

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

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, Paul Chrisp.

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.

SYMPATHY Please pray for the repose for the soul of Desmond McGovern from Hethe who died recently. His funeral details will be announced in due course. *May he rest in peace.*

CONFIRMATION RETREAT DAY This will be held next Saturday, 28th February for all Confirmandi at the St JP II Centre. The day begins at 12 noon and finishes after 6pm Mass.

LENTEN WALK WITH ME BOOKLETS Are available from the back of church along with Lenten calendars for children. Any donations gratefully received for these.

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 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.

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>.

RCIA - RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION The next RCIA session will take place on Wednesday, 25th February at 7.30pm in the centre.

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

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.

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.

OXFORD PRO-LIFE DRINKS Saturday 28th February | 7.30pm | The Royal Oak, (Woodstock Rd, OX2 6HT). Come along to relax with like-minded people and keep connected with the pro-life community in Oxford. New comers are especially welcome! Just turn up, and why not bring a friend?

Visit <https://oxfordprolife.org.uk/> for more info.

VISIT OF RELIC OF ST CARLO ACUTIS Sunday, 15th March veneration of relic and his Eucharistic Miracles exhibition at St Joseph's Whitnash, CV31 2J, with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament in church during the day for Vocations, and Talk at 3.30pm. All welcome.

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

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.



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.

This coming Friday! **Quiz Night** (for adults only) to be held on **Friday, 27th February 2026** with a 7.30pm prompt start at the JP II Centre, only £5 p.p. pay on door, max number of 6 per team. Just turn up on the night. Bring your own drinks and nibbles. No need to book. But to help S.C. please add names to the list at the back of church. Thank you.

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.

If you would like to help with any of the events or have any ideas or enquiries on events please contact the social committee on sc.tic.bicester@rcaob.org.uk

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.

DIARY DATES 2026 :

Confirmation Retreat Day 28th February.

Lenten Fast (CAFOD) 1st March

Coffee Morning Friday 6th March at 10am.

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

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

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 FEBRUARY : Parish Maintenance.

MARCH 2nd:Cathedral Maintenance. 16th: Lent Fast Day.

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

Account Name: 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 the Parish Gift Aid Co-ordinator.

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An Induction Loop system is provided. Please switch Hearing Aid to 'T'



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/SfORcspHjzNr8niFC4s5oJQBgoc37B8YBCjKVpC>



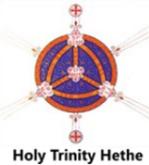
Follow the readings at Mass: <https://universalis.com/mass.htm>

A CCTV System operates 24 hours a day. This is in place for the safety of people,

protection of property and crime prevention.



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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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FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT

Sunday Cycle A - Weekdays II - 22nd February 2026 - Psalter Week 1

Month of February is dedicated to The Holy Family

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.



DATE	TIME	INTENTIONS	FEASTS	LECTORS	E O MINISTERS	WELCOMERS
SAT 21st Vigil Mass	12 noon 4.00pm @ Hethe 6.00pm	Diocesan Intercultural Mass & Social People of the Parish In Thanksgiving of Maria Olivia Manfio	Saturday after Ash Wednesday	Swahili Community Volunteer P Sims/Sr Rose	M Kelly/B Santiago	C West/R Rianti
SUN 22nd	9.00am 11.00am 3.00pm 5.00pm	Gwilym Patrick Price (RIP) Ints of Joseph Chand- Birthday Rite of Election at St Chad's, Birmingham Stations of the Cross	First Sunday of Lent Day of Prayer for the Candidates for the Sacraments	L & S Taylor H King/ J Josh	A & R Parati Sr Sani/Sr Molly	Sr Molly/C Cleeve Timorean Community
MON 23rd	9.30am @ Hethe 12 noon	Holy Souls Adrian Tebbutt (RIP)	Lent Feria	Volunteer A Fitzpatrick		
TUE 24th	9.30am 2.25pm @ Sch	Holy Souls Holy Souls	Lent Feria	L Cleeve School		
WED 25th		No Mass	Lent Feria			
THU 26th	9.30am 11.00am	Edith Latty (RIP) Funeral Service - Diana Lynch	Lent Feria	J Kokore		
FRI 27th	8.00am @ Sch 12 noon 7.00pm 7.30pm	Lenten Mass at School - Holy Souls In thanksgiving - Daniell & Armand Stations of the Cross Quiz Night at the St JP II Centre	Lent Feria	School E King		
SAT 28th Vigil Mass	10.00am 10.30-11.30am 4.00pm @ Hethe 6.00pm	Holy Souls Exposition, Benediction & Confessions Melanie Mulheran (RIP) People of the Parish	Mem of Our Lady	Volunteer 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



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, April 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: Kathleen & all the Murphy Family

OUR LADY'S CHAPEL: Kathleen Olney

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	Mass Attendance
Bicester	£584.74	£206.04	£1122	347
Hethe	£85.01		£165	47

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

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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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FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

Entrance Antiphon: When he calls on me, I will answer him; I will deliver him and give him glory, I will grant him length of days.

First reading
The creation and sin of our first parents. Genesis 2:7-9; 3:1-7

The LORD God formed the man of dust from the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life, and the man became a living creature. And the LORD God planted a garden in Eden, in the east, and there he put the man whom he had formed. And out of the ground the LORD God made to spring up every tree that is pleasant to the sight and good for food. The tree of life was in the midst of the garden, and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil.

Now the serpent was more crafty than any other beast of the field that the LORD God had made. He said to the woman, 'Did God actually say, "You shall not eat of any tree in the garden"?' And the woman said to the serpent, 'We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden, but God said, "You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the midst of the garden, neither shall you touch it, lest you die."' But the serpent said to the woman, 'You will not surely die. For God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.' So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate, and she also gave some to her husband who was with her, and he ate. Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked. And they sewed fig leaves together and made themselves loincloths.

The word of the Lord
All: Thanks be to God

Responsorial Psalm *Have mercy on us, O Lord, for we have sinned.*

Second reading
'Where sin increased, grace abounded all the more.'
Romans 5:12-19

Brothers and Sisters: Just as sin came into the world through one man, and death through sin, and so death spread to all men because all sinned — for sin indeed was in the world before the law was given, but sin is not counted where there is no law. Yet death reigned from Adam to Moses, even over those whose sinning was not like the transgression of Adam, who was a type of the one who was to come. But the free gift is not like the trespass. For if many died through one man's trespass, much more have the grace of God and the free gift by the grace of that one man, Jesus Christ, abounded for many. And the free gift is not like the result of that one man's sin. For the judgement following one trespass brought condemnation, but the free gift following many trespasses brought justification. For if, because of one man's trespass, death reigned through that one man; much more will those who receive the abundance of grace and the free gift of righteousness reign in life through the one man Jesus Christ. Therefore, as one trespass led to condemnation for all men, so one act of righteousness leads to justification and life for all men. For as by the one man's disobedience the many were made sinners, so by the one man's obedience the many will be made righteous.

The word of the Lord
All: Thanks be to God

Gospel Acclamation:
Glory and praise to you, O Christ.
One does not live by bread alone,
but by every word that comes forth from the mouth of God.
Glory and praise to you, O Christ.

Gospel
Jesus fasts for forty days and is tempted. Matthew 4:1-11

At that time: Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. And after fasting forty days and forty nights, he was hungry. And the tempter came and said to him, 'If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread.' But he answered, 'It is written, "Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God."' Then the devil took him to the holy city and set him on the pinnacle of the Temple and said to him, 'If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down, for it is written, "He will command his angels concerning you", and "On their hands they will bear you up, lest you strike your foot against a stone."' Jesus said to him, 'Again it is written, "You shall not put the Lord your God to the test."' Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their glory. And he said to him, 'All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me.' Then Jesus said to him, 'Be gone, Satan! For it is written, "You shall worship the Lord your God and him only shall you serve."' Then the devil left him, and behold, angels came and were ministering to him.

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.**