

Teams for :	22/3	29/3	5/4	12/4	19/4
Children Liturgy	3	tbc	tbc	tbc	tbc
Coffee gam (11)	8	9	10	11	1
Coffee 11am (9)	3	4	5	6	7
Flowers	none	Sisters	All to	water	Sr Rose

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 Our collection will go towards Great Ormond Street Hospital. Please place your donations in the basket near the font, alternatively by card at the back of church. Thank you.

MASS OF CONFIRMATION Congratulations to our parish children who were Confirmed by Archbishop Bernard Longley last Friday. The Sacrament of Confirmation marks a significant milestone in a child's faith journey, sealing them with the Holy Spirit. Please continue to keep them in your prayers.

SCHOOL MASS A whole school Mass will be celebrated here in church tomorrow Monday, 23rd March at 10am.

LENTEN PENANCE SERVICE Monday, 23rd March at 7pm. A number of priests will be available to hear confessions. You are encouraged to attend this service if you intend to make your confession before Easter when other priests will be present.

EASTER OFFERING ENVELOPES These are attached to the bulletin this weekend for you to place your traditional Easter offerings for your Parish Priest and can be returned via collection bags. Card payments also accepted under option 'Easter Offerings'.

RCIA - RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION The next RCIA sessions will take place on Wednesday, 25th March at 7.30pm and in the centre. Please keep all those preparing to be received into the Church at Easter, in your prayers.

PASSION PLAY 'JERUSALEM JOY' This is a great musical the children in Year 5 of St Mary's School have been working hard on and will perform especially just for parents and parishioners. It will take place on Thursday, 26th March at 9.00am in the school hall. Please do come along. **PALM SUNDAY (29th March)** A reminder that we will gather at the Ursuline Convent (opposite Lisserters) at 10.50am, this Sunday to process towards the church. **Remember: clocks will go forward by 1 hour on 29th.**

BLESSING OF FOOD This will take place on Holy Saturday 4th April at 4pm. **LENTEN WALK** Please support Anna who is taking the challenge of the CAFOD Big Lent Walk. Her sponsor sheet can be found at the back of the church.

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

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.

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.

BGN QUIZ NIGHT - Friday 24th April 7pm for 7:30 pm start. Teams of max 8. £7 per person. Licensed bar and nibbles. See BGN website for tickets www.bgn.oxon.sch.uk

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

ENVIROMENTAL GROUP INFO Have you visited Bicester Green - your one-stop, local, plastic-free shop? Stock up on loose cereal, pasta, rice, coffee beans, dried fruit and much more.

Refill your empty bottles of olive oil, washing up liquid, toilet cleaner, washing detergent, hand soap....

PARISH SOCIAL & FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE We have an active team of members on the Committee who can be contacted on: sc.tic.bicester@rcaob.org.uk. The next event is a **Cheese & Wine Evening with John Nelson Tunes** on Saturday 25th April. More details to follow.

BAPTISM COURSE Due to unforeseen circumstances the Baptism Course scheduled for April 11th has been rearranged to Monday, 20th March at 7pm at the St JP II Centre. If you plan to attend, please contact the office.

SYMPATHY Please pray for the repose for the soul of Ana Barreto, aged 97, of Upper Heyford. Ana's Requiem Mass will be celebrated at 1.30pm on Friday 27th March followed by Interment at Holy Trinity Churchyard, Hethe.

BEETLE DRIVE Another fun and exciting Beetle Drive night took place last week and raised **£461** towards parish funds. Thankyou to all who came along & to the Social Committee for organising the event. Be sure not to miss the angel Drive later in the year!

DIARY DATES 2026:

Coffee Morning Friday 10th April at 10am.

Art & Craft Market Saturday 11th April, 9th May from 11am-2pm.

First Holy Communions Saturday 16th May.

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

Angel Drive Friday 9th October with fish and chip supper.

ZAPP Retro Games Day Saturday 14th November.

Christmas Bazaar Sunday 29th November.

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:

22nd/29th: Parish Maintenance.

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: 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. the Parish Gift Aid Co-ordinator.

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<https://camstreamer.com/redirect/xmTDv4jBRjMTR0M5VBVyn34wpRY1nK34jSHqcqhR>

[xmTDv4jBRjMTR0M5VBVyn34wpRY1nK34jSHqcqhR](https://www.universalis.com/mass.htm)

Follow the readings at Mass: <https://universalis.com/mass.htm>
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FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

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

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 21st Vigil Mass	4.00pm @ Hethe 6.00pm	People of the Parish Bill & Kitty Hornby & Angela Nelson (RIP)	Lent Feria	Volunteer P Sims/ Sr Sani	Sr Molly/ Sr Rose	S & M Doherty
SUN 22nd	9.00am 11.00am 5.00pm	Malachy McKeon (RIP) John Cabey (RIP) Stations of the Cross	Fifth Sunday of Lent	M Brown/ J Li J Josh/ H King	A Hall/ A Mutton J Marshall/ Sr Sani	C St John/ A Mutton R Elgado & Friends
MON 23rd	10.00am 3.00pm 7.00pm	Whole School Mass Funeral Service at N.O. Crem Judith Tackas (RIP) Lenten Penance Service	Lent Feria Dementia Prayer Week	Children		
TUE 24th	9.30am 7.00pm	Holy Souls Passion Play - Born for This	Lent Feria	L Cleeve		
WED 25th		No Mass	The Annunciation			
THU 26th	9.30am	Holy Souls	Lent Feria	J Kokore		
FRI 27th	8.00am 12 noon 1.30pm 7.00pm	Lenten Mass at School - Holy Souls Peter & Marie Murowski (RIP) Requiem Mass for Ana Barreto (RIP) Stations of the Cross	Lent Feria	School Staff E King		
SAT 28th Vigil Mass	10.00am 10.30am-11.30am 4.00pm @ Hethe 6.00pm	Holy Souls Exposition, Benediction & Confessions People of the Parish Bernard Chellar (RIP) 13th Ann.	Lent Feria	Volunteer Visiting Priest/ Volunteer	Visiting Priest/ B Santiago	McArdle Family
Palm Sunday SUN 29th	9.00am 10.50am 11.00am 5.00pm	Anna Barreto (RIP) People of the Parish Procession from Convent, Kings End Stations of the Cross	Palm Sunday of the Passion of The Lord	S McCarthy/ H Gerrow/ C Moysse R Evans/ J Hurst/ H King	J Li/ C Hartley J Marshall/ J Kokore	Brown Family Sr Molly/ D Munoz

WE HAVE A NEW CAMERA & LIVESTREAM LINK <https://camstreamer.com/redirect/xmTDv4jBRjMTR0M5VBVyn34wpRY1nK34jSHqcqhR>



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: John Cabey (RIP)

OUR LADY'S CHAPEL: Peyush-Safe arrival home

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	Beetle Drive
Bicester	£ 465.43	£ 157.47	£1122	626	£ 461
Hethe	£65.50		£165	42	

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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

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Go to contacts page on website for parish group contacts.

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FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

Entrance Antiphon: Give me justice, O God, and plead my cause against a nation that is faithless. From the deceitful and cunning rescue me, for you, O God, are my strength.

First reading Ezekiel 37:12-14

‘I will put my spirit within you, and you shall live.’

Thus says the Lord GOD: Behold, I will open your graves and raise you from your graves, O my people. And I will bring you into the land of Israel. And you shall know that I am the LORD, when I open your graves, and raise you from your graves, O my people. And I will put my Spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you in your own land. Then you shall know that I am the LORD; I have spoken, and I will do it, declares the LORD.

The word of the Lord
All: Thanks be to God

Responsorial Psalm *With the LORD there is mercy, in him is plentiful redemption.*

Second reading Romans 8:8-11

‘The Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you.’

Brothers and Sisters: Those who are in the flesh cannot please God. You, however, are not in the flesh but in the Spirit, if in fact the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. But if Christ is in you, although the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through his Spirit who dwells in you.

Gospel Acclamation: **Glory to you, O Christ, Son of the living God. I am the resurrection and the life, says the Lord. Everyone who believes in me shall never die. Glory to you, O Christ, Son of the living God.**

Gospel John 11:1-45

‘I am the resurrection and the life.’

At that time: A certain man was ill, Lazarus of Bethany, the village of Mary and her sister Martha. It was Mary, who anointed the Lord with ointment and wiped his feet with her hair, whose brother Lazarus was ill. So the sisters sent to him, saying, ‘Lord, he whom you love is ill.’ But when Jesus heard it he said, ‘This illness does not lead to death. It is for the glory of God, so that the Son of God may be glorified through it.’

Now Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus. So, when he heard that Lazarus was ill, he stayed two days longer in the place where he was. Then after this he said to the disciples, ‘Let us go to Judea again.’ The disciples said to him, ‘Rabbi, the Jews were just now seeking to stone you, and are you going there again?’ Jesus answered, ‘Are there not twelve hours in the day? If anyone walks in the day, he does not stumble, because he sees the light of this world. But if anyone walks in the night, he stumbles, because the light is not in him.’ After saying these things, he said to them, ‘Our friend Lazarus has fallen asleep, but I go to awaken him.’ The disciples said to him, ‘Lord, if he has fallen asleep, he will recover.’ Now Jesus had spoken of his death, but they thought that he meant taking rest in sleep. Then Jesus told them plainly, ‘Lazarus has died, and for your sake I am glad that I was not there, so that you may believe. But let us go to him.’ So Thomas, called the Twin, said to his fellow disciples, ‘Let us also go, that we may die with him.’

Now when Jesus came, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb four days. Bethany was near Jerusalem, about two miles off, and many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary to console them concerning their brother. So when Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went and met him, but Mary remained seated in the house. Martha said to Jesus, ‘Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. But even now I know that whatever you ask from God, God will give you.’ Jesus said to her, ‘Your brother will rise again.’ Martha said to him, ‘I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day.’ Jesus said to her, ‘I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live, and everyone who lives and believes in me shall never die. Do you believe this?’ She said to him, ‘Yes, Lord; I believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God, who is coming into the world.’ The Teacher is here and is calling for you.’ And when she heard it, she rose quickly and went to him. Now Jesus had not yet come into the village, but was still in the place where Martha had met him. When the Jews who were with her in the house, consoling her, saw Mary rise quickly and go out, they followed her, supposing that she was going to the tomb to weep there. Now when Mary came to where Jesus was and saw him, she fell at his feet, saying to him, ‘Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died.’ When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who had come with her also weeping, he was deeply moved in his spirit and greatly troubled. And he said, ‘Where have you laid him?’ They said to him, ‘Lord, come and see.’ Jesus wept. So the Jews said, ‘See how he loved him!’ But some of them said, ‘Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man also have kept this man from dying?’

Then Jesus, deeply moved again, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone lay against it. Jesus said, ‘Take away the stone.’ Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, ‘Lord, by this time there will be a smell, for he has been dead four days.’ Jesus said to her, ‘Did I not tell you that if you believed you would see the glory of God?’ So they took away the stone. And Jesus lifted up his eyes and said, ‘Father, I thank you that you have heard me. I knew that you always hear me, but I said this on account of the people standing around, that they may believe that you sent me.’ When he had said these things, he cried out with a loud voice, ‘Lazarus, come out.’ The man who had died came out, his hands and feet bound with linen strips, and his face wrapped with a cloth. Jesus said to them, ‘Unbind him, and let him go.’

When she had said this, she went and called her sister Mary, saying in private, ‘Many of the Jews therefore, who had come with Mary and had seen what he did, believed in 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 *(Not used during Advent & Lent)*

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.**