	<p><b>Safeguarding:</b> Both our Parishes operate in accordance with Statutory Safeguarding. Guidance &amp; the National and Archdioceses policies and procedures at all times. Our Parishes Safeguarding Representatives are: <b>Elizabeth Green:</b> sg.tic.bicester@rcaob.org.uk &amp; <b>Les Cleeve:</b> sg.holytrinity.hethe@rcaob.org.uk <b>Diocesan Safeguarding Team</b> 0121 2306240 or <a href="mailto:safeguarding@rcaob.org.uk">safeguarding@rcaob.org.uk</a> if you have any concerns.</p>

	<p>Holy Trinity Hethe</p>
	<p><b>Parish Priest: Father Craig Davies BA (hons) STB</b> <a href="mailto:fr.craig.davies@rcaob.org.uk">fr.craig.davies@rcaob.org.uk</a></p> <p><b>Parish Deacons:</b> Rev Mr Michael Panejko MA 01869 246 459 <b>Altar Servers:</b> <a href="mailto:dce.michael.panejko@rcaob.org.uk">dce.michael.panejko@rcaob.org.uk</a> Rev Mr Nick St John: 01869 246 787 /<b>Parish Youth:</b> <a href="mailto:yth.tic.bicester@rcaob.org.uk">yth.tic.bicester@rcaob.org.uk</a> <b>Retired Priest:</b> Rev. Fr. Pat Armstrong <b>Parish Sisters:</b> Ursuline Convent - Sr Rose Mathew - 01869 327 689 <b>Parish Office/Secretary:</b> Lucia Hattam Wednesday &amp; Friday 9am–4pm 01869 253277 / <a href="mailto:tic.bicester@rcaob.org.uk">tic.bicester@rcaob.org.uk</a> <b>St John Paul II Centre Bookings:</b> Srs Sani &amp; Molly Monday-Friday 10am-4pm 01869 324 307 / <a href="mailto:office@johnpaulcentre.co.uk">office@johnpaulcentre.co.uk</a> <b>Gift Aid - Sr Sani Vijayan</b> <a href="mailto:ga.tic.bicester@rcaob.org.uk">ga.tic.bicester@rcaob.org.uk</a> <b>Parish Sacramental Programme - Clare St John</b> <a href="mailto:psc.tic.bicester@rcaob.org.uk">psc.tic.bicester@rcaob.org.uk</a> Go to contacts page on website for parish group contacts.</p>
	<p><b>Archdiocese of Birmingham:</b> “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”.</p>

FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Entrance Antiphon:

Save us, O Lord our God! And gather us from the nations, to give thanks to your holy name, and make it our glory to praise you.

First reading Zephaniah 2:3; 3:12-13

‘I will leave in your midst a people humble and lowly.’

Seek the LORD, all you humble of the land, who do his just commands; seek righteousness; seek humility; perhaps you may be hidden on the day of the anger of the LORD.

I will leave in your midst a people humble and lowly. They shall seek refuge in the name of the LORD, those who are left in Israel; they shall do no injustice and speak no lies, nor shall there be found in their mouth a deceitful tongue. For they shall graze and lie down, and none shall make them afraid.

The word of the Lord  
All: Thanks be to God

Responsorial Psalm: *Blessed are the poor in spirit; for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.*

Second reading 1 Corinthians 1:26-31

‘God chose what is weak in the world.’

Consider your calling, brothers and sisters: not many of you were wise according to worldly standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth. But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong; God chose what is low and despised in the world, even things that are not, to bring to nothing things that are, so that no human being might boast in the presence of God. And because of him you are in Christ Jesus, who became to us wisdom from God, righteousness, and sanctification, and redemption; so that, as it is written, ‘Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord.’

The word of the Lord  
All: Thanks be to God

Gospel Acclamation Alleluia, alleluia.  
Rejoice and be glad,  
for your reward is great in heaven.  
Alleluia.

Gospel Matthew 5:1-12a

‘Blessed are the poor in spirit.’

At that time: Seeing the crowds, Jesus went up on the mountain, and when he sat down, his disciples came to him. And he opened his mouth and taught them, saying: ‘Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted. Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth. Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied. Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy. Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God. Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God. Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness’ sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are you when others revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven.’

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.