

Teams for :	25/1	1/2	8/2	15/2	22/2
Children Liturgy	none	3	none	none HT	none HT
Coffee 9am (11)	11	1	2	3	4
Coffee 11am (8)	4	5	6	7	8
Flowers	Jan/Sally	Jan/Sally	Jo	Jo	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 Chrissp.

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.

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

URSULINE LAY ASSOCIATION: Every 2nd and 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.

RCIA - RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION The next RCIA session will take place on Wednesday, 28th January at 7.30pm in the centre.

BAPTISMS 2026 If you are considering having your child baptised in the first few months of the year, please contact the office to register onto the first Baptism Course that will be held next Saturday, 31st January from 10am-12 noon in the St John Paul II Centre. Baptisms will be held on Sundays at 1pm. Please contact the office to register on the course.

COFFEE MORNING The next Coffee Morning will be on 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 8th 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 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.

CAFOD'S LIVESIMPLY AWARD Congratulations to the pupils and staff at St Mary's School on achieving the LiveSimply award. Their actions are wonderful examples of caring for others and our common home and we wish them well as they continue to live simply, sustainably and in solidarity with communities around the world experiencing poverty.

COULD YOU BE A HEALTHCARE VOLUNTEER IN LOURDES? Are you a doctor, nurse or carer? Would you consider donating your time and expertise on the next Lourdes Pilgrimage? Every year sick pilgrims are able to make the journey to Lourdes thanks to the support of a dedicated Healthcare Team. Without their expertise many pilgrims would not be able to go. If you are a healthcare professional and would like to try something new please consider joining us. You will make a real difference. For more information, and to access the Volunteer Pilgrimage Pack and an application form, please visit <https://www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk/lourdes-pilgrimage> or scan the QR code.

RETRouveille MARRIAGE Does your marriage need some TLC? Need help with communication and trust? Retrouveille helps marriages. It can bring hope and healing to relationships. Online courses available. Next date: 12th February 2026. For more information go to www.retrouveille.org.uk or call tel: 07887 296983.



CRIB COLLECTION

The crib collection this year will go towards Médecins Sans Frontières (MSF) Médecins Sans Frontières / Doctors Without Borders (MSF). Their teams act fast to save people's lives in conflict zones, natural disasters and epidemics. Charity Reg. No. 1026588. Please go to <https://msf.org.uk/> to find out more information on the work they do. Thank you in advance for your donations. Donations by card accepted, option Crib Collection. The crib will be displayed until February 2nd. The church will be open daily for you to visit between 9-3pm.

SOCIAL EVENTS FOR YOUR DIARY!

ORGANISED BY THE PARISH SOCIAL & FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE.

QUIZ NIGHT 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 at the JPII Centre, only £5 pp.

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 please contact the social committee on sc.tic.bicester@rcaob.org.uk

DIARY DATES 2026 :

Baptism Course - Saturday 31st January 10am-12 noon.

Coffee Mornings Friday 6th February & 6th March at 10am.

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)

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 JANUARY & FEBRUARY

will be for Parish Maintenance.

BICESTER LINK TO DONATE:

<https://portal.mydonate.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:
bicester@rcaob.org.uk



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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/>

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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.



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.



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THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Sunday Cycle A - Weekdays II - 25th January 2026 - Psalter Week 4

Month of January is dedicated to The Holy Name of Jesus

Pope's Prayer Intention - Let us pray that praying with the Word of God be nourishment for our lives and a source of hope in our communities, helping us to build a more fraternal and missionary church.

DATE	TIME	INTENTIONS	FEASTS	LECTORS	E O MINISTERS	WELCOMERS
SAT 24th Vigil Mass	4.00pm @ Hethe 6.00pm	People of the Parish In Thanksgiving—Ian & Kathryn, 53rd Wedding Ann.	Mem of St Francis de Sales, B, Dr	Volunteer Sisters	M Kelly/B Santiago	M Marrs/P Behan
SUN 25th	9.00am 11.00am 1.00pm	1st Holy Communion Commitment Mass Jiri Franta Sr (RIP) Patsy Harber (RIP) Baptism - Hayley Chu Kruzel	Third Sunday in Ordinary Time Sunday of the Word of God	A Mutton/ D Munoz E Green/H King	L & R Weaver Sr Molly/ volunteer	C West/ Volun- teer Franta Family
MON 26th	9.30 @Hethe 12 noon	Holy Souls Eileen Parker (RIP) 1st Anni.	Mem of Ss Timothy and Titus, B	A Fitzpatrick		
TUE 27th	9.30am	George Pearson (RIP)	Mem of St Angela Merici, V	L Cleeve		
WED 28th		No Mass	Mem of St Thomas Aquinas, P, Dr			
THU 29th	9.30am	Gwilym Patrick Price (RIP)	Feria in Ordinary Time	H King		
FRI 30th	12 noon	Peter & Pat (RIP)	Feria in Ordinary Time	E King		
SAT 31st Vigil Mass	10.00am 10.30am - 11.30am 10am-12 noon 4.00pm @ Hethe 6.00pm	Ints of Alma Teng Benediction, Exposition & Confessions Baptism Course @ Centre Sean O'Neill (RIP) People of the Parish	Mem of St John Bosco, P	Volunteer C McArdle/P Cousins	Sr Rose/ S Doherty	C West/volunteer
SUN 1st February	9.00am 11.00am	Mary Gilmore (RIP) Tony McGovern (RIP)	Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time Racial Justice Day	M Brown/J Li R Evans/ J Hurst	A Hall/ A Mutton J & M Franta	L & C Cleeve Timorean Community



Fairtrade/Rainforest Alliance tea & coffee in the centre after the 9am and 11am Masses every weekend & monthly Fridays 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'

Church	First Collection	Second Collection	Standing Orders	Mass Attendance
Bicester	£825.80	£185.77	£1122	508
Hethe	£43.39		£198	44

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

Parish Deacons:

THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Entrance Antiphon O sing a new song to the Lord; sing to the Lord, all the earth. In his presence are majesty and splendour, strength and honour in his holy place.

First reading

In Galilee of the nations the people have seen a great light.

In the former time the Lord brought into contempt the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the latter time he has made glorious the way of the sea, the land beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the nations. The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who dwelt in a land of deep darkness, on them has light shone. You have multiplied the nation; you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as they are glad when they divide the spoil. For the yoke of his burden, and the staff for his shoulder, the rod of his oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian.

The word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God

Responsorial Psalm *The LORD is my light and my salvation.*

Second reading

1 Corinthians 1:10-13, 17

'I appeal to you that all of you agree, and that there be no divisions among you.'

I appeal to you, brothers and sisters, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you agree, and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be united in the same mind and the same judgement. For it has been reported to me by Chloe's people that there is quarrelling among you, my brothers and sisters. What I mean is that each one of you says, 'I follow Paul', or 'I follow Apollos', or 'I follow Cephas', or 'I follow Christ.' Is Christ divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptised in the name of Paul? For Christ did not send me to baptise but to preach the gospel, and not with words of eloquent wisdom, lest the cross of Christ be emptied of its power.

The word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God

Gospel Acclamation Alleluia, alleluia.

Jesus proclaimed the gospel of the kingdom and healed every affliction among the people.
Alleluia.

Gospel

Matthew 4:12-23

'Jesus went to Capernaum so that what was spoken by the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled.'

When Jesus heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew into Galilee. And leaving Nazareth he went and lived in Capernaum by the sea, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali, so that what was spoken by the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled: 'The land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, the way of the sea, beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles — the people dwelling in darkness have seen a great light, and for those dwelling in the region and shadow of death, on them a light has dawned.' From that time Jesus began to preach, saying, 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.'

While walking by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon (who is called Peter) and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea, for they were fishermen. And he said to them, 'Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men.' Immediately they left their nets and followed him. And going on from there he saw two other brothers, James the son of Zebedee and John his brother, in the boat with Zebedee their father, mending their nets, and he called them. Immediately they left the boat and their father and followed him.

And he went throughout all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the gospel of the kingdom and healing every disease and every affliction among the people.

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.