

Teams for :	30/11	7/12	14/12	21/12	28/12	4/1
Children lit.	none	1	none	none	none	none
Coffee 9am (11)	3	4	5	6	7	8
Coffee 11am (9)8	4	5	6	7	9	1
Flowers	Lucia	Meet	none	All	All	All

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</i> <i>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.

CHRISTMAS BAZAAR this Sunday, 30th November, 10am-1pm. Please come and support this annual event which is our main parish fundraiser. Fun for all the family.

COFFEE MORNING The last Coffee Morning of 2025 will take place this coming Friday, 5th December. A wonderful total of £256.31 was raised last month! Thank you to all who attended and organised. Please note the team will be taking a well earned rest in January therefore the next Coffee Morning will be on Friday, 6th February 2026 at the usual time of 10am.

ST MARY'S CHRISTMAS FAYRE Will take place on Friday, December 5th from 5pm-8pm at St Mary's School—all welcome!

FILIPINO DAY OF PRAYER Saturday, 6th December from 3.30pm. Exposition, Benediction, readings, meditations, prayers, beautiful singing & flowers for Our Lady - all welcome to join, even for a short while.

SOLEMNITY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY Monday 8th December. To celebrate our church's Patronal Feast Day Masses will be celebrated at 10am, with St Mary's School pupils and staff attending and also at 7pm, at which we will be also celebrating the anniversary of the church consecration with The Abbot of Farnborough concelebrating. All are invited for drinks and nibbles in the centre after the evening Mass. Please note that there will be no Mass at Hethe on this day.

DIOCESAN MASS OF THANKSGIVING FOR THE JUBILEE YEAR At 12.15pm on Monday 8th December at St Chad's Cathedral, His Grace Archbishop Bernard Longley will be celebrating a Mass of Thanksgiving for the Jubilee Year. He would like to invite representatives from around the Archdiocese of Birmingham to join him, and particularly those who have made Pilgrim-ages during this Holy Year, especially to Rome. If you would like to attend, you must please let Paul Northam (Diocesan Co-ordinator for the Jubilee Year) know via the following details so that the Cathedral can make sure everyone can be accommodated: paul.northam@rcaob.org.uk or on 0121 321 5148.

THE FRIENDS OF THE HOLY LAND will be having a stall at the back of church on the weekend of 6th/7th December to raise funds to support Christians in the Holy Land. A small selection will also be on sale on the piety stall at the bazaar this weekend, including olive products and cards

CHRISTMAS RAFFLE Tickets are now on sale please take and sell to friends and relatives. Payments can be made buy card under Christmas Raffle/ Stars. £1 per ticket or £10 per book. The draw will take place on Sunday, 21st December during coffee after the 11am Mass.

WALK WITH ME Walk With Me booklets for Advent 2025 are now available, donations of £1 are gratefully received into the wall collection box at the back of church. Thank you.

CHURCH CLEANERS We are looking for more volunteers to join the cleaning teams (currently 7 teams) to join them next year. If you can spare 3 hours every 7 weeks please contact the office or speak to Sr Rose.

SYMPATHY The funeral of Patricia Tempero will take place on Tuesday, 9th December at 10.30am followed by cremation at North Oxford Crematorium. May she rest in peace.

CHRISTMAS SACKS *If you need help to feed your family this Christmas please contact the office, we have food sacks to offer on the 11th/12th December.*

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.



DAY OF PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS AT HOLY TRINITY, HETHE
Saturday, 13th December from 10am—4pm followed by Mass.
10.00 Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament begins
11.00 Spiritual Reading
12.00 Angelus
1.30 Stations of the Cross
2.30 Benediction and repositioning of the Blessed Sacrament
3.00 Holy Rosary
4.00Holy Mass of the 3rd Sunday of Advent
Soup, Rolls and Hot Drinks available during the day in St Philip's Hall.

ADVENT MASSES AT ST MARYS SCHOOL These will be held every Friday morning in Advent at 8am, 5th, 12th & 19th December. All parishioners are welcome to attend.

ADVENT PENANCE SERVICES Bicester: Monday, 15th December at 7pm. St John's, Banbury: Friday, 19th December at 7pm. A number of priests will be available to hear confessions at both services, please make every effort to attend one of these.

CHRISTMAS TREE STARS Forms are attached to the bulletins this weekend for stars that will adorn our Christmas trees. These can be bought in remembrance or for the intentions of loved ones. 1 star for £3, 2 for £5 or 4 for £10. Payments in cash or by card machine accepted option 'Raffle/Stars'.

DIARY DATES:
Coffee Mornings Every first Friday of the month from 10-11.45am.
Day of Prayer @ Holy Trinity, Hethe Saturday 13th Dec 10am-4pm.
Carol Service @ Holy Trinity, Hethe Sunday 14th Dec at 6pm .
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.’

NOVEMBER 30th Parish Maintenance

DECEMBER 7th Poor Parishes. 14th/21st/28th Parish Maintenance. 24th/25th Christmas Offerings to Parish Priest.

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.

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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/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

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>

The Parishes of the Immaculate Conception & Holy Trinity are part of the Archdiocese of Birmingham: Registered Charity No: 23 4216

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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 29th Vigil Mass	4.00pm Hethe 6.00pm	People of the Parish Catherine French (RIP)	<i>Memorial of Our Lady</i>	Volunteer K & B McFall	S & M Doherty	McArdle Family
SUN 30th	9.00am 11.00am 10am-1pm	Holy Souls In Thanksgiving - Otum Family Christmas Bazaar @ JP11 Centre	<i>First Sunday of Advent Year A</i>	A Kirby-Hall/P Cousins F Nyonyoozi/C Tett	M & A Brown Srs Molly & Rose	A Mutton/C West Franta Family
MON 1st December	9.30am @ Hethe 12 noon	Holy Souls Denis Fitzpatrick (RIP)	<i>Feast of St Edmund Campion, P, M</i>	A Fitzpatrick		
TUE 2nd	9.30am	Kieran Corant (RIP)	<i>Advent Feria</i>	H King		
WED 3rd	7.30pm-8.30pm	No Mass RCIA in the Centre	<i>Mem of St Francis Xavier, P</i>			
THU 4th	9.30am	Anita Magleo (RIP)	<i>Advent Feria</i>	L Cleeve		
FRI 5th	8.00am (Sch) 10.00am 12 noon	Advent School Mass—Holy Souls Coffee Morning Holy Souls	<i>Feast of St Birinus, B</i>	E King		
SAT 6th Vigil Mass	10.00am 10.30am-11.30am 3.30pm—6pm 4.00pm Hethe 6.00pm	Crisostomo Ramos (RIP) Exposition, Benediction & Confessions Filipino Day of Prayer People of the Parish Bernie Moore (RIP)	<i>Mem of St Nicholas, B</i>	Volunteer R Rianti/ P Kallay	 M Kelly/O Panejko	 S & M Doherty
SUN 7th	9.00am 11.00am	Ints of Ann Maria—Birthday Johnny Kelly (RIP)	<i>Second Sunday of Advent</i>	M Brown/J Li U Edwards/E King	L & R Weaver J & M Franta	Brown Family Timorean community

CHRISTMAS BAZAAR—AFTER THE 9AM MASS UNTIL 1PM THIS WEEKEND !

COFFEE MORNING — FRIDAY 5th DECEMBER FROM 10AM — CAKES, COFFEE & COMPANY — ALL WELCOME!

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: For Job Prospects (N Li)

OUR LADY’S CHAPEL: Rev Fr Burton Whitehead (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 if you have any concerns.



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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

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.

Church	First Collection	Second Collection CYS	Standing Orders	Mass Attendance
Bicester	£662.56	£306.37	£1122	469
Hethe	£56.50	£39.00	£198	30

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”.

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Entrance Antiphon: To you, I lift up my soul, O my God. In you, I have trusted; let me not be put to shame. Nor let my enemies exult over me; and let none who hope in you be put to shame.

First reading

Isaiah 2:1-5

The Lord gathers all nations together into the eternal peace of the Kingdom of God.

The word that Isaiah the son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem. It shall come to pass in the latter days that the mountain of the house of the LORD shall be established as the highest of the mountains, and shall be lifted up above the hills; and all the nations shall flow to it, and many peoples shall come, and say: ‘Come, let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, to the house of the God of Jacob, that he may teach us his ways and that we may walk in his paths.’ For out of Sion shall go forth the law, and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem. He shall judge between the nations, and shall decide disputes for many peoples; and they shall beat their swords into ploughshares, and their spears into pruning-hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more. O house of Jacob, come, let us walk in the light of the LORD.

The word of the Lord
All: Thanks be to God

Responsorial Psalm *Let us go rejoicing to the house of the LORD.*

Second reading

Romans 13:11-14a

‘Salvation is nearer to us now.’

Brothers and sisters: You know the time, that the hour has come for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we first believed. The night is far gone; the day is at hand. So then let us cast off the works of darkness and put on the armour of light. Let us walk properly as in the daytime, not in orgies and drunkenness, not in sexual immorality and sensuality, not in quarrelling and jealousy. But put on the Lord Jesus Christ.

The word of the Lord
All: Thanks be to God

Gospel Acclamation Alleluia, alleluia.
 Show us, O LORD, your mercy,
 and grant us your salvation.
 Alleluia.

Gospel

Matthew 24:37-44

Stay awake so that you may be ready.

At that time: Jesus said to his disciples: ‘For as were the days of Noah, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day when Noah entered the ark, and they were unaware until the flood came and swept them all away, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. Then two men will be in the field; one will be taken and one left. Two women will be grinding at the mill; one will be taken and one left. Therefore, stay awake, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. But know this, that if the master of the house had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and would not have let his house be broken into. Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.’

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

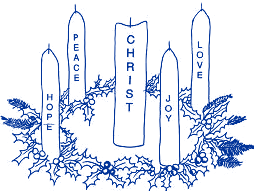
Everyone: I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible. I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages. God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, consubstantial 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.**