

Teams for :	5/10	12/10	19/10	26/10	2/11	9/11	16/11
Children lit.	1	none	2	none	none	1	none
Coffee 9am (11)	6	7	8	9	10	11	1
Coffee 11am (9)	4	5	6	7	8	9	1
Flowers	Jo	Sr Rose	Sr Rose	Anne & Kirsten	Anne & Kirsten	Sally	Sally

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

MASSES THIS WEEKEND Please welcome Fr Bosco who will be celebrating mass at Hethe at 4pm, and Fr Craig Szmidt, Vocations Director at Oscott, who will be celebrating the 6pm, 9am and the 11am Masses this weekend.

OCTOBER Month of the Rosary “I invite everyone, each day of the coming month, to pray the Rosary for peace—personally, in the family, and in community.” (Pope Leo XIV) The Pope asks us all to pray the Rosary for peace this October. Rosaries and rosary prayer cards are available from the piety shop. These will help you to pray it.

BAPTISM COURSE The next and last Baptism Course of this year will take place on Saturday, 11th October at 10.30am in the St JP II Centre. Please register your attendance by emailing the office. Godparents are welcome to attend. The course lasts approximately 2 hours. **Wanted** Anyone to assist as catechists with Baptism Courses. Training will be given. Please speak to Clare St John or contact the parish office.

NEWMAN NIGHT WALK A night walk from Oxford to Littlemore on Wednesday 8th October. For more information see notice at the back of church or contact littlemore@newman-friends.org

100 CLUB SEPTEMBER DRAW £100—M Bazil, 46, £50 – E King, 70, £25—J Nelson, 8. Please collect your winnings from Sr Sani.

FR PAT ARMSTRONG After his recent fall which resulted in a fractured hip, Fr Pat is home and slowly recovering to hopefully regain his mobility. He would like to thank all parishioners and friends for their kind messages, prayers and support over the past few weeks and hopes to be out and about to see everyone as soon as he can.

BEETLE DRIVE The Beetle Drive that was held a fortnight ago turned out to be a great success. With 80 participants, there was a lot of fun in achieving full beetles and lots of laughs, along with a tasty fish supper. Many thanks to Fr Craig and the Social Committee for organizing this event which from feedback, will no doubt become a firm parish event. The evening raised £427.50 towards parish funds.

RCIA Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults The course will run from Oct/Nov 2025 — April 2026. Please email your interest to the parish office.

SYMPATHY We send our condolences and assurance of our prayers to the family of **Frederick Thornley** who died on Thursday, 25th September. Many of you will remember Fred who was a faithful parishioner and Parish Administrator in this parish for many years. His funeral details will be announced in due course. Please also pray for the repose of the soul of **Joan Burns** who died recently. A service for Joan will be held at North Oxfordshire Crematorium on Thursday, 16th at 12 noon. *May they rest in peace.*

REMINDER If you place your offering by card for a mass intention, please remember to *also* complete a Mass Offering envelope. This ensures that no mass offerings will be missed. Thank you.

JOB OPPORTUNITIES There are a few job opportunities at Blessed George Napier School, Banbury. Please see notice board for details.

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.

GROUPS FOR RECONCILIATION /1ST HOLY COMMUNION & CONFIRMATION SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMME 2025-26. EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS/ LECTORS/CHURCH CLEANERS/WELCOMERS.



Parish Consultation - An Open Meeting
On Friday 24th October 2025 at 7pm in the Saint John Paul II Centre, Bicester.

All Parishioners are invited to attend an open meeting to discuss, and to choose, a new name for the Parish. This does not change the names of the two churches, The Immaculate Conception, Bicester, and Holy Trinity, Hethe, but only the name of the newly created Parish following the merger of Hethe with Bicester. Please come along for this discussion before you, the parish, vote on the new Sacred Name.

During the Deanery Visitation, June 2023 to July 2024, it was agreed that the best way to secure the future of the two parishes, now served by one priest, was to bring them together to form one parish. This is an exciting venture as we reunite the Mother Church of the area, Hethe, with the daughter parish of Bicester. It reduces the administrative tasks required of the priest. It opens up new and exciting ways of working together to further the Mission of the Church.

One community served by two churches, two churches served by one priest. **One people united in faith!** Please see posters in church for proposed new sacred designations.

DIARY DATES:
Coffee Mornings Every first Friday of the month from 10-11.45am.
Parish Pastoral Council Meeting: Monday 17th Nov at 7pm.
Christmas Bazaar Sunday 30th November after morning masses.
Filipino Day of Prayer Saturday December 6th from 3.30pm.
Friends of the Holy Land Stall Sale 6th & 7th December.
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.’

OCTOBER SECOND COLLECTIONS

5th: Family Fast Day (CAFOD)

12th & 26th: Parish Maintenance. 19th: MISSIO/APF

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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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/SfORcspHizNr8niFC4ls5oJQBgoc37B8YBCjkVpC>

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.



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Twenty Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

5th October 2025

Month of October is dedicated to The Holy Rosary - Sunday Cycle C - Psalter Week 3

Holy Father’s Prayer Intention: For collaboration between different religious traditions. Let us pray that believers in different religious traditions may work together to defend and promote peace, justice and human fraternity.

DATE	TIME	INTENTIONS	FEASTS	LECTORS	E O MINISTERS	WELCOMERS
SAT 4th Vigil Mass	4.00pm Hethe 6.00pm	Holy Souls Walenty & Helena Nowak (RIP)	Mem of St Francis of Assisi		O Panejko/volunteer	M Marrs/P Behan
SUN 5th	9.00am 11.00am	Rose McKeon (RIP) Joseph Arrackal (RIP)	27th Sunday in Ordinary Time	L & R Weaver F Nyonyoozi/C Tett	P Capretta/ J Hartley Sr Molly/ Sr Rose	C St John/ A Mutton Franta Family
MON 6th		No Masses	Feria in Ordinary Time			
TUE 7th		No Mass	Mem of Our Lady of the Rosary			
WED 8th	2.00pm	Ursuline Association Meeting at Convent	Feria in Ordinary Time			
THU 9th		No Mass	Feast of St John Henry Newman, P			
FRI 10th		No Mass	Feria in Ordinary time			
SAT 11th Vigil Mass	10.00am 10.30am-11.30am 10.30am 4.00pm Hethe 6.00pm	Mike Gosling (RIP) Exposition, Benediction & Confessions Baptism Course People of the Parish Anita Magleo (RIP)	Mem of Our Lady	Volunteer	C Mc Ardle	B Santiago/ Sister A Mutton
SUN 12th	9.00am 11.00am 1.00pm	P O Kunjavareed (RIP) Jesusa Mausisa (91st Birthday) Baptism—Anaya Juliana Owusu Asare	28th Sunday in Ordinary Time	A Kirby-Hall/P Cousins U Edward/ E King	C St John/ C Drew F Ostrowski/Sister	Brown Family Timorean Community

CAFOD Family Fast Day Appeal Second Collection this weekend Please donate to our Family Fast Day parish collection to share God’s abundant gifts with our global neighbours as they find lasting solutions to poverty and climate challenges. Your generosity offers “signs of hope” in this Jubilee Year, helping build more water tanks in communities like Waré’s in Ethiopia where women have to walk for hours to get water. Lots of ways to donate: By QR code, CAFOD envelope (available from the welcomers in church) the card machine, online at cafod.org.uk/envelope or call 0303 303 3030.

Fairtrade Tea & coffee in the centre after the 9am and 11am Masses every weekend & every first Friday of the month - come along for a chat and meet your fellow parishioners.

This week we pray for...
SANCTUARY LIGHT: My Family & Friends
OUR LADY’S CHAPEL: Ronald Jobling (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.

The Catholic Parishes of Immaculate Conception @BICESTER

And Holy Trinity @

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

Church	First Collection	Second Collection Fr Hudson	Standing Orders	Mass Attendance
Bicester	£611.52	£271.38	£1122	418
Hethe	£55.77	£27.15	£198	45

Parish Priest: Father Craig Davies BA (hons) STB fr.craig.davies@rcaob.org.uk
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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.

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”.

Twenty Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Entrance Antiphon: Within your will, O Lord, all things are established, and there is none that can resist your will. For you have made all things, the heaven and the earth, and all that is held within the circle of heaven; you are the Lord of all.

First reading

Habakkuk 1:2-3; 2:2-4

‘The righteous shall live by his faith.’

O LORD, how long shall I cry for help, and you will not hear? Or cry to you ‘Violence!’ and you will not save? Why do you make me see iniquity, and why do you idly look at wrong? Destruction and violence are before me; strife and contention arise. And the LORD answered me: ‘Write the vision; make it plain on tablets, so he may run who reads it. For still the vision awaits its appointed time; it hastens to the end — it will not lie. If it seems slow, wait for it; it will surely come; it will not delay. ‘Behold, his soul is puffed up; it is not upright within him, but the righteous shall live by his faith.’

The word of the Lord
All: Thanks be to God

Responsorial Psalm *O that today you would listen to his voice! ‘Harden not your hearts.’*

Second reading

2 Timothy 1:6-8, 13-14

‘Do not be ashamed of the testimony about our Lord.’

Beloved: I remind you to fan into flame the gift of God, which is in you through the laying on of my hands, for God gave us a spirit not of fear, but of power and love and self-control. Therefore do not be ashamed of the testimony about our Lord, nor of me his prisoner, but share in suffering for the gospel by the power of God,

Follow the pattern of the sound words that you have heard from me, in the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. By the Holy Spirit who dwells within us, guard the good deposit entrusted to you.

The word of the Lord
All: Thanks be to God

Gospel Acclamation Alleluia, alleluia.
The word of the Lord remains for ever
and this word is the good news that was preached to you
Alleluia.

Gospel

Luke 17:5-10

‘If you had faith.’

At that time: The Apostles said to the Lord, ‘Increase our faith!’ And the Lord said, ‘If you had faith like a grain of mustard seed, you could say to this mulberry tree, “Be uprooted and planted in the sea”, and it would obey you.

‘Will any one of you who has a servant ploughing or keeping sheep say to him when he has come in from the field, “Come at once and recline at table”? Will he not rather say to him, “Prepare supper for me, and dress properly, and serve me while I eat and drink, and afterwards you will eat and drink”? Does he thank the servant because he did what was commanded? So you also, when you have done all that you were commanded, say, “We are unworthy servants; we have only done what was our duty.” ’

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.