

Teams for :	29/3	5/4	12/4	19/4	26/4	3/5	10/5
Children Liturgy	tbc	tbc	tbc	tbc	tbc	tbc	tbc
Coffee 9am (11)	9	10	11	1	2	3	4
Coffee 11am (9)	4	5	6	7	8	1	9
Flowers	Sisters	All to	water	Sr Rose	Sr Rose	Portia &	Adelia

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.

SECOND COLLECTION. On Good Friday, at the end of the Solemn Liturgy of the Passion, there will be a retiring collection for the Holy Places. This is our annual collection that goes to support the Christians living in the Holy Land.

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.

RCIA - RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION Please continue to pray for the two catechumens and six candidates who are entering into their final week of preparation for their reception into the Church during the Holy Saturday Vigil Mass at 8pm. Pray also for their sponsors, families and catechists who have supported them on this spiritual journey. This is a day of great joy for those who become Catholic and also for the community as we welcome another member.

EASTER OFFERING ENVELOPES. These are available at the back of church for you to place your traditional Easter offerings for your Parish Priest and can be returned via collection bags over Easter. Card payments also accepted under option 'Easter Offerings'.

BLESSING OF FOOD This will take place on Holy Saturday 4th April at 4pm.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS Stations of the Cross will be recited at 7pm on Good Friday here in Bicester and also at Hethe.

EASTER RAFFLE Plenty of tickets still available from the back of church. £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. Forms and itinerary details are available from the back of church, alternatively email the parish office.

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. If you are interested in becoming a Baptismal Catechist, please also contact the office of speak to Fr Craig.

EASTER FLOWERS The flower ladies will be working very hard in preparing the church for the Easter Triduum this week. If anyone would like to volunteer to assist them with a bit of clearing up, putting kettle on as they work please speak to Anne Kearsley at the 11am choir or email the office. Please ensure you deliver any slips for Easter lilies, £2.50 each, to the office by Friday 3rd. Thank you.

100 CLUB The 100 Club is our main annual fundraiser. The monthly prizes are £100, £50, £25 and a Christmas bonus prize of £100, for only a £5 monthly subscription by Standing Order. For those subscribers who pay yearly, this is a polite reminder to please pay your subscription for the forthcoming year April 26 -March 27 so that your payment reaches us by the end of April. This (£60) can be paid by BACS or via the card machine. Please add 100 Club & your surname as reference when making any payments as it enables us to allocate it correctly. Application forms are attached to this bulletin if you wish to join or subscribe to more numbers.

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.



PALM SUNDAY (29th March) A reminder that we will gather at the Ursuline Convent (opposite Lisserters) at 10.50am tomorrow to process towards the church. **Remember: clocks will go forward this weekend, by 1 hour.**

SUSTAINABLE FLORISTRY Please join us for a facilitated discussion on issues surrounding floral sustainability led by Sustainable Church Flowers at the St John Paul II Centre on Saturday, 18th April from 11.00am - 1:00pm.

ENVIRONMENTAL GROUP TIPS - CUT SINGLE-USE PLASTIC THIS LENT

Visit Bicester Green for a range of plastic-free dishcloths and scourers. Replace cling film with reusable beeswax wraps. Invest in a Bag for Life instead of single-use plastic carrier bags.



WASHING OF FEET

The traditional action that imitates the Lord's example as he washed the feet of the disciples will take place on Holy Thursday.

If you would like to put your foot forward please add your name to the list at the back of the church.

Cheese & Wine Evening with John Nelson Tunes

Saturday 25th April at 7.30pm.

Join us for live entertainment & Cheese & Wine buffet. Raffle too! Tickets £15 pp available from committee members.



DIARY DATES 2026:

Coffee Morning Friday 10th April at 10am.

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

First Holy Communion 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.

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 29th: Parish Maintenance.

APRIL 3rd Holy Places, 5th Easter Offerings to Parish Priest, 12th & 19th Parish Maintenance, 26th Clergy Training Fund.

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.

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

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Follow the readings at Mass: <https://universalis.com/mass.htm>

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Holy Trinity Hethe

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PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

Sunday Cycle A - Weekdays II - 29th March 2026 - Psalter Week 2

Month of March is dedicated to St Joseph

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 28th Vigil Mass	4.00pm Hethe 6.00pm	People of the Parish Bernard Chellar (RIP) 13th Ann.	Lent Feria	Volunteer Visiting Priest/ P & K Kallay	Visiting Priest/ B Santiago	McArdle Family
Palm Sunday SUN 29th	9.00am 10.50am 11.00am 5.00pm	Anna Barreto (RIP) Procession from Convent, Kings End People of the Parish Stations of the Cross	Palm Sunday of the Passion of The Lord	S McCarthy/ H Gerrow/ C Moyse R Evans/ J Hurst/ H King	J Li/ C Hartley J Marshall/ J Kokore	Brown Family Sr Molly/ D Munoz
MON 30th		No Mass	Monday of Holy Week			
TUE 31st	9.30am	Meurig Giles Morgan Jones (RIP)	Tuesday of Holy Week	L Cleeve		
WED 1st April	11.00am	No Mass Chrism Mass at St Chad's Cathedral	Wednesday of Holy Week			
THU 2nd	9.00am 8.00pm - midnight	Morning Prayer Mass of the Last Supper In thanksgiving - Kokore Family followed by Watch & Pray	Thursday of Holy Week	C St John/ M Brown	J & J Kokore	J Marshall & C Cleeve
FRI 3rd	9.00am 11.00am 3.00pm IC & HT 7.00pm IC 7.00pm HT	Office of Readings & Morning Prayer Walk of Witness - from St Edburgs Passion of The Lord International Stations of the Cross Stations of the Cross	Good Friday	Clergy/S McCarthy/R Evans	Parati Family	A Mutton
SAT 4th Easter Vigil	9.00am 4.00pm 8.00pm	Office of Readings & Morning Prayer Blessing of Food - Swienconka People of the Parish	Holy Saturday	L & R Weaver/J Franta/ P & K Kallay	S & M Doherty	C West/ L & B Hattam
Easter Sunday SUN 5th	9.00am 11.00am	Private Intentions (S Family) In Thanksgiving Easter Raffle Draw in JP II	Solemnity of the Resurrection of the Lord	C Moyse/ A Mutton U Edwards/ A Kearsley	J Li/ J Hartley Sister/Sister	Sr Molly/ C Cleeve Kokore Family



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: Ezowa Kokore
OUR LADY'S CHAPEL: Kokore Family

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	Craft Market
Bicester	£807.59	£193.33	£1122	446	£485
Hethe	£63.60		£165	37	

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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

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01869 324 307 / office@johnpaulcentre.co.uk

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Go to contacts page on website for parish group contacts.

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PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

Gospel

Meet at the Ursuline Convent at 10.50am. This gospel is read at the procession with palms before Mass. Matthew 21:1-11

‘Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!’

When Jesus and his disciples drew near to Jerusalem and came to Bethphage, to the Mount of Olives, then Jesus sent two disciples, saying to them, ‘Go into the village in front of you, and immediately you will find a donkey tied, and a colt with her. Untie them and bring them to me. If anyone says anything to you, you shall say, “The Lord needs them”, and he will send them at once.’ This took place to fulfil what was spoken by the prophet, saying, ‘Say to the daughter of Sion, “Behold, your king is coming to you, humble, and mounted on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a beast of burden.”’

The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them. They brought the donkey and the colt and put on them their cloaks, and he sat on them. Most of the crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. And the crowds that went before him and that followed him were shouting, ‘Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest!’ And when he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was stirred up, saying, ‘Who is this?’ And the crowds said, ‘This is the prophet Jesus, from Nazareth of Galilee.’

The Gospel of the Lord

All: Praise to you Lord, Jesus Christ

First reading

‘I hid not my face from disgrace, and I know that I shall not be put to shame.’

Isaiah 50:4-7

The Lord GOD has given me
the tongue of those who are taught,
that I may know how to sustain with a word him who is weary.

Morning by morning he awakens;
he awakens my ear

to hear as those who are taught.

The Lord GOD has opened my ear,

and I was not rebellious;

I turned not backwards.

I gave my back to those who strike,

and my cheeks to those who pull out the beard;

I hid not my face from disgrace and spitting.

But the Lord GOD helps me;

therefore I have not been disgraced;

therefore I have set my face like a flint,

and I know that I shall not be put to shame.

The word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God

Responsorial Psalm *My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?*

Second reading

‘He humbled himself, therefore God has highly exalted him.’

Philippians 2:6-11

Christ Jesus, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

The word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God

Gospel Acclamation: Praise to you, O Christ, King of eternal glory.
Christ became for us obedient to the point of death,
even death on a cross.
Therefore God has highly exalted him
and bestowed on him the name that is above every name.
Praise to you, O Christ, King of eternal glory.

Please use booklet for The Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew 26:14-27:66

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.**