

<b>Teams for :</b>	<b>28/12</b>	<b>4/1</b>	<b>11/1</b>	<b>18/1</b>	<b>25/1</b>
Children lit.	none	none			
Coffee 9am (11)	7	8	9	10	11
Coffee 11am (9)	8	9	1	2	3
Flowers	All	All	All dismantle	Portia/Adelia	Jan/Sally

<b>LET US PRAY FOR THE SICK AND HOUSEBOUND</b> We include those in hospitals, nursing homes and their own homes: Mary Lynch, K Cashman, Jean McIntosh, Gerry Wright, Paul Chrisp.
<p><b>ROSARY:</b> Daily 25 minutes before Mass starts.</p> <p><b>DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET:</b> Every Tuesday at 2.00pm in Church.</p> <p><b>BAPTISMS/WEDDINGS:</b> Please contact the Parish Office through email or phone.</p> <p><b>CONFESSIONS:</b> <i>Saturday Bicester: 10.30am-11.30am</i> <i>Hethe: 3.15pm-3.50 pm (Sacristy)</i></p> <p><b>URSULINE LAY ASSOCIATION:</b> Every 2nd Wednesday of the month @ 2pm Ursuline Convent.</p> <p><b>EAST TIMOR COMMUNITY PRAYER:</b> First Sunday of the month at 5.00pm. Various locations.</p> <p><b>PARISH OUTREACH GROUP:</b> Contact the Office if you need some form of practical help.</p> <p><b>PIETY SHOP:</b> Open Friday, Saturday and Sunday around Masses.</p>

**NO MASSES** Please note that there will be no Masses on weekdays next week including on Saturday 3rd January at 10am. Masses at 4pm at Hethe and 6pm in Bicester will take place as usual on 3rd January and thereafter.

**100 CLUB DECEMBER** An extra Christmas prize of £100 will be drawn in the December draw this weekend—good luck!

**CHRISTMAS RAFFLE** The list of winners is posted on the notice board in church and also on What's App. Please collect form the centre hall. Thank you for donating so many fantastic prizes and to everyone who bought tickets. An amazing total of £1220 was raised for parish funds.

**CHRISTMAS TREE STARS** Sales of stars have raised £349. Thank you also for supporting this fundraiser.

**QR CODE** Payments for Mass & Parish Priest Christmas offerings, crib collection, all payments and donations can be made from the comfort of your home by scanning the QR code with your phone, please remember to select the correct option. Thank you also for increasingly using the DONA machine more to make your contributions.

**ST STEPHEN'S DAY** Many congratulations to Rosemaria Silvy who received her Guild of St Stephen silver medal, for 10 years serving, and to all our new alter servers, at mass on Friday. Thank you for your continued commitment.

**PIETY SHOP** Diocesan Directories 2026 are available at £5 per copy along with a small selection of 2026 calendars.

**FRIENDS OF THE HOLY LAND** Would like to thank all parishioners for their very generous support. They raised £1249.52 from sales of olive wood items a few weeks before Christmas.

**PARISH OFFICE** Please note that the office will reopen on Friday, 2nd January at 10am after the Christmas break.

**SOLEMNITY OF THE EPIPHANY - HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION**  
The Solemnity of the Epiphany will be celebrated on Tuesday, 6th January. Masses will be held at 10am here in church, with St Mary's School attending, at 2pm at Hethe and at 7pm again here in Bicester.

**RCIA Rite of Christian Initiation.** The next RCIA session will be in the new year on Wednesday, 7th January at 7.30pm in the centre.

**POLISH CAROL SERVICE & SOCIAL** This will take place on Sunday, 11th January from 4pm in church followed by social in the centre. All welcome.

**UKRAINIAN LITURGY** Ukrainian Divine Liturgy with Fr Taras Dovbaniuk from Coventry, will take place on every second Sunday of the month, next one 11th January, at 6.30pm, here in church for all our Ukrainian parish-ioners and anyone who wishes to attend.

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

**COFFEE MORNING** The next Coffee Morning will be on Friday, 6th February 2026 at the usual time of 10am. The team look forward to seeing you all then!

**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. More details to follow in the new year.

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.




# JUBILEE YEAR 2025

## “Pilgrims of Hope”



To find out more, visit: [www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk/jubilee-year](http://www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk/jubilee-year) or scan:



### CRIB COLLECTION

The crib collection this year will go towards Medecins Sans Frontieres (MSF) 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.

*The church will be open daily for you to visit between 9-3pm.*

### THANK YOU!

I would like to take this opportunity to say thank you to all who made our Christmas Celebrations so beautiful this year. For all who worked so hard to prepare, & decorate the church, serve, read, sing and play for all of the Masses. I would also like to say a huge thank you for the many cards, gifts , and the Christmas Offering that I have received over the past few days. I am always humbled and astonished by peoples generosity. I pray that God will grant his blessings to us, and our families, throughout the coming year.



*Fr Craig Davies.*

We are grateful to Bruern Abbey School, Chesterton and to Finders Keepers Estate Agents, Bicester for sponsoring our Christmas trees this year.

### 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**

**DECEMBER** 28th Parish Maintenance.

**JANUARY** 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


**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**



**BICESTER**






**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/SfORcspHjzNr8niFC4ls5oJQBgc37B8YBCjKVpC>

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

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Archdiocesan : <https://www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk> Deanery: <https://banburyandwarwick-catholicdeanery.org.uk>

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## FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY & JOSEPH


### Sunday Cycle A - Psalter Week 1

Month of December is dedicated to The Immaculate Conception


Pope’s Prayer Intention - For Christians in areas of conflict. Let us pray that Christians living in areas of war or conflict, especially in the Middle East, may be seeds of peace, reconciliation and hope.




DATE	TIME	INTENTIONS	FEASTS	LECTORS	E O MINISTERS	WELCOMERS
SAT 27th Vigil Mass	4.00pm @ Hethe 6.00pm	People of the Parish Lisa King & Maurice Purtik (RIP)	<i>Feast of St John, A, E</i>	Volunteer B McFall /Sr Molly	S & M Doherty	M Marrs/P Behan
SUN 28th	9.00am 11.00am 1.00pm	Igor Piaskowski (RIP) Birthday In Thanksgiving—Franklin Family Baptism - Lucy Bernadette Schlich	<b><i>Feast of The Holy family of Jesus, Mary &amp; Joseph</i></b>	L & S Taylor E Green/N Ward	Volunteer/C Hartley U Edwards/ Sister	C St John/A Mutton Franta Family
MON 29th		No Masses	<i>Feast of St Thomas Becket, B, M</i>			
TUE 30th		No Mass	<i>Sixth Day in Octave of Christmas</i>			
WED 31st		No Mass	<i>Seventh day in Octave of Christmas</i>			
THU 1st January		No Mass	<i>Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God</i>			
FRI 2nd		No Mass	<i>Memorial of Ss Basil the Great &amp; St Gregory Nazianzen, B, Drs of the Church</i>			
SAT 3rd Vigil Mass	10.00am 4.00pm @ Hethe 6.00pm	No Mass People of the Parish Tom Hattam (RIP) 30th Ann.	<i>Mem of the Most Holy Name of Jesus</i>	R Rianti/P Cousins	Sr Sani/M Kelly	A Mutton/ Volunteer
SUN 4th	9.00am 11.00am	Betty Peverill (RIP) In Thanksgiving - Otum Family	<b><i>Second Sunday after the Nativity</i></b>	M Daniel/L Cleeve S Joseph/volunteer	A & R Parati J & M Franta	Brown Family Timorean Family
MON 5th		No Mass	<i>Christmas Feria</i>			
TUE 6th	10.00am 2.00pm Hethe 7.00pm	<b>HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION</b> Holy Souls People of The Parish Ints of Guy, Susan & Dale	<b>Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord</b>	School children Volunteer Sr Sani/Sr Molly	Sr Rose  J Li/ C St John	



Fairtrade tea & coffee in the centre after the 9am and 11am Masses every weekend & monthly on Fridays throughout the year - 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:** KG Kuiuvilla/K Kakum - Prayer for cure

**OUR LADY’S CHAPEL:** Vega Ho (RIP)

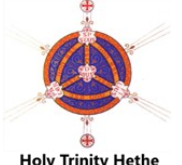
If you wish to sponsor one of the sanctuary lamps which perpetually burn in the Church, please complete and return a slip to the parish office or sisters.

**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](mailto:safeguarding@rcaob.org.uk) if you have any concerns.



Holy Trinity Hethe

Church	First Collection	Second Collection	Standing Orders	Mass Attendance
Bicester	£614.17	£206.17	£1122	463
Hethe	£74.60		£198	32

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**Altar Servers:** [dce.michael.panejko@rcaob.org.uk](mailto:dce.michael.panejko@rcaob.org.uk)

Rev Mr Nick St John: 01869 246 787 /**Parish Youth:** [yth.tic.bicester@rcaob.org.uk](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:office@johnpaulcentre.co.uk)

**Gift Aid - Sr Sani Vijayan** [ga.tic.bicester@rcaob.org.uk](mailto:ga.tic.bicester@rcaob.org.uk)

**Parish Sacramental Programme - Clare St John** [psc.tic.bicester@rcaob.org.uk](mailto:psc.tic.bicester@rcaob.org.uk)

Go to contacts page on website for parish group contacts.

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FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY & JOSEPH

Entrance Antiphon: The shepherds went in haste, and found Mary and Joseph and the Infant lying in a manger.

First reading

Sirach 3:2-6, 12-14

‘He who fears the Lord honours his parents.’

The Lord honoured the father above the children, and he confirmed the judgement of the mother over her sons. Whoever honours his father atones for sins, and whoever glorifies his mother is like one who lays up treasure. Whoever honours his father will be gladdened by his own children, and when he prays he will be heard. Whoever glorifies his father will have long life, and whoever obeys the Lord will refresh his mother.

O son, help your father in his old age and do not grieve him as long as he lives; even if he is lacking in understanding, show indulgence; in all your strength do not despise him. For kindness to a father will not be forgotten,and against your sins it will be credited to you.

The word of the Lord  
All: Thanks be to God

Responsorial Psalm Blessed are all who fear the LORD, and walk in his ways.

Second reading

Colossians 3:12-21

Family life in the Lord.

Brothers and sisters: Put on, as God’s chosen ones, holy and beloved, compassionate hearts, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience, bearing with one another and, if one has a complaint against another, forgiving each other; as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. And above all these put on love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in one body. And be thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, with thankfulness in your hearts to God. And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

Wives, submit to your husbands, as is fitting in the Lord. Husbands, love your wives, and do not be harsh with them. Children, obey your parents in everything, for this pleases the Lord. Fathers, do not provoke your children, lest they become discouraged.

The word of the Lord  
All: Thanks be to God

Gospel Acclamation Alleluia, alleluia.  
May the peace of Christ reign in your hearts;  
let the message of Christ find a home with you.  
Alleluia.

Gospel

Matthew 2:13-15, 19-23

‘Take the child and his mother, and flee to Egypt.’

When the Magi had departed, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, ‘Rise, take the child and his mother, and flee to Egypt, and remain there until I tell you, for Herod is about to search for the child, to destroy him.’ And he rose and took the child and his mother by night and departed to Egypt and remained there until the death of Herod. This was to fulfil what the Lord had spoken by the prophet: ‘Out of Egypt I called my son.’

But when Herod died, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt, saying, ‘Rise, take the child and his mother and go to the land of Israel, for those who sought the child’s life are dead.’ And he rose and took the child and his mother and went to the land of Israel. But when he heard that Archelaus was reigning over Judea in place of his father Herod, he was afraid to go there, and being warned in a dream he withdrew to the district of Galilee. And he went and lived in a city called Nazareth, so that what was spoken by the prophets might be fulfilled, that he would be called a Nazarene.

The Gospel of the Lord  
All: Praise to you Lord, Jesus Christ

ORDER OF MASS DURING ADVENT

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.



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.