


<b>Teams for :</b>	<b>7/12</b>	<b>14/12</b>	<b>21/12</b>	<b>28/12</b>	<b>4/1</b>	<b>11/1</b>
Children lit.	1	none	none	none	none	
Coffee 9am (11)	4	5	6	7	8	9
Coffee 11am (9)8	5	6	7	9	1	2
Flowers	Meet	none	All	All	All	All to Dismantle

<b>LET US PRAY FOR THE SICK AND HOUSEBOUND</b>
We include those in hospitals, nursing homes and their own homes: Mary Lynch, K Cashman, Jean McIntosh, Gerry Wright.
<b>ROSARY:</b> Daily 25 minutes before Mass starts. <b>DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET:</b> Every Tuesday at 2.00pm in Church. <b>BAPTISMS/WEDDINGS:</b> Please contact the Parish Office through email or phone. <b>CONFESSIONS:</b> <i>Saturday Bicester: 10.30am-11.30am</i> <i>Hethe: 3.15pm-3.50 pm</i> (Sacristy) <b>URSULINE LAY ASSOCIATION:</b> Every 2nd Wednesday of the month @ 2pm Ursuline Convent. <b>EAST TIMOR COMMUNITY PRAYER:</b> First Sunday of the month at 5.00pm. Various locations. <b>PARISH OUTREACH GROUP:</b> Contact the Office if you need some form of practical help. <b>PIETY SHOP:</b> Open Friday, Saturday and Sunday around Masses.

 **SOLEMNITY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY** This coming 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.

**CHRISTMAS BAZAAR** A huge thank you to all who came and supported the lovely event last weekend an amazing total of £2589.35 was raised for parish funds. Grateful thanks to the Social Committee in making the bazaar a great success and to everyone who volunteered to help with the stalls, helped clear away and donated items. Great team work!  
**COFFEE MORNING** Please note that 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.

**HETHE COFFEE MORNING** A Coffee morning will be held at St Philip’s Hall Hethe, on Monday, 8th December from 10am to 12pm, all are welcome.

**CAROL SERVICE** A Carol Service will be held at Holy Trinity, Hethe on Sunday, 14th Dec at 6pm. This is the annual joint service with the C of E Church in Hethe and open to all.


**CHRISTMAS RAFFLE** Please remember to return any raffle ticket stubbs and payments in good time for the draw. Please give to Sr Molly or the parish office. 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.

**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.*

**YOU ARE INVITED TO ST MARY’S SCHOOL NATIVITY** All parishioners are warmly invited to the **Key Stage 1 Nativity** on Tuesday, 9 December at 2.15pm, or Wednesday, 10 December at 9.00am and also to the **Key Stage 2 Carol Concert** on Thursday, 18 December at 9.00am, to be held in the School Hall. Both productions are going to be great do come along!

**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  
4.00 Holy 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, 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.

**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.**




**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’.

**Christmas Mass times for Bicester and Hethe**  
**Christmas Eve**  
9.30am Bicester  
2pm Bicester  
6pm Bicester  
8pm Hethe  
11.30pm Carols &  
Midnight Mass – Bicester

**Christmas Day**  
9am and 11am - Bicester  
**St Stephen’s Day**  
12 noon – Bicester followed by Pizza lunch for  
Altar Servers



**DIARY DATES:**  
**Coffee Mornings** Every first Friday of the month from 10-11.45am.  
**Diocesan Intercultural Mass and Social** Saturday 21st February 2026.  
**Mass of Confirmation** Friday 20th March 2026 at 7pm.  
**Baptism Course** - Saturday 31st January 10am-12 noon.



**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.

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/SfORcspHjzNr8niFC4Is5oJQBgoc37B8YBCjKVpC>

**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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# Immaculate Conception @BICESTER


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2ND SUNDAY @ Advent

## SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

### Sunday Cycle A - Psalter Week 2




**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.**



2ND SUNDAY @ Advent

DATE	TIME	INTENTIONS	FEASTS	LECTORS	E O MINISTERS	WELCOMERS
SAT 6th Vigil Mass	3.30pm—6pm 4.00pm Hethe 6.00pm	<b>Filipino Day of Prayer</b> 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)	<b>Second Sunday of Advent</b>	M Brown/J Li U Edwards/E King	L & R Weaver J & M Franta	Brown Family Timorean community
MON 8th	10.00am (Chu) 7.00pm	No Mass at Hethe <b>Whole School Mass</b> - Eileen Parker (RIP) Decs. members of the Cawley Family (RIP) followed by Social in the JPII	<i>Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i>	M Daniel/Children		
TUE 9th	9.30am 10.30am	Domingos & Leonor Sereno (RIP) <b>Funeral Service</b> - Patricia Tempero (RIP)	<i>Advent Feria</i>	H King		
WED 10th	2.00pm 7.30pm-8.30pm	No Mass Ursuline Association Meeting @Convent RCIA in the Centre	<i>Advent Feria</i>			
THU 11th	7.00 pm	Jose Magleo (RIP)	<i>Advent Feria</i>	L Cleeve		
FRI 12th	8.00am (Sch) 12 noon	<b>Advent School Mass</b> —Holy Souls Franciscan De Jesus	<i>Advent Feria</i>	E King		
SAT 13th Vigil Mass	10.00am 10.30am-11.30am 10am - 4.00pm Hethe 6.00pm	Alberto Gomes (RIP) Exposition, Benediction & Confessions <b>Day of Prayer</b> - People of the Parish  Ints of Margaret Woodford	<i>Mem of St Lucy, V, M</i>	Volunteer  C McArdle/H King	B Santiago/ M Doherty	B McFall/volunteer
SUN 14th	9.00am 11.00am 6.00pm	Bernadette James (RIP) Ints of Alan Marshall (80th Birthday) <b>Carol Service</b> at Holy Trinity, Hethe	<b>Third Sunday of Advent</b> <i>Gaudete Sunday</i>	H Gerrow/ S McCarthy R Evans/J Hurst	A Hall/M Kelly J & J Kokore	A & R Parati Rowena Elgado & Friends

**The second collection this weekend will be for poor parishes.**

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: Felipe Teng (RIP)**

**OUR LADY’S CHAPEL: The safe return of our students**

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.



**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.

**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”.

Church	First Collection	Second Collection	Standing Orders	Mass Attendance
Bicester	£700.82	£211.08	£1122	562
Hethe	£46		£198	40



SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Entrance Antiphon: O people of Sion, behold, the Lord will come to save the nations, and the Lord will make the glory of his voice heard in the joy of your heart.

First reading Isaiah 11:1-10 ‘With righteousness he shall judge the poor.’

On that day: There shall come forth a shoot from the stump of Jesse, and a branch from his roots shall bear fruit. And the Spirit of the LORD shall rest upon him, the Spirit of wisdom and understanding, the Spirit of counsel and might, the Spirit of knowledge and the fear of the LORD. And his delight shall be in the fear of the LORD. He shall not judge by what his eyes see, or decide disputes by what his ears hear, but with righteousness he shall judge the poor, and decide with equity for the meek of the earth; and he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked. Righteousness shall be the belt of his waist, and faithfulness the belt of his loins. The wolf shall dwell with the lamb, and the leopard shall lie down with the young goat, and the calf and the lion and the fattened calf together; and a little child shall lead them. The cow and the bear shall graze; their young shall lie down together; and the lion shall eat straw like the ox. The nursing child shall play over the hole of the cobra, and the weaned child shall put his hand on the adder’s den. They shall not hurt or destroy in all my holy mountain; for the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the LORD as the waters cover the sea. In that day the root of Jesse, who shall stand as a signal for the peoples — of him shall the nations enquire, and his resting-place shall be glorious.

The word of the Lord  
All: Thanks be to God

Responsorial Psalm In his days shall justice flourish, and great peace for ever.

Second reading Romans 15:4-9 Christ saves humanity.

Brothers and sisters: Whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, that through endurance and through the encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope. May the God of endurance and encouragement grant you to live in such harmony with one another, in accord with Christ Jesus, that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. Therefore welcome one another as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God.

For I tell you that Christ became a servant to the circumcised to show God’s truthfulness, in order to confirm the promises given to the patriarchs, and in order that the Gentiles might glorify God for his mercy. As it is written, ‘Therefore I will praise you among the Gentiles, and sing to your name.’

The word of the Lord  
All: Thanks be to God

Gospel Acclamation Alleluia, alleluia.  
Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight;  
all flesh shall see the salvation of God.  
Alleluia.

Gospel Matthew 3:1-12 ‘Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.’

In those days John the Baptist came preaching in the wilderness of Judea, ‘Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.’ For this is he who was spoken of by the prophet Isaiah when he said, ‘The voice of one crying in the wilderness: “Prepare the way of the Lord; make his paths straight.” ’ Now John wore a garment of camel’s hair and a leather belt round his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. Then Jerusalem and all Judea and all the region about the Jordan were going out to him, and they were baptised by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. But when he saw many of the Pharisees and Sadducees coming to his baptism, he said to them, ‘You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? Bear fruit in keeping with repentance. And do not presume to say to yourselves, “We have Abraham as our father”, for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children for Abraham. Even now the axe is laid to the root of the trees. Every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire. ‘I baptise you with water for repentance, but he who is coming after me is mightier than I, whose sandals I am not worthy to carry. He will baptise you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing floor and gather his wheat into the barn, but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.’

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

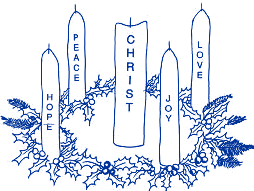
Everyone: I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible. I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages. God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, consubstantial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