

Teams for :	26/10	2/11	9/11	16/11	23/11	30/11
Children lit.	none	none	1	none	2	none
Coffee 9am (11)	9	10	11	1	2	3
Coffee 11am (9)	7	8	9	1	2	3
Flowers	Anne & Kirsten	Anne & Kirsten	Sally	Sally	Anita	Lucia

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.

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: <i>Saturday Bicester: 10.30am-11.30am Hethe: 3.15pm-3.50 pm (Sacristy)</i>
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.

HARVEST MASSES Will take place this weekend, and the Environment Group is requesting donations of home grown fruit and vegetables which will be donated, with other food to the Food Bank. Thank you.

NOVEMBER HOLY SOULS Envelopes are available at the back of church. Please add names in remembrance of lost loved ones with your offerings for the month of November, during which Holy Souls Masses will be said. Please return envelopes to the casket in church from November 1st.

FRED THORNLEY RIP Fred will be received into church on Thursday 13th November at 4pm and a Requiem Mass will be celebrated on Friday 14th November at 12 noon. Fred’s ashes will be interred into the Foynes Memorial Garden at a later date. May he rest in peace.

RCIA Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults The course will run from Oct/Nov 2025—April 2026. Dates will be announced soon. Please email your interest to the parish office.

ST MARYS CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL Open Evening Thursday 6th November 4.30pm-6pm. <https://www.st-marys-bicester.oxon.sch.uk/>

REMINDER If you place your offering by card for a mass intention, please remember to *also* complete a Mass Offering envelope. This ensures that no mass offerings will be missed. Thank you.

NEW MISSALS Orders being taken for Daily Missals priced at £66, and Weekday missals priced at £55. Please leave £20 deposit at the shop when ordering.

JOIN AID TO THE CHURCH IN NEED on Saturday, November 15th, 11am - 5pm at Harvington Hall for a day of reflection and prayer for the suffering and persecuted Church. Listen to stories of Catholic persecution from the past and Christian persecution in the present day. Hunt a hide with our private tour guide and celebrate Holy Mass with Bishop Timothy Menezes. To book please email teresa.kehoe@acnuk.org. £25pp and bring your own lunch.

RED WEDNESDAY is on Wednesday, November 19, 2025, and is a global day of awareness and action to highlight the persecution of people of faith, particularly Christians. The event is organized by the Catholic charity [Aid to the Church in Need \(ACN\)](#). To participate, you can wear red, light buildings red, (our church will be lit up red inside, search ‘Bicester Catholic Church’ on YouTube to view from home) and participate in or organize local events to pray for and support those who are persecuted for their faith.

CHRISTMAS BAZAAR this will take place on Sunday 30th November, 10am-1pm, the first weekend of Advent. The Social Committee chaired by Jan Hartley, will need your help for this event and will be requesting items for stalls and also your help on the day in due course. Please look out for details in this bulletin & Catholic Bicester What’s App in the coming weeks. Committee members: Sue & Martin Doherty, Mark Brown, Kian Brown, Cath Moyse, Ken Hung, Silvy Joseph, Vera Lysak & Orsi Farmer. **Next week-end we will be asking for donations of bottles (drinkable) and chocolate. These can be placed in the boxes in the porch next weekend.**

ENVIRONMENTAL TIPS The Environmental Group would like share this tip to encourage you to save water: After steaming or boiling vegetables, drain the water into a bowl/container to cool and use for watering plants in the garden.

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.





THE BLESSING OF GRAVES IN THE MONTH OF THE HOLY SOULS, NOVEMBER

Family and friends of those who are buried at Foynes Memorial Garden, Bicester Cemetary, Holy Trinity, Hethe, and St Marys, Ambrosden are warmly invited each November to the Blessing of Graves, a commemoration of all the faithful departed buried in our Cemeteries and an opportunity to pray for the repose of their souls.



Holy Trinity, Hethe – Saturday 1st November after 4pm Mass
Foynes Memorial Garden – Sunday 2nd November after 11am Mass
Bicester Cemetary – Sunday 9th November, Vespers in church at 3pm followed by Blessing of Graves
St Marys, Ambrosden – Sunday 23rd November tbc

Monday 3rd Nov All Souls’ Day Masses will be held at 9.30am at Hethe and at 12 noon and 7.00pm in Bicester.

Friday 7th Nov 10am Whole School Mass in church.
Sunday 9th Nov Remembrance Sunday Only one Mass at 9.45am.
Saturday 22nd Nov 6pm Mass for Deceased Catenian Brothers.

“If, during life, we have been kind to the suffering souls in purgatory, God will see that help be not denied us after death.” – St. Paul of the Cross

DIARY DATES:
Coffee Mornings Every first Friday of the month from 10-11.45am.
Parish Pastoral Council Meeting: Monday 17th Nov at 7pm.
#REDWEDNESDAY Wednesday 19th November.
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.
Mass of Confirmation Friday 20th March 2026 at 7pm.

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.’

OCTOBER SECOND COLLECTION 26th: Parish Maintenance

NOVEMBER 2nd Johnson Association

PARISH GIVING

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

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.

HETHE



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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/SfORcspHjzNr8niFC4ls5oJQBgoc37B8YBCjKvPc> 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

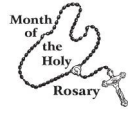
And **Holy Trinity** @Hardwick Rd, HETHE OX27 8AW

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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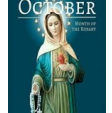


Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

26th October 2025

Month of October is dedicated to The Holy Rosary - Sunday Cycle C - Psalter Week 2

Holy Father’s Prayer Intention: For collaboration between different religious traditions. Let us pray that believers in different religious traditions may work together to defend and promote peace, justice and human fraternity.



DATE	TIME	INTENTIONS	FEASTS	LECTORS	E O MINISTERS	WELCOMERS
SAT 25th Vigil Mass	4.00pm Hethe 6.00pm	People of the Parish Bill Hornby (RIP)	<i>Mem or Our Lady</i>	Volunteer B & K McFall	M Kelly/Sister	S & M Doherty
SUN 26th	9.00am 11.00am	Ronald Joseph Hawke (RIP) William Swanson (RIP) 25th Ann.	30th Sunday in Ordinary Time	A Mutton/S McCarthy J Franta/ A Kearsley	A & R Parati J Marshall/Sister	C St John/ C West Kokore Family
MON 27th	9.30am @ Hethe 12 noon	Holy Souls Ints of Gwydion Edwards (Birthday)	<i>Feria in Ordinary Time</i>	M Daniel		
TUE 28th	9.30am	Adrian Tebbutt (RIP)	<i>Feast of Ss Simeon & Jude, A</i>	J Kokore		
WED 29th		No Mass	<i>Feria in Ordinary Time</i>			
THU 30th	9.30am	Ints of Fr Pat Armstrong	<i>Feria in Ordinary Time</i>	H King		
FRI 31st	12 noon	Kate Day (RIP)	<i>Feria in Ordinary Time</i>	E King		
November SAT 1st Vigil Mass	10.00am 10.30am-11.30am 4.00pm Hethe 6.00pm	Ints of Rosemary Faber Exposition, Benediction & Confessions People of the Parish followed by Blessing of Graves Wallace Andrade (RIP)	<i>Mem of Our Lady Vigil of the Solemnity of All Saints</i>	L Cleeve Volunteer P & K Kallay	B Santiago/ Sister	B & K McFall
SUN 2nd	9.00am 11.00am	In Thanksgiving for a Safe Return Mary & Gladys Ayienda (RIP) followed by Blessing of Graves in the Foynes Memorial Garden	Solemnity of All Saints	C Moyse/C St John T Lane/N Ward	A Hall/C Drew J & M Franta	Brown Family Volunteers

Annual Collection for The Johnson Association The Annual Collection for The Johnson Association takes place in all churches and parishes of the Archdiocese on the weekend of 1st & 2nd November. The Johnson Association provides financial help and support to the retired, sick and infirm clergy of the Archdiocese. Our priests rely on this support after devoting their lives to furthering the mission of the church and bringing people closer to Christ. Please give what you can. Thank you.



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

Donations can now be made by card—option ‘Coffee Mornings’

This week we pray for...

SANCTUARY LIGHT: Rev Fr Pat Armstrong

OUR LADY’S CHAPEL: Sandra, Pat & Bernadette

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 Missio	Standing Orders	Mass Attendance
Bicester	£992.29	£562.04	£1122	504
Hethe	£28	£30	£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.

Archdiocese of Birmingham: “Our Vision is to be a Catholic Diocese which is faithful to the mission entrusted to us by Jesus Christ, full of missionary disciples who work together co-responsibly in vibrant communities of faith, joyful in their service of God and neighbour”.

Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

First reading Sirach 35:15b-17, 20-22b

‘The prayer of the humble pierces the clouds.’

The Lord is the judge, and with him is no partiality. He will not show partiality in the case of a poor man; and he will listen to the prayer of one who is wronged. He will not ignore the supplication of the orphan or the widow when she pours out her story. He whose service is pleasing to the Lord will be accepted, and his prayer will reach to the clouds. The prayer of the humble pierces the clouds, and he will not be consoled until it reaches the Lord; he will not desist until the Most High visits him and does justice for the righteous and executes judgement. And the Lord will not delay.

The word of the Lord
All: Thanks be to God

Responsorial Psalm The lowly one called, and the LORD heard him.

Second reading 2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18

‘There is laid up for me the crown of righteousness.’

Beloved: I am already being poured out as a drink offering, and the time of my departure has come. I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. Henceforth there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will award to me on that day, and not only to me, but also to all who have loved his appearing.

At my first defence no one came to stand by me, but all deserted me. May it not be charged against them! But the Lord stood by me and strengthened me, so that through me the message might be fully proclaimed and all the Gentiles might hear it. So I was rescued from the lion’s mouth. The Lord will rescue me from every evil deed and bring me safely into his heavenly kingdom. To him be the glory for ever and ever. Amen.

The word of the Lord
All: Thanks be to God

Gospel Acclamation Alleluia, alleluia.
God was in Christ reconciling the world to himself,
and entrusting to us the message of reconciliation.
Alleluia.

Gospel Luke 18:9-14

‘The tax collector went down to his house justified, rather than the Pharisee.’

At that time: Jesus told this parable to some who trusted in themselves that they were righteous, and treated others with contempt: ‘Two men went up into the Temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. The Pharisee, standing by himself, prayed thus: “God, I thank you that I am not like other men, extortioners, unjust, adulterers, or even like this tax collector. I fast twice a week; I give tithes of all that I get.” But the tax collector, standing far off, would not even lift up his eyes to heaven, but beat his breast, saying, “God, be merciful to me, a sinner!” I tell you, this man went down to his house justified, rather than the other. For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, but the one who humbles himself will be exalted.’

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.