

Teams for :	3/5	10/5	17/5	24/5	31/5	7/6	14/6
Children Liturgy	none	3	1	none	none	none	2
Coffee 9am (11)	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
Coffee 11am (9)	1	9	2	3	4	5	6
Flowers	Portia &	Adelia	Jan & Sally	Anita	Anita	Anne &	Kirsten

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 occasional Sundays. Announced in bulletin.

PIETY SHOP: Open Friday, Saturday and Sunday around Masses.

SYMPATHY Pray for the repose of Timothy Joyce (Tim), aged 78yrs. A Requiem Mass will be held on Tuesday, 19th May at 9.30am followed by burial at Botley Cemetery. *May he rest in peace.*

LIVESIMPLY MULTI-CULTURAL RECIPE BOOK The parish environmental group are inviting everyone to share their family recipes for inclusion in our LiveSimply recipe book. Please send your recipes (with a photo if possible) by 30th April to peg.tic.bicester@rcaob.org.uk

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION All the children of the parish and St Mary's School will receive their First Holy Communion during Mass that will be held on Saturday, 16th May at 11am. Please do keep the children in your daily prayers.

AFRICAN MASS OF THANKSGIVING This will take place on Saturday, 13th June at 11am, followed by African style buffet and BBQ. If you would like to get involved in any way to help please go to our African Mass Group on the What's App chat, alternatively speak to Jackie Kokore.

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.

PARISH 100 CLUB APRIL WINNERS £100 G Andrade - 25, £50 A Kearsley — 25, £25 M Jobling - 31. Please collect your winnings from Sr Sani.

The 100 Club is our main annual fundraiser, its not too late to join. The monthly prizes are £100, £50, £25 and a Christmas bonus prize of £100, for only a £5 monthly subscription by Standing Order. Bank details can be found under Financial Information. Alternatively one off payments can be paid by BACS or via the card machine, to cover the rest of the year, under option '100 club' and please add your surname as reference when making any payments as it enables us to allocate it correctly. Application forms are available at the back of church if you wish to join or subscribe to more numbers. Current available numbers: 23, 41, 50, 81, 82, 83, 84, 89. **You have to be in it to win it!**

PIETY SHOP A selection of First Holy Communion items are now on sale, along with a range of piety gifts and cards for all occasions. All items reasonable priced and profits go toward our church. Payments by card accepted. If anyone is in need of Holy Communion dresses please leave your name and email/number in the shop. We may be able to help.

PILGRIMAGE - HEARTLAND OF ENGLAND AND MEET 'THE SAINTS AND KINGS WHO MADE US CHRISTIAN' MON 7 – SAT 12 SEPTEMBER 2026.

St Teresa's Charlbury and Holy Trinity, Chipping Norton are now united as one parish of the Assumption and are celebrating this new parish with a pilgrimage to which parishioners from other local parishes are invited to. To reserve your place or for further information, please email Suze Mathews: suzemathews899@btinternet.com **Limited places so early booking recommended.**

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.



CHEESE & WINE EVENING Many thanks to the Social Committee and to John Nelson for providing such a pleasant evening of food and entertainment. Thank you also to everyone who supported the event. An impressive total of £809.21 was raised for parish funds.

CORPUS CHRISTI PROCESSION This will take place on Sunday, 7th June after the 11am Mass. The procession route will be towards St Mary's School and conclude with Benediction. First Holy Communion children are invited to join the procession wearing their 1st Holy Communion outfits.

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS All Extraordinary Ministers are invited to be recommissioned on Sunday, 7th June at the 11am Mass. Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion play an important role in parish life, by helping the parish community through distributing the Eucharist. While this may often be during the Mass, the role may also include taking Holy Communion to people in the wider parish community who are housebound due to health, age or disability. If you are interested in becoming an Extraordinary Minister, please speak to Fr Craig or contact the office.

ART & CRAFT MARKET - NEXT SATURDAY 9TH MAY 11AM-2PM HERE AT THE JPCC. OPEN TO ALL!

DIARY DATES 2026:

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

First Holy Communions Saturday 16th May.

Parish Pastoral Meeting Monday 1st June at 7pm.

Corpus Christi Procession Sunday 7th June (to St Mary's)

Coffee Morning Friday 12th June at 10am

Parish Finance Meeting Monday 15th June at 7pm.

Angel Drive Friday 9th October with fish and chip supper.

ZAPP Retro Games Day Saturday 14th November.

Christmas Bazaar Sunday 29th 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 May: 3rd Parish Maint., 10th Poor Parishes, 17th Catholic Comms

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. the Parish Gift Aid Co-ordinator.

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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/xmTDv4jBRjMTROM5VBVYn34wpRY1nK34jSHqCqHR>

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

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protection of property and crime prevention.



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FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Sunday Cycle A - Weekdays II - 3rd May 2026 - Psalter Week 1

The month of May is dedicated to The Blessed Virgin Mary

Pope's Prayer Intention for May - That everyone might have food. Let us pray that everyone from large producers to small consumers, be committed to avoiding food waste, and to ensuring that everyone has access to quality food.



DATE	TIME	INTENTIONS	FEASTS	LECTORS	E O MINISTERS	WELCOMERS
SAT 2nd	4.00pm HT 6.00pm	People of the Parish Benedict Leerburger (RIP)	Mem of St Athanasius, B, Dr	Volunteer P Cousins/Sr Rose	J Kokore/ M Kelly	B & L Hattam
SUN 3rd	9.00am 11.00am 1.00pm	Ana Barretto (RIP) Domingos Mesquita Soares (RIP) Baptism - Aria Eve Francine Hendry	Fifth Sunday of Easter	R Rianti/L Cleeve U Edwards/D Munoz	L & R Weaver J Marshall/Sr Rose	C St John/A Mutton Sr Molly/ D Munoz
MON 4th	9.30am HT 12 noon IC	Holy Souls Terence Dooley (RIP)	Feast of the English Martyrs	Volunteer M Daniel		
TUE 5th	9.30am 2.00pm IC	Bernadette Lai (birthday) Divine Mercy Chaplet Day of Prayer for the Survivors of Sexual Abuse	Easter Feria	L Cleeve		
WED 6th		No Mass	Easter Feria			
THU 7th	9.30am	Ints of Liyi Kiang and Emilia Nheu (Wedding)	Easter Feria	J Kokore		
FRI 8th	12 noon	Wladzia, Franek and Cecilia (RIP)	Easter Feria	E King		
SAT 9th	10.00am 10.30-11.30am 4.00pm HT 6.00pm	Peter A J (RIP) Exposition, Benediction & Confessions Holy Souls People of the Parish	Easter Feria	Volunteer R Rianti/ A Mutton	Sr Molly/Sr Rose	S & M Doherty
SUN 10th	9.00am 11.00am 1.00pm	Anita Magleo (RIP) Luisa Guterres & Isabel Pereira de Jesus (RIP) Baptism - Eva Sofia O'Brien-Iliev	Sixth Sunday of Easter	M Brown/ J Li H King/ J Josh	A Hall/ Sr Sani Volunteers	Brown Family 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: Felipe Teng RIP

OUR LADY'S CHAPEL: Kath Cashman

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	Clergy Training Fund	Standing Orders	Mass Attendance
Bicester	£784.35	£723.36	£1122	444
Hethe	£40	£78	£165	27

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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FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Entrance Antiphon: O sing a new song to the Lord, for he has worked wonders; in the sight of the nations he has shown his deliverance, alleluia.

First reading

Acts 6:1-7

‘They chose seven men full of the Holy Spirit.’

In those days when the disciples were increasing in number, a complaint by the Hellenists arose against the Hebrews because their widows were being neglected in the daily distribution. And the Twelve summoned the full number of the disciples and said, ‘It is not right that we should give up preaching the word of God to serve tables. Therefore, brothers and sisters, pick out from among you seven men of good repute, full of the Spirit and of wisdom, whom we will appoint to this duty. But we will devote ourselves to prayer and to the ministry of the word.’ And what they said pleased the whole gathering, and they chose Stephen, a man full of faith and of the Holy Spirit, and Philip, and Prochorus, and Nicanor, and Timon, and Parmenas, and Nicolaus, a proselyte of Antioch. These they set before the Apostles, and they prayed and laid their hands on them.

And the word of God continued to increase, and the number of the disciples multiplied greatly in Jerusalem, and a great many of the priests became obedient to the faith.

The word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God

Responsorial Psalm *May your merciful love be upon us, as we hope in you, O LORD.*

Second reading

1 Peter 2:4-9

‘But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood.’

Beloved: Come to the Lord, a living stone rejected by men but in the sight of God chosen and precious. You yourselves like living stones are being built up as a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. For it stands in Scripture: ‘Behold, I am laying in Sion a stone, a cornerstone chosen and precious, and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame.’ So the honour is for you who believe, but for those who do not believe, ‘The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone’, and ‘A stone of stumbling, and a rock of offence.’ They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do. But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvellous light.

The word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia.

I am the way, and the truth, and the life, says the Lord.
No one comes to the Father except through me.
Alleluia.

Gospel

John 14:1-12

‘I am the way, and the truth, and the life.’

At that time: Jesus said to his disciples, ‘Let not your hearts be troubled. Believe in God; believe also in me. In my Father’s house are many rooms. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, that where I am you may be also. And you know the way to where I am going.’ Thomas said to him, ‘Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?’ Jesus said to him, ‘I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. If you had known me, you would have known my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him.’

Philip said to him, ‘Lord, show us the Father, and it is enough for us.’ Jesus said to him, ‘Have I been with you so long, and you still do not know me, Philip? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, “Show us the Father”? Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own authority, but the Father who dwells in me does his works. Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me, or else believe on account of the works themselves.

‘Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever believes in me will also do the works that I do; and greater works than these will he do, because I am going to the Father.’

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 (*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.**