



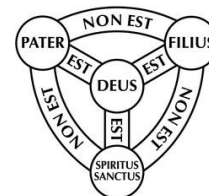
# THE CATHOLIC PARISH OF ST. EDMUND CAMPION

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No:234216**

### Sunday:

**THIRTIETH SUNDAY  
IN ORDINARY TIME  
YEAR A**

### Date:

**Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> October 2026**

### Weekday Cycle: Year II

**Divine Office: Week 2**

| Date:                                                                                         | Time:                                             | Intentions:                                                                                                         | Readers:                             |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| Saturday 24 <sup>th</sup> Oct<br><b>Mem of Our Lady</b>                                       | 4:00pm HT<br>6:00pm                               | People of the Parish – David & Veronica Barnes (Golden Wedd)<br>Bill Hornby (RIP)                                   | Volunteer<br>Sisters                 |
| Sunday 25 <sup>th</sup> Oct<br><b>30th in Ordinary Time</b>                                   | 9:00am<br>11:00am<br>1:00pm                       | Private Ints (GA)<br>William Swanson (RIP)<br><i>Baptism – Zachary Roger Monger</i>                                 | S McCarthy<br>T Lane/ N Ward         |
| Monday 26 <sup>th</sup> Oct<br><b>Feria in Ordinary Time</b>                                  | 9.30am HT<br>12 noon IC<br>7.00pm P               | Damien Ndwija (RIP)<br>Holy Souls<br><i>Parish Finance Meeting</i>                                                  | H King                               |
| Tuesday 27 <sup>th</sup> Oct<br><b>Feria in Ordinary Time</b>                                 | 9.30am<br>2.00pm                                  | Anita Magleo (RIP)<br><i>Divine Mercy Chaplet</i>                                                                   | N Li                                 |
| Wednesday 28 <sup>th</sup> Oct<br><b>Feast of Ss Simon &amp; Jude, A</b>                      | NO MASS                                           |                                                                                                                     |                                      |
| Thursday 29 <sup>th</sup> Oct<br><b>Feria in Ordinary Time</b>                                | 9.30am                                            | Fr Seamus Farrell (RIP)                                                                                             | L Cleeve                             |
| Friday 30 <sup>th</sup> Oct<br><b>Feria in Ordinary Time</b>                                  | 12.00noon                                         | <b>Requiem Mass - Gilbert Standage (RIP)</b>                                                                        | E King                               |
| Saturday 31 <sup>st</sup> Oct<br><b>Mem of Our Lady</b><br>(1 <sup>st</sup> Masses of Sunday) | 10.00am<br>10.30am-11.30am<br>4:00pm HT<br>6:00pm | Kathleen Day (RIP)<br><i>Confessions, Exposition &amp; Benediction</i><br>People of the Parish<br>Felipe Teng (RIP) | Volunteer<br>K & P Kallay            |
| Sunday 1 <sup>st</sup> November<br><b>Solemnity of All Saints</b>                             | 9:00am<br>11:00am                                 | Jiri Franta Snr. (RIP)<br>Michael Gallagher (RIP) followed by Blessing of Graves in the<br>Foynes Memorial Garden   | C Moyse & J Josh<br>H King & E Green |

### Parish Live Stream

All of the services at Bicester are live-streamed on our Parish YouTube 'Bicester Catholic Church' Channel. This can be accessed via the Parish website or by visiting:

<https://camstreamer.com/redirect/xmTDv4jBRjMTOM5VBVyN34wpRY1nK34jSHqcqhR>

Follow the Mass Readings at:

<https://universalis.com/mass.html>

**We have a CCTV System that operates 24hrs a day.**

**This is in place for the safety of all who attend this church, the protection of property and crime prevention.**



An Induction Loop System is provided at the Church of the Immaculate Conception. Please switch Hearing Aids to 'T'.

| Church          | First Collection | World Mission Sunday | Standing Orders | Mass Attendance |
|-----------------|------------------|----------------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| <b>BICESTER</b> | <b>£810.48</b>   | <b>£475.44</b>       | <b>£1122</b>    | <b>443</b>      |
| <b>HETHE</b>    | <b>£82.00</b>    | <b>£41.80</b>        | <b>£165</b>     | <b>41</b>       |



### TEA & COFFEE MORNING



Tea & Coffee is available in the JP II Centre every Sunday after the 9am & 11am Masses. We also have our monthly Coffee Morning, on a Friday, throughout the year, from 10-11:45am.

**Come along for a chat and meet other members of the parish community!**



Use this QR Code to join our Parish WhatsApp Group where you can keep up with news and information from the parish. Here you will also find other group pages for the different church groups created within the app. Simply scan the QR Code and follow the instructions.

## THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR A

**Entrance Antiphon:** Let the hearts that seek the Lord rejoice; turn to the Lord and his strength; constantly seek his face.

**First reading**

**Exodus 22:21-27**

**‘If you mistreat any widow or fatherless child, my wrath will burn against you.’**

Thus says the Lord: ‘You shall not wrong a sojourner or oppress him, for you were sojourners in the land of Egypt. You shall not mistreat any widow or fatherless child. If you do mistreat them, and they cry out to me, I will surely hear their cry, and my wrath will burn, and I will kill you with the sword, and your wives shall become widows and your children fatherless. If you lend money to any of my people with you who is poor, you shall not be like a money-lender to him, and you shall not exact interest from him. If ever you take your neighbour’s cloak in pledge, you shall return it to him before the sun goes down, for that is his only covering, and it is his cloak for his body; in what else shall he sleep? And if he cries to me, I will hear, for I am compassionate.’

The word of the Lord

**All: Thanks be to God**

**Responsorial Psalm:** *I love you, LORD, my strength.*

**Second reading**

**1 Thessalonians 1:5c-10**

**‘You turned away from idols to serve God and to wait for his Son.’**

Brothers and Sisters: You know what kind of men we proved to be among you for your sake. And you became imitators of us and of the Lord, for you received the word in much affliction, with the joy of the Holy Spirit, so that you became an example to all the believers in Macedonia and in Achaia. For not only has the word of the Lord sounded forth from you in Macedonia and Achaia, but your faith in God has gone forth everywhere, so that we need not say anything. For they themselves report concerning us the kind of reception we had among you, and how you turned to God from idols to serve the living and true God, and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead, Jesus who delivers us from the wrath to come.

The word of the Lord

**All: Thanks be to God**

**Gospel Acclamation** Alleluia, alleluia.

If anyone loves me, he will keep my word, says the Lord,  
and my Father will love him, and we will come to him.  
Alleluia.

**Gospel**

**Matthew 22:34-40**

**‘You shall love the Lord your God and your neighbour as yourself.’**

At that time: When the Pharisees heard that Jesus had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together. And one of them, a lawyer, asked him a question to test him. ‘Teacher, which is the great commandment in the Law?’ And he said to him, ‘You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the great and first commandment. And a second is like it: You shall love your neighbour as yourself. On these two commandments depend all the Law and the Prophets.’

The Gospel of the Lord

**All: Praise to you Lord, Jesus Christ**



## World Mission Sunday:

Thank you for your donations to the World Mission Sunday appeal last weekend. Our parish raised £517.24! Your prayers and support will help missionaries work alongside communities worldwide, regardless of background or belief. Please continue to pray all who share the love and hope of Christ with our sisters and brothers in need throughout the world. To donate, use a Missio envelope, call 020 7821 9755 (office hours) or visit [missio.org.uk](http://missio.org.uk) to give a gift, set up a Direct Debit and Gift Aid your donation if possible.

## ADVENT WREATH MAKING WORKSHOP

Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> November at 7pm at the JPPII Centre.

Come along and join our wonderful team of Church Flower Ladies for a fun and festive evening of wreath making.

Please bring some foliage and decorative bits along, all other items will be provided.

To take part please add your name to the list at the back of the church. £10 pp.

## BAPTISM COURSE:

The next Baptism Course will take place on Saturday, 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2027 from 10.30am-12.30pm in the JPPII Centre. If you are planning to have your child/ren baptised in the first half of 2027 please do make every effort to attend this course. Please contact the parish office by email to register.

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY 2026

### **Parish Monthly Coffee Morning:**

Friday 6<sup>th</sup> November at 10am

### **JPPII Gaming Event:**

Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> November 11am – 4pm

### **Christmas Bazaar:**

Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> November: 10am – 2pm

### **Filipino Prayer Day:**

Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> December from 3.30pm



## PARISH 100 CLUB:

The draw takes place this weekend Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> October, during coffee after the 9am Mass. **You have to be in it to win it!**

## OFFERING COLLECTORS AND OFFERTORY:

Would you be willing to help with the offertory and offering collection at Mass? If you would like to help please speak to the Welcomers or Sisters as you arrive for Mass.

## MASS INTENTIONS:

Mass Intentions are currently available from January 2027. Please ensure that you complete a “Mass Offering Envelope” if you pay by card.

## THIS WEEK THE SANCTUARY CANDLES BURN

### FOR:

**Sanctuary Lamp: Jan Handzel**  
**Our Lady's Chapel: Kevin Conboy**



If you wish to sponsor one of the lamps which burn perpetually in the church, please complete and return the slip to the Parish Office/Sisters.

Lamps cost £10 each and burn for one week.

## November – Month of the Holy Souls:

The Church dedicates the month of November to the contemplation of the mystery of the Communion of Saints. This communion of love includes the faithful who have already reached heaven, the faithful departed who are still being purified and made ready for full union with God, and the pilgrim faithful here on earth. As the celebration of Mass is the highest means the Church can provide for charity for the dead, we invite you to submit the names of your deceased parents, relations, friends, and all for whom you wish to pray. These names will be remembered in Masses for Holy Souls. Please use the Holy Souls envelopes provided and deliver together with your offerings to the casket near the sanctuary during the month of November.

*“We pray with Christian hope that they are with God in paradise, in the expectation of being together again in that Mystery of Love that we don’t understand, but which we know is true because it is a promise that Jesus made.” — Pope Francis*

### Solemnity of All Saints - Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> November

Masses at 9am & 11am

### All Souls’ Day – Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> November

Masses at 10am, 12 noon & 7pm in Bicester

### Blessing of Graves

Foynes Memorial Garden - Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> November  
after 11am Mass

Bicester Cemetery – Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> November - 3pm  
Vespers in church

St Mary’s Ambrosden – Sunday in November TBC

## VISIT OUR PIETY SHOP:

Have you visited our little gem at the back of church? Our parish repository shop is full of lovely gifts, religious items and other interesting finds. Christmas items will be available soon. All profits go towards supporting our church. Please do pop in your support is greatly appreciated. Orders for olive cribs from Bethlehem are being taken now. A few more volunteers are needed to open the shop at Sunday Masses. Please speak to Lucia if you can help.

## PRAY FOR THE SICK AND THE HOUSEBOUND:

Let us pray for the sick in our parish, those at home, in hospital, and in Nursing Homes: **Mary Lynch, Jean McIntosh**. Please pray also for those who carry the burden of their illnesses privately.

## MONTH OF THE HOLY ROSARY:

Thank you to those who have volunteered so far. Please add yourselves to the Rosary What’sApp Group to establish a rota.

## CHRISTIAN MEN AGED 18-30- RESEARCH:

We are looking for Christian men aged 18-30 who have found faith or the church in the last 5 years. If this describes you, you are invited to participate in a 40-60 min interview online or in person. If you are interested, please contact Szilvi Watson at Regent’s Park College, University of Oxford at [szilvi.watson@regents.ox.ac.uk](mailto:szilvi.watson@regents.ox.ac.uk).

## Journey in Faith (RCIA):

The course will commence on **Monday 30<sup>th</sup> November from 7.30pm- 9pm** in the JPPII Centre up to Easter. Please speak to Fr. Craig, or contact the Parish Office, ASAP.

### **SAFEGUARDING NOTICE:**

This Parish operates in accordance with Statutory Safeguarding Guidance and National and Archdiocesan policies & procedures at all times. Our Parish Safeguarding Representatives are: **Mrs Elizabeth Green**, who can be contacted at [sg.tic.bicester@rcaob.org.uk](mailto:sg.tic.bicester@rcaob.org.uk) and: **Mr Les Cleeve**, who can be contacted at [ht.sg.holytrinity.hethe@rcaob.org.uk](mailto:ht.sg.holytrinity.hethe@rcaob.org.uk)  
The Diocesan Safeguarding Team can be contacted at [safeguarding@rcaob.org.uk](mailto:safeguarding@rcaob.org.uk) or on 0121 230 6240 if you have any safeguarding concerns.

### **POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR OCTOBER:**

**For mental health ministry:** Let us pray for mental health ministry to be established throughout the Church, helping to overcome the stigma and discrimination towards people with mental illnesses.

### **PARISH INFORMATION BOARD:**

#### **Piety Shop:**

Open Friday, Saturday & Sunday around Mass times

#### **Rosary:**

Daily 25 mins before the start of Mass

#### **Divine Mercy Chaplet:**

Every Tuesday at 2pm in Church

#### **Confession:**

Bicester: Saturday 10:30am – 11:30am

Hethe: Saturday 3:30pm – 3:50pm

#### **Ursuline Lay Association:**

Every 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday at 2pm in the Convent.

#### **East Timor Community Prayer:**

First Sunday of the month at 5pm (Various Locations)

#### **Journey in Faith (RCIA):**

Monday's from Autumn to Easter at 7pm

### **FINANCIAL INFORMATION**

Please place all candle money into the wall safe marked 'CANDLES' at the back of the church near the Piety Shop. Alternatively, you can pay on the card machine under 'Sanctuary Lamps & Votives'.

### **SECOND COLLECTIONS FOR OCTOBER:**

24<sup>th</sup>/25<sup>th</sup> Parish Maintenance

**NOVEMBER: 1<sup>st</sup> Johnson Association**

8<sup>th</sup>/15<sup>th</sup>/29<sup>th</sup> Parish Maintenance

22<sup>nd</sup> Catholic Youth Service

### **PARISH GIVING:**

#### **Link to Donate Online:**

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

#### **Mass Intention Offerings:**

Please use the 'Mass Intention Envelopes' provided. You can either make your donation by placing cash in the envelope or, by using the card machine under 'Mass Offerings' NB, when using the card machine you must also put the intention in the 'message box' so that your donation and the envelope can be matched together. Please also write 'paid by card or machine' on the envelope. Envelopes should then be delivered to the sacristy.

#### **Contactless Giving:**

You can also donate by scanning the QR Code with your phone or by using the card machine in the church porch. If you are a UK tax payer, please consider Gift Aiding your donation. Each time you make a subsequent donation using the same card Gift Aid will be added automatically.



#### **Gift Aid Your Offering**

If you are a UK Tax Payer, and you give by Standing Order, please consider Gift Aiding your weekly offerings. 25% in every £1 could be added to the value of your donation at no cost to you! Please contact Sr. Sani, the Parish Gift Aid Co-ordinator.

### **PARISH DUTIES THIS WEEKEND: 24<sup>TH</sup>/25<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER**

|              |                            |                                                       |
|--------------|----------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------|
| 6pm Mass     | <b>Welcomers:</b>          | <b>M Marrs &amp; P Behan</b>                          |
|              | <b>E. O. Ministers:</b>    | <b>O Panejko &amp; B Santiago</b>                     |
| 9.00am Mass  | <b>Welcomers:</b>          | <b>C St John &amp; volunteer</b>                      |
|              | <b>E. O. Ministers:</b>    | <b>M &amp; A Brown</b>                                |
|              | <b>Children's Liturgy:</b> | <b>No Children's Liturgy – Half Term</b>              |
|              | <b>Tea/Coffee:</b>         | <b>Team 6</b>                                         |
| 11.00am Mass | <b>Welcomers:</b>          | <b>Kokore Family</b>                                  |
|              | <b>E. O. Ministers:</b>    | <b>Sister &amp; J Kokore</b>                          |
|              | <b>Children's Liturgy:</b> | <b>No Children's Liturgy this weekend – Half Term</b> |
|              | <b>Tea/Coffee:</b>         | <b>Team 7</b>                                         |

### **DUTIES DURING THE WEEK FOR SUNDAY: 1<sup>ST</sup> NOVEMBER 2026**

|                  |               |
|------------------|---------------|
| <b>Cleaners:</b> | <b>Team 1</b> |
| <b>Flowers:</b>  | <b>Sally</b>  |

### **PARISH DUTIES NEXT WEEKEND: 31<sup>ST</sup> OCT/1<sup>ST</sup> NOV**

|              |                            |                                                       |
|--------------|----------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------|
| 6pm Mass     | <b>Welcomers:</b>          | <b>Volunteers</b>                                     |
|              | <b>E. O. Ministers:</b>    | <b>S &amp; M Doherty</b>                              |
| 9.00am Mass  | <b>Welcomers:</b>          | <b>Brown Family</b>                                   |
|              | <b>E. O. Ministers:</b>    | <b>L &amp; R Weaver</b>                               |
|              | <b>Children's Liturgy:</b> | <b>No Children's Liturgy this weekend – Half Term</b> |
|              | <b>Tea/Coffee:</b>         | <b>Team 7</b>                                         |
| 11.00am Mass | <b>Welcomers:</b>          | <b>Franta Family</b>                                  |
|              | <b>E. O. Ministers:</b>    | <b>G Andrade &amp; U Edwards</b>                      |
|              | <b>Children's Liturgy:</b> | <b>No Children's Liturgy this weekend – Half Term</b> |
|              | <b>Tea/Coffee:</b>         | <b>Team 8</b>                                         |