

Teams for :	31/8	7/9	14/9	21/9	28/9	5/10
Children lit.	none	1	none	2	none	1
Coffee 9am (11)	2	3	4	5	6	7
Coffee 11am (9)	8	9	1	2	3	4
Flowers	Anita					

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, Fred Thornley.

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.

COFFEE MORNING Next one is on Friday 5th September at 10am in the Centre. Come along for coffee, cake and a natter!

RIDE & STRIDE The Annual Oxfordshire Historic Churches Trust Ride & Stride will take place from 10.00 to 4.00pm on Saturday, 13 September. 50% of all funds raised by parishioners will be paid to our Parishes in Bicester and Hethe respectively. Enjoy a healthy day of exercise as a cyclist, walker or as a visitor welcomer and help preserve the history on our doorstep by raising funds for OHCT and our own Churches. For further information or to receive a sponsorship form, please contact Tim Lane on 01869 277523 or at tim.lane@live.co.uk for the Immaculate Conception and Tom Hueg at tom.huegplace@verizon.net for Holy Trinity, Hethe.

PARISH FUNDRAISER — BEETLE DRIVE WITH FISH 'N CHIP DINNER: Family fun on **Saturday, 20th September after 6pm** Mass in the JPII Centre. Adults: £10, children £5 includes fish or sausage and chips. Tea/coffee/juice provided. Bring your own alcoholic drinks. A beetle drive game is a simple party game for all ages where players roll a die to draw a complete beetle on paper, with each number on the die corresponding to a different body part. To start, you must roll a 6 to draw the body, and you must have the body before drawing the head, and the head before the antennae and eyes. The first player to finish drawing their entire beetle wins. 4 prizes in total. Come along to support this fundraiser and have some fun! Tickets are selling fast and are available from the social committee at masses. Card payments accepted—Option ‘Beetle Drive’. Please add your food choice to list at the back of church.

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION 2025-2026 ENROLMENT SESSION The Enrolment Session for children wishing to receive the Sacraments of Reconciliation, 1st Holy Communion and Confirmation will be held on **Monday, 22nd September 2025** in the St John Paul II Centre. Please bring along a copy of your child’s baptism certificate if your child *does not* attend St Mary’s School to the Enrolment Session. Please *do not* send any details to the parish office. Sacramental Coordinator Clare St John: psc.tic.bicester@rcaob.org.uk Join our Reconciliation/1stHC and Confirmation Groups on our Catholic Bicester What’s App Group for up to date news.

CHURCH FLOWERS The new rota is currently being put together. If you would like to get involved in creating, no experience needed, and help will be given, please speak to Anne at the 11am choir or contact the office asap.

CHILDREN’S LITURGY Unfortunately due to low volunteer numbers, Children’s Liturgy will only be held every other week until at least Christmas or until more volunteers come forward. If you are willing to help, please contact Elspeth on pclc.tic.bicester@rcaob.org.uk

BAPTISM COURSE Please note change of date for the next Baptism Course which will now be held on Saturday, 11th October at 10.30am in the St JPII Centre. Please register your attendance to the parish office. If you would like to get involved as a Baptism Catechist, contact the office.

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.
NEW GROUPS JUST ADDED FOR RECONCILIATION /1ST HOLY COMMUNION & CONFIRMATION SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMME 2025-26.





JUBILEE YEAR 2025

"Pilgrims of Hope"



To find out more, visit: www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk/jubilee-year or scan:

THE SEASON OF CREATION September 1st to October 4th. This is a time to pray and reflect on what we our doing to our earth and all who dwell on it. The World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation, celebrated on 1st September is the official start of the *Season of Creation*, a time of sustained prayer and action which lasts a month and four days. During this season we are encouraged to pray and engage in community events in order to deepen our relationship with God, our neighbours and the earth we share, being ever more attentive to the cry of the earth and the cry of the poor. For more information go to: <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/season-of-creation/>
GUILD OF ST STEPHEN The 2025 Annual Mass of Thanksgiving for The Guild of St. Stephen will be held on Saturday, 4th October, 12 noon at St. Chad’s Cathedral followed by refreshments. We encourage all of our altar servers and their families to attend this celebration. For catering purposes please inform Kathryn Bayliss at guild@rcaob.org.uk

PARISH MEETINGS - PARISH FINANCE MEETING Monday, 8th September at 7pm in the presbytery.
PARISH PASTORAL MEETING Monday, 15th September at 7pm in the St JPI Centre.

DIARY DATES:
Coffee Mornings Every first Friday of the month from 10-11.45am.
Whole School Mass Friday 5th September 10am in church.
Beetle Drive with Fish 'n Chip Dinner: Family fun Saturday 20th September after 6pm Mass.
Christmas Bazaar Sunday 30th November after morning masses.
Diocesan Intercultural Mass and Social Saturday 21st February 2026.

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.’

SECOND COLLECTIONS

31st August/ 7th /14th Sept: Parish Maintenance

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. For details email: ga.tic.bicester@rcaob.org.uk




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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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Parish website: <https://www.immaculate-conception.org.uk>

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Twenty Second Sunday in Ordinary Time


31st August 2025

Month of August is dedicated to The Immaculate Heart of Mary - Sunday Cycle C - Psalter Week 2

Holy Father’s Prayer Intention: **For our relationship with all of creation.** Let us pray that, inspired by St Francis, we may experience our interdependence with all creatures, which are loved by God and worthy of love and respect.



DATE	TIME	INTENTIONS	FEASTS	LECTORS	E O MINISTERS	WELCOMERS
SAT 30th Vigil Mass	4.00pm Hethe 6.00pm	People of the Parish Jimmy Rowe (RIP)	<i>Memorial of Our Lady</i>	P & P Kallay	O Panejko	M Marrs/P Behan
SUN 31st	9.00am 11.00am	Wynne Coffey Sick Members of the Andrade & Pinto Families	22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time	M Brown/J Li T Lane/ J Hurst	C St John/C Drew J Marshall/ Sr Sani	A Mutton/volunteer Kokore Family
MON 1st Sept		No Masses	<i>Feria in Ordinary time</i>			
TUE 2nd	9.30am	Bob French (RIP)	<i>Feria in Ordinary time</i>	L Cleeve		
WED 3rd	9.30 @ Hethe 6.30pm	Holy Souls Holy Souls	<i>Feast of St Gregory the Great, P, Dr</i>	M Daniel		
THU 4th	9.30am	Mary Irene Edwards (RIP)	<i>Mem of St Cuthbert, B</i>	J Kokore		
FRI 5th	10.00am @ Church 10-11.45 am	Whole School Mass - Alfred Smith (RIP) 20th Ann. Coffee Morning	<i>Feria in Ordinary time</i>	School		
SAT 6th Vigil Mass	10.00am 10.30am-11.30am 4.00pm Hethe 6.00pm	Gonzalo Mercado Mausisa (RIP) Exposition, Benediction & Confessions People of the Parish Stefania & Wasył Hawryluk (RIP)	<i>Memorial of Our Lady</i>	D Orleans C McArdle	 B Santiago/Sr Sani	 A Mutton/L O’Flynn
SUN 7th	9.00am 11.00am 1.00pm	Ints of Lizell, Dan & family Cathy Love (RIP) Baptism - Vera Esogibe	23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time	P Cousins/S McCarthy J Franta/A Kearsley	M & A Brown Sr Molly/Sr Rose	C St John/ C West Franta Family




Tea & coffee in the centre after the 9am and 11am Masses every weekend - come along for a chat and meet your fellow Parishioners!

This week we pray for...

SANCTUARY LIGHT: O’Rourke Family
OUR LADY’S CHAPEL: R. P.

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	Standing Orders	Mass Attendance
Bicester	£658.21	£179.08	£1122	431
Hethe	£81	Card Payments MSP- 17/8 £403	£185	42

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.

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TWENTY SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Entrance Antiphon: Truly the Lord has borne our infirmities, and he has carried our sorrows.

First reading Sirach 3:17-18, 20, 28-29 ‘Humble yourself so you will find favour in the sight of the Lord.’

My son, perform your tasks in meekness; then you will be loved by those whom God accepts. The greater you are, the more you must humble yourself; so you will find favour in the sight of the Lord. For great is the might of the Lord; he is glorified by the humble. The affliction of the proud has no healing, for a plant of wickedness has taken root in him. The mind of the intelligent man will ponder a parable, and an attentive ear is the wise man’s desire.

The word of the Lord All: Thanks be to God

Responsorial Psalm In your goodness, O God, you provided a home for the poor.

Second reading Hebrews 12:18-19, 22-24a ‘You have come to Mount Sion and to the city of the living God.’

Brothers and Sisters: You have not come to what may be touched, a blazing fire and darkness and gloom and a tempest and the sound of a trumpet and a voice whose words made the hearers beg that no further messages be spoken to them.

But you have come to Mount Sion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to innumerable angels in festal gathering, and to the assembly of the firstborn who are enrolled in heaven, and to God, the judge of all, and to the spirits of the righteous made perfect, and to Jesus, the mediator of a new covenant.

The word of the Lord All: Thanks be to God

Gospel Acclamation Alleluia, alleluia. Take my yoke upon you, says the Lord, and learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart. Alleluia.

Gospel Luke 14:1, 7-14 ‘Everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and he who humbles himself will be exalted.’

One Sabbath, when Jesus went to dine at the house of a ruler of the Pharisees, they were watching him carefully.

Now he told a parable to those who were invited, when he noticed how they chose the places of honour, saying to them, ‘When you are invited by someone to a wedding feast, do not sit down in a place of honour, lest someone more distinguished than you be invited by him, and he who invited you both will come and say to you, “Give your place to this person”, and then you, with shame, will take the lowest place. But when you are invited, go and sit in the lowest place, so that when your host comes he may say to you, “Friend, move up higher.” Then you will be honoured in the presence of all who sit at table with you. For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and he who humbles himself will be exalted.’

He said also to the man who had invited him, ‘When you give a dinner or a banquet, do not invite your friends, or your brothers and sisters or your relatives or rich neighbours, lest they also invite you in return and you be repaid. But when you give a feast, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind, and you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you. For you will be repaid at the resurrection of the just.’

The Gospel of the Lord All: Thanks be to God.

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.