

Teams for :	22/2	1/3	8/3	15/3	22/3	29/3
Children Liturgy	none HT	1	2	none	3	tbc
Coffee gam (11)	4	5	6	7	8	9
Coffee 11am (9)	8	9	1	2	3	4
Flowers	none	none	none	Sr Rose	none	Sisters

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, Sonya Drury.

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: Saturday Bicester: 10.30am-11.30am Hethe: 3.15pm-3.50 pm (Sacristy)

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.

UKRAINIAN LITURGY Ukrainian Divine Liturgy 2nd Sunday of the month at 6.30pm.

PIETY SHOP: Open Friday, Saturday and Sunday around Masses.

LENT - PRAYER - FASTING - ALMSGIVING

LENTEN ALMSGIVING COLLECTION Along with prayers and fasting we are all encouraged to give alms during Lent. This week after the 9am Mass, Susie and Elspeth will be selling home baked cakes to raise funds for Great Ormond Street Hospital. Please support their efforts.

CAFOD LENT APPEAL - FAMILY FAST DAY COLLECTION This Lent, live out the Gospel call to love your neighbour. By fasting and giving what you save, you join in Christ's compassion and help another family put food on the table. Your donation can help families around the world grow food in difficult conditions - such as on flood-resistant floating gardens or using solar-powered water pumps in times of drought. Collect a CAFOD envelope to bless others with your support, donate on the card machine, online at cafod.org.uk/envelope, call 0303 303 3030, or text CAFODLENT to 70085 to donate £10.

LENTEN WALK Anna FitzPatrick, a member of the Environmental group is taking part in the CAFOD Big Lent walk. If you would like to sponsor her please go to <https://walk.cafod.org.uk/fundraising/annas-fundraising-page1029> Alternatively, there will be a form available for people to sign, at the back of the Church. Further information about the CAFOD Big Lent Walk is available at <https://cafod.org.uk/fundraise/big-lent-walk>.

STATIONS AND SOUP LUNCH Stations of the Cross will be held in church on Wednesday, 4th March at 12 noon in the St JP II Centre. All welcome.

CHURCH FLOWER TEAM The team will have a meeting on Wednesday, 4th March to discuss Easter flower arrangements and more. If you want to come and see what is involved or to join then please just come along.

SCHOOL LENTEN MASSES These will take place every Friday, at 8am in school during Lent. All welcome.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS Stations of the Cross will be recited every Friday at 7pm, but not on 20th March due to Confirmation Mass being held, and Sundays at 5pm. CTS Stations of the Cross booklets (some large print) are now in stock in the piety shop along with other Lenten reading resources.

LENTEN PENANCE SERVICE Monday, 23rd March at 7pm. A number of priests will be available to hear confessions.

RCIA - RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION The next RCIA session will take place on Wednesdays, 4th & 11th at 7.30pm and Sunday 8th March in the centre.

SYMPATHY Please pray for the repose for the soul of Desmond McGovern, aged 62yrs of Hardwick Rd, Hethe. A funeral service and burial in the graveyard will take place at Holy Trinity, Hethe on Monday, 9th March at 3pm. *May he rest in peace.*

EASTER RAFFLE Easter raffle tickets are now on sale. £5 per book of 5. The draw will take place on Sunday, 5th April after 11am mass in the centre. Any raffle prizes gratefully received please deliver to the JP II Centre.

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. Forms and details are available from the back of church, alternatively email the parish office.

FEBRUARY 100 WINNERS £100 Bullivant Family - 3, £50 C McArdle - 88, £25 Anon - 18. Please see Sr Sani for your winnings.

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.



MASS FOR MARRIAGE Saturday, 2nd May at 12 noon at St Chad's Cathedral. Celebrant: Bishop Richard Walker. All welcome! Please let the organisers know you will be attending by going to www.vocations.org.uk/marriage-mass

NATIONAL NOVENA TO ST JOSEPH Novena Masses from St Joseph's Church, Maidenhead will be available on YOUTUBE via Mill Hill website: www.millhillmissionaries.com/novena during March 10-18th at 10am. See poster at the back of church for more information.

NATIONAL MEN'S PRO-LIFE CONFERENCE Calling men of all ages and states of life: book your place at 'Commissioned', the National Men's Pro-life Conference, on April 18th at Birmingham Christian College. Through compelling talks on fatherhood, marriage, post-abortion healing, spiritual warfare and sexual responsibility learn to live out your vocation with humility, courage and integrity. For more info including speakers or to book your place go to <https://www.marchforlife.co.uk/commissioned-pro-life-mens-conference/> or contact info@marchforlife.co.uk.

PIETY SHOP Has new stock in! St Patricks Day & Mothers Day cards, statues, rosaries, confirmation gifts and more...come and have a browse...

SOCIAL EVENTS FOR YOUR DIARY!

ORGANISED BY THE PARISH SOCIAL & FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE.

S & F Committee can be contacted on: sc.tic.bicester@rcaob.org.uk

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.

Christmas Bazaar Sunday 29th November.

DIARY DATES 2026 :

Coffee Morning Friday 6th March at 10am.

Art & Craft Market Saturday 14th March 11am-2pm .

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

Baptism Course - Saturday, 11th April from 10am-12 noon.

First Holy Communions Saturday 16th May.

Corpus Christi Procession Sunday 7th June (to St Mary's)

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.'

PARISH GIVING

SECOND COLLECTIONS FOR MARCH :

1st: Lent Fast Day, 8th: Cathedral Maintenance.

15th/22nd/29th: Parish Maintenance.

BICESTER LINK TO DONATE:

<https://portal.myдона.com/assets/webPay/index.php?cid=528>

Standing Orders/Donations/Payments/100 Club

Bicester: Sort Code: 51 70 15 Acc. No: 02342731

Account Name: For RCA Birmingham Immaculate Conception Bicester Reg Charity

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.

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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/>

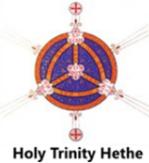
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Follow the readings at Mass: <https://universalis.com/mass.htm>

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 Parish of St Edmund Campion Immaculate Conception @ BICESTER



Holy Trinity Hethe

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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SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT

Sunday Cycle A - Weekdays II - 1st March 2026 - Psalter Week 2

Month of March is dedicated to St Joseph (Solemnity 19th March)

Pope's Prayer Intention - Let us pray that nations move toward effective disarmament, particularly nuclear disarmament, and that world leaders choose the path of dialogue and diplomacy instead of violence.



DATE	TIME	INTENTIONS	FEASTS	LECTORS	E O MINISTERS	WELCOMERS
SAT 28th Vigil Mass	4.00pm @ Hethe 6.00pm	Melanie Mulheran (RIP) People of the Parish	Mem of Our Lady	Volunteer P Cousins/ Sr Rose	B Santiago/O Panejko	McArdle Family
SUN 1st March	9.00am 11.00am 5.00pm	Holy Souls In thanksgiving - Otum Family Stations of the Cross	Second Sunday of Lent Day of Prayer for the Candidates for the Sacraments	M Daniel/ L Cleeve F Nyonyoozi/C Tett	C St John/ Sister U Edwards/ G Andrade	Parati Family Rowena Elgado & Friends
MON 2nd	9.30am @ Hethe 12 noon	Holy Souls Holy Souls	Feast of St Chad, B	Volunteer M Daniel		
TUE 3rd	9.30am	Holy Souls	Lent Feria	L Cleeve		
WED 4th	12 noon 7.30pm	Stations of the Cross followed by Soup Lunch in the centre Flower Team Meeting @ the Centre	Lent Feria			
THU 5th	9.30am	Ints of Rose Marie Silvy - 19th birthday	Lent Feria	J Kokore		
FRI 6th	8.00am @ Sch 10am-11.45am 12 noon 7.00pm	Lenten Mass at School - Holy Souls Coffee Morning Doreen Hackett (RIP) Stations of the Cross	Lent Feria Women's World Day of Prayer	School E King		
SAT 7th Vigil Mass	10.00am 10.30-11.30am 4.00pm @ Hethe 6.00pm	Holy Souls Exposition, Benediction & Confessions People of the Parish Holy Souls	Lent Feria	Volunteer P Cousins/ Sister	B Santiago/ O Panejko	McArdle Family
SUN 8th March	9.00am 11.00am 5.00pm 6.30pm	Sr Andrea Pozholiparambil (RIP) Patricia Koning (RIP) Stations of the Cross Ukrainian Divine Liturgy	Third Sunday of Lent Day of Prayer for the Candidates for the Sacraments	M Daniel/L Cleeve F Nyonyoozi/ C Tett	C St John/Sister U Edwards/ G Andrade	Parati Family Rowena Elgado & Friends



Tea & Coffee in the JP II Centre after the 9am and 11am

Masses every weekend & once a month on a Friday

throughout the year (not Jan or Aug).

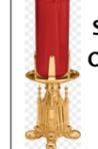
Come along for a chat and meet your fellow parishioners!

Donations can now be made by card—option 'Coffee Mornings'

We use Fairtrade / Rainforest Alliance Tea and Coffee!



This week we pray for...



SANCTUARY LIGHT:

OUR LADY'S CHAPEL: Edith Steiner (RIP)

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.

Church	First Collection	Second Collection	Standing Orders	Intercultural Mass	Mass Attendance
Bicester	£670.71	£203.88	£1122	£290.25	459
Hethe	£45.16		£165		33

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

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Go to contacts page on website for parish group contacts.

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SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

Entrance Antiphon: Of you my heart has spoken, Seek his face. It is your face, O Lord, that I seek; hide not your face from me.

First reading

Genesis 12:1-4a

The call of Abram, the father of the People of God.

In those days: The LORD said to Abram, 'Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you. And I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and him who dishonours you I will curse, and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.'

So Abram went, as the LORD had told him.

The word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God

Responsorial Psalm *May your merciful love be upon us, as we hope in you, O LORD.*

Second reading

2 Timothy 1:8b-10

God calls and enlightens us.

Beloved: We share in suffering for the gospel by the power of God, who saved us and called us to a holy calling not because of our works, but because of his own purpose and grace, which he gave us in Christ Jesus before the ages began, and which now has been manifested through the appearing of our Saviour Christ Jesus, who abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel.

The word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God

Gospel Acclamation:

Glory and praise to you, O Christ.

From a bright cloud, the Father's voice was heard:

'This is my beloved Son, listen to him'.

Glory and praise to you, O Christ.

Gospel

Matthew 17:1-9

'His face shone like the sun.'

At that time: Jesus took with him Peter and James and John his brother, and led them up a high mountain by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became white as light. And behold, there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. And Peter said to Jesus, 'Lord, it is good that we are here. If you wish, I will make three tents here, one for you and one for Moses and one for Elijah.' He was still speaking when, behold, a bright cloud overshadowed them, and a voice from the cloud said, 'This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him.' When the disciples heard this, they fell on their faces and were terrified. But Jesus came and touched them, saying, 'Rise, and have no fear.' And when they lifted up their eyes, they saw no one, but Jesus only. And as they were coming down the mountain, Jesus commanded them, 'Tell no one the vision, until the Son of Man is raised from the dead.'

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: **Glory and praise to you O Christ**(a few words)

People: **Glory and praise to you O Christ**

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.**