

<b>Teams for :</b>	<b>4/1</b>	<b>11/1</b>	<b>18/1</b>	<b>25/1</b>	<b>1/2</b>
Children lit.	none				
Coffee 9am (11)	8	9	10	11	1
Coffee 11am (9)	1	2	3	4	5
Flowers	All	All dismantle	Portia/Adelia	Jan/Sally	Jan/Sally

<p><b><u>LET US PRAY FOR THE SICK AND HOUSEBOUND</u></b></p> <p>We include those in hospitals, nursing homes and their own homes: Mary Lynch, K Cashman, Jean McIntosh, Gerry Wright, Paul Chrisp.</p>	<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>
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**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.

**JUBILEE YEAR 2025** - The end of the Jubilee Year. Pope Leo XIV will conclude the Ordinary Jubilee by closing the Holy Door in St. Peter's Basilica in the Vatican. This will take place on 6 January 2026, the Solemnity of the Epiphany. Go to Vatican Live streaming on YouTube, ‘VaticanNews’ to view.

**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 parishioners and anyone who wishes to attend.

**RCIA Rite of Christian Initiation** **CORRECTION** The next RCIA session will take place on Wednesday, **14th January** at 7.30pm in the centre.

**100 CLUB DECEMBER WINNERS** £100 R & L Weaver-73, £50 O Hawke - 37, £25 R Evans 97, CHRISTMAS BONUS: £100 J Hartley - 67. Please see Sr Sani for your winnings. Contact the parish office if you would like to subscribe to the 100 club.

**BAPTISMS 2026** If you are considering having your child baptised in the first few months of the year, please contact the office to register onto the first Baptism Course that will be held on Saturday, 31st January from 10am -12 noon in the St John Paul II Centre. Baptisms will be held on Sundays at 1pm.

**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!

**CHRISTMAS RAFFLE** A few prizes still waiting to be collected from the centre hall. An amazing total of £1220 was raised for parish funds.

**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. Please email the office if you are interested in more details.

**COULD YOU BE A HEALTHCARE VOLUNTEER IN LOURDES?** Are you a doctor, nurse or carer? Would you consider donating your time and expertise on the next Lourdes Pilgrimage? Every year sick pilgrims are able to make the journey to Lourdes thanks to the support of a dedicated Healthcare Team. Without their expertise many pilgrims would not be able to go. If you are a healthcare professional and would like to try something new please consider joining us. You will make a real difference. For more information, and to access the Volunteer Pilgrimage Pack and an application form, please visit <https://www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk/lourdes-pilgrimage> or scan the QR code.

**We are urgently looking for volunteers to help with Children's Liturgy which takes place during the 9am mass, currently only everyone other Sunday due to just few volunteers. You will need to be DBS checked. Please speak to Fr Craig or contact the parish office.**

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.

**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. Donations by card accepted, option Crib Collection.

The crib will be displayed until February 2nd.

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

**THANK YOU!    THANK YOU!    THANK YOU!**

**TO ALL OUR CHURCH VOLUNTEERS, MANY OF WHOM OFTEN WORK BEHIND THE SCENES** - Altar Servers, Children’s Liturgy Teams, Choirs, Church Cleaners, Church Committees & Groups, Coffee Morning Organisers & Bakers, Counters, Extraordinary Ministers, Food Bank Assistants, Foynes Garden Gardeners, JPII volunteers, Lectors, 100 CLUB Organisers, Odd Jobs Volunteers, Organists, Piety Shop Assistants, Sacristan, Safeguarding Team, Sunday Coffee Teams, Welcomers.

*Thank you for your continued commitment and efforts.*

**If you are new to the parish and/or have spare time this year and would like to help *your* church please contact the parish office or speak to Fr Craig.**

**DIARY DATES 2026 :**  
Baptism Course - Saturday 31st January 10am-12 noon.  
Coffee Mornings Friday 6th February at 10am.  
Ash Wednesday February 18th.  
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.’

**PARISH GIVING**

**SECOND COLLECTIONS FOR 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. For details email: [bicester@rcaob.org.uk](mailto:bicester@rcaob.org.uk)

**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/SfORcspHizNr8niFC4Is5oJQBgoc37B8YBCjKvPc>

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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## SECOND SUNDAY AFTER THE NATIVITY

**Sunday Cycle A - Weekdays II - 4th January 2026 - Psalter Week 2**

**Month of January is dedicated to The Holy Name of Jesus**

**Pope’s Prayer Intention** - Let us pray that praying with the Word of God be nourishment for our lives and a source of hope in our communities, helping us to build a more fraternal and missionary church.

DATE	TIME	INTENTIONS	FEASTS	LECTORS	E O MINISTERS	WELCOMERS
SAT 3rd Vigil Mass	10.00am 4.00pm @ Hethe 6.00pm	No Mass People of the Parish Tom Hattam (RIP) 30th Ann.	Mem of the Most Holy Name of Jesus	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>Second Sunday after the Nativity</b>	M Daniel/L Cleeve S Joseph/volunteer	A & R Parati J & M Franta	Brown Family Timorean Family
MON 5th		No Mass	Christmas Feria			
TUE 6th	10.00am 2.00pm Hethe 7.00pm	<b>HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION</b> Roy Abbott (RIP) People of The Parish Ints of Jane & Guy, Susan & Dale	<b>Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord</b>	School children Volunteer Sr Sani/Sr Molly	Sr Rose J Li/ G Andrade	
WED 7th	9.30am	Holy Souls	Christmas Feria			
THU 8th	9.30am	Sue Dickinson (RIP)	Christmas Feria			
FRI 9th	12 noon	Peter A J (RIP)	Christmas Feria			
SAT 10th Vigil Mass	10.00am 4.00pm @ Hethe 6.00pm	Jean Ann Lawrence (RIP) 2nd Anni. People of the Parish In Thanksgiving—Annie Wong	Mem of Our Lady	P & K Kallay	O Panejko/B Santiago	McArdle Family
SUN 11th	9.00am 11.00am 4.00pm – 7.00pm 6.30pm	Peter A J (RIP) Joan & John Calnan (RIP) Polish Carol Service & Social Ukrainian Divine Liturgy	<b>Feast of the Baptism of the Lord</b>	L & R Weaver F Nyonyoozi/C Tett	C St John/ C Drew J & J Kokore	Sr Molly/C Cleeve R Elgado & Friends

### POLISH CAROL SERVICE & SOCIAL

Sunday, 11th January from 4pm

in church followed by social in the centre. All welcome!

Fairtrade tea & coffee in the centre after the 9am and 11am Masses every weekend & monthly Fridays 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’

**This week we pray for...**

**SANCTUARY LIGHT:** Ints of Chandy family

**OUR LADY’S CHAPEL:** Year Blessings - Nithin, Sruthi & Noah

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](mailto:sg.tic.bicester@rcaob.org.uk) &  
**Les Cleeve:** [sg.holytrinity.hethe@rcaob.org.uk](mailto: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.

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Church	First Collection	Second Collection	Standing Orders	Mass Attendance
Bicester	£962.64	£247.08	£1122	469
Hethe	£20	Carols £15.65	£198	23

**Parish Priest: Father Craig Davies BA (hons) STB** [fr.craig.davies@rcaob.org.uk](mailto:fr.craig.davies@rcaob.org.uk)  
**Parish Deacons:**  
Rev Mr Michael Panejko MA 01869 246 459  
**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.

**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”.



## SECOND SUNDAY AFTER THE NATIVITY

Entrance Antiphon: When a profound silence covered all things and night was in the middle of its course, your all-powerful Word, O Lord, bounded from heaven’s royal throne.

First reading Sirach 24:1-2, 8-12  
The wisdom of God has dwelt in the chosen people.

Wisdom will praise herself and will boast in the midst of her people. In the assembly of the Most High she will open her mouth, and in the presence of his forces she will boast: ‘Then the Creator of all things commanded me, and the one who created me gave my tent a resting place. And he said, “Make your dwelling in Jacob and in Israel receive your inheritance.” From eternity, in the beginning, he created me, and for eternity I shall not cease to exist. In the holy tabernacle I ministered before him, and so I was established in Sion. In the beloved city likewise he gave me a resting place, and in Jerusalem was my dominion. So I took root in an honoured people, in the portion of the Lord, his inheritance.’

The word of the Lord  
All: Thanks be to God

Responsorial Psalm *The Word became flesh and dwelt among us.*

Second reading Ephesians 1:3-6, 15-18  
‘He predestined us for adoption as sons through Jesus.’

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, even as he chose us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and blameless before him. In love he predestined us for adoption to himself as sons through Jesus Christ, according to the purpose of his will, to the praise of his glorious grace, with which he has blessed us in the Beloved.

For this reason, because I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love towards all the saints, I do not cease to give thanks for you, remembering you in my prayers, that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you the Spirit of wisdom and of revelation in the knowledge of him, having the eyes of your hearts enlightened, that you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance in the saints.

The word of the Lord  
All: Thanks be to God

Gospel Acclamation Alleluia, alleluia.  
Glory to you, O Christ, proclaimed among the nations.  
Glory to you, O Christ, believed in throughout the world.  
Alleluia.

Gospel John 1:1-18  
‘The Word became flesh and dwelt among us.’

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things were made through him, and without him was not any thing made that was made. In him was life, and the life was the light of men. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.

There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness, to bear witness about the light, that all might believe through him. He was not the light, but came to bear witness about the light.

The true light, which gives light to everyone, was coming into the world. He was in the world, and the world was made through him, yet the world did not know him. He came to his own, and his own people did not receive him. But to all who did receive him, who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God, who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God. And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the Only Begotten from the Father, full of grace and truth. John bore witness about him, and cried out, ‘This was he of whom I said, “He who comes after me ranks before me, because he was before me.” ’

For from his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. For the law was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. No one has ever seen God; the only begotten God, who is at the Father’s side, he has made him known.

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**  
**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.**