

Teams for :	21/9	28/9	5/10	12/10	19/10	26/10	2/11
Children lit.	2	none	1	none	2	none	none
Coffee 9am (11)	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Coffee 11am (9)	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Flowers	Jan/ Sally	Jo	Jo	Sr Rose	Sr Rose	Anne & Kirsten	Anne & Kirsten

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

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 along with fee for books £10/ £13. 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.

ST. MARY’S PRIMARY SCHOOL OPEN DAY On Wednesday 1st October from 5.00pm—6.00pm, for perspective new parents for September 2026.

BLESSED GEORGE NAPIER CATHOLIC SECONDARY SCHOOL AND SIXTH FORM OPEN EVENING - for students currently in Y6 (wishing to join the school in September 2026) is on Wednesday 24th September from 6pm-8pm. We also have an Open Morning on Thursday 25th September from 9:30- 10:30am. There is no need to register. All are welcome.

PILGRIMAGE FOR THE PLANET Oxford Saturday 28th September, 11:15am-2pm Starts: Blackfriars Priory in St Giles Ends: St Frideswide Church, Botley Road. There will be 7 prayer stops along the way, including a short service at St Frideswide’s shrine at Christchurch Cathedral at 12:30pm. All welcome. Bring a picnic lunch to eat at the end. For more information contact oxfordCCA@gmail.com

FAIRTRADE FORTNIGHT 2025. This Fairtrade Fortnight will be taking place from Monday 22 September – Sunday 5 October 2025. To see what’s on in this area go to <https://www.fairtrade.net/uk-en/products-and-producers/buy-fairtrade.html> *Did you know the coffee teams on a Sunday use Fairtrade products to make your brew?*

MISSIO The Autumn booklets are available from the back of church for Red Box holders. World Mission Sunday will be held on 19th October.

COFFEE MORNING The next one will be held on Friday, 3rd October at 10am. All welcome.

CHRISTMAS CRIBS If anyone is interested in purchasing a olive wood crib from the Friends of the Holy Land, please speak to Lucia.

CHRISTMAS SACKS We will have a small number of Christmas sacks donated by the Mehiel Foundation available for anyone facing financial hardship and struggling to feed their family. Sacks will need to be collected on Friday, 12th December. Please contact the office to request one.

CAFOD FAMILY FAST DAY Cafod is part of Caritas network, which brings love, hope and practical help to our neighbours experiencing poverty. In this Jubilee year we can together offer our support and prayers. This year the focus is on Ware’ from Ethiopia who due to drought cannot feed her family. In the gospel reading we are asked to be a Good Neighbour on the 26th of September, and to place our faith and trust in God on the 5th of October. Please give generously, via the envelopes, the card machine, or use link to cafod.org.uk/envelope Thank you.

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.



JUBILEE YEAR 2025

“Pilgrims of Hope”



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

BE STILL AND KNOW THAT I AM GOD, 14 - 17 NOVEMBER 2025
A three-day retreat led by Fr Roger Dawson, SJ, aiming to help participants find a greater attentiveness and disposition to God’s presence in their lives through a disciplining of the mind and awareness of the present moment. This is a 3-day retreat that reclaims practices used in mindfulness techniques that are common to the monastic and Eastern Orthodox traditions. There is much discussion around the ‘compatibility’ of Catholic spirituality and practices that are associated with mindfulness. <https://catholicpsych.com/about?> The Christian Heritage Centre, Clitheroe.
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.

DIARY DATES:

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

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.’

SEPTEMBER SECOND COLLECTIONS
21st: Catholic Evangelisation 28th: Fr Hudson Society

PARISH GIVING


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
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/SfORcspHjzNr8niFC4ls5oJQBgc37B8YBCjkVpC>
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

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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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Twenty Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time


21st September 2025

Month of September is dedicated to The Seven Sorrows of Mary - Sunday Cycle C - Psalter Week 1


Holy Father’s Prayer Intention: **For our relationship with all of creation.** Let us pray that, inspired by St Francis, we may experience our interdependence with all creatures, which are loved by God and worthy of love and respect.

DATE	TIME	INTENTIONS	FEASTS	LECTORS	E O MINISTERS	WELCOMERS
SAT 20th Vigil Mass	4.00pm Hethe 6.00pm 7.00pm	People of the Parish Mark MacKenzie (RIP) Beetle Drive Night @JP11	Mem of St Andrew Kim Tae-gon, P, Paul Chong Ha-sang & Companions, M	J & X Rogers	D Gunaratra/ Sr Rose	S & M Doherty
SUN 21st	9.00am 11.00am	Ints of Ria Rianti (for recovery) In thanksgiving—Frank & Ann Jones & Family	25th Sunday in Ordinary Time <i>Evangelii Guadium Day</i>	L & S Taylor S Joseph & R Silvy	A Hall/ A Mutton J & J Kokore	Brown Family Rowena Elgado & Friends
MON 22nd	9.30 @ Hethe 12 noon 7.00pm	Mary Evans (RIP) & Family Anita Magleo (RIP) Sacramental Programme Registration	Feria in Ordinary time	A Fitzpatrick		
TUE 23rd	9.30am	Ints of Doris Noble	Mem of St Pius of Pietrelcina	L Cleeve		
WED 24th		No Mass	Feast of our Lady of Walsingham			
THU 25th		No Mass	Feria in Ordinary time			
FRI 26th		No Mass	Feria in Ordinary time			
SAT 27th Vigil Mass	4.00pm Hethe 6.00pm	No morning Mass or Confessions Holy Souls Bill & Kitty Hornby & Angela Nelson (RIP)	Mem of St Vincent de Paul, P	Sr Rose/volunteer	Sr Molly/F Ostrowski	L & B Hattam
SUN 28th	9.00am 11.00am	Margaret Hanna (RIP) Eithne McDonagh	26th Sunday in Ordinary Time	M Daniel/L Cleeve H King/ E Green	J Li/ C Hartley J Marshall/ Sr Sani	Sr Molly/ C Cleeve Kokore Family

FATHER HUDSON’S CARITAS second collection takes place next weekend, 27th& 28th September with donations going towards the fight against **Poverty**. A small amount of envelopes will be available, donations are preferred via the QR code which can be found on the poster on the inner glass church door. Thank you in advance for your donations which will make a real difference to so many individuals and families.



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




This week we pray for...

SANCTUARY LIGHT: Evelyn Trindade Branco Sarmento

OUR LADY’S CHAPEL: In Thanksgiving

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	Standing Orders	Mass Attendance
Bicester	£ 726.11	£219.48	£1122	463
Hethe	£ 52		£198	33

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.

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Twenty Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Entrance Antiphon: I am the salvation of the people, says the Lord. Should they cry to me in any distress, I will hear them, and I will be their Lord for ever.

First reading Amos 8:4-7
Against those who ‘buy the poor for silver.’

Hear this, you who trample on the needy and bring the poor of the land to an end, saying, ‘When will the new moon be over, that we may sell grain? And the Sabbath, that we may offer wheat for sale, that we may make the ephah small and the shekel great and deal deceitfully with false balances, that we may buy the poor for silver, and the needy for a pair of sandals, and sell the chaff of the wheat?’ The LORD has sworn by the pride of Jacob: ‘Surely I will never forget any of their deeds.’

The word of the Lord
All: Thanks be to God

Responsorial Psalm *Praise the LORD, who raises the poor.*

Second reading 1 Timothy 2:1-8
‘Prayers should be made for all people to God, who desires all people to be saved.’

Beloved: First of all, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for all people, for kings and all who are in high positions, that we may lead a peaceful and quiet life, godly and dignified in every way. This is good, and it is pleasing in the sight of God our Saviour, who desires all people to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. For there is one God, and there is one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus, who gave himself as a ransom for all, which is the testimony given at the proper time.

For this I was appointed a preacher and an Apostle — I am telling the truth, I am not lying — a teacher of the Gentiles in faith and truth. I desire then that in every place the men should pray, lifting holy hands without anger or quarrelling.

The word of the Lord
All: Thanks be to God

Gospel Acclamation Alleluia, alleluia.
Jesus Christ, though he was rich,
yet for your sake he became poor,
so that you by his poverty might become rich.
Alleluia.

Gospel Luke 16:1-13
‘You cannot serve God and money.’

At that time: Jesus said to the disciples, ‘There was a rich man who had a manager, and charges were brought to him that this man was wasting his possessions. And he called him and said to him, “What is this that I hear about you? Turn in the account of your management, for you can no longer be manager.” And the manager said to himself, “What shall I do, since my master is taking the management away from me? I am not strong enough to dig, and I am ashamed to beg. I have decided what to do, so that when I am removed from management, people may receive me into their houses.” So, summoning his master’s debtors one by one, he said to the first, “How much do you owe my master?” He said, “A hundred measures of oil.” He said to him, “Take your bill, and sit down quickly and write fifty.” Then he said to another, “And how much do you owe?” He said, “A hundred measures of wheat.” He said to him, “Take your bill and write eighty.” The master commended the dishonest manager for his shrewdness. For the sons of this world are more shrewd in dealing with their own generation than the sons of light.’ And I tell you, make friends for yourselves by means of unrighteous wealth, so that when it fails they may receive you into the eternal dwellings.

‘One who is faithful in a very little is also faithful in much, and one who is dishonest in a very little is also dishonest in much. If then you have not been faithful with the unrighteous wealth, who will entrust to you the true riches? And if you have not been faithful with that which is another’s, who will give you that which is your own? No servant can serve two masters: for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and money.’

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.