

Teams for :	7/9	14/9	21/9	28/9	5/10	12/10	19/10
Children lit.	1	none	2	none	1	none	2
Coffee 9am (11)	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Coffee 11am (9)	9	1	2	3	4	5	6
Flowers	Portia/ Adelia	Jan/ Sally	Jan/ Sally	Jo	Jo	Sr Rose	Sr Rose

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.

<p>ROSARY: Daily 25 minutes before Mass starts.</p> <p>DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET: Every Tuesday at 2.00pm in Church.</p> <p>BAPTISMS/WEDDINGS: Please contact the Parish Office through email or phone.</p> <p>CONFESSIONS: <i>Saturday Bicester: 10.30am-11.30am</i> <i>Hethe: 3.15pm-3.50 pm (Sacristy)</i></p> <p>URSULINE LAY ASSOCIATION: Every 2nd Wednesday of the month @ 2pm Ursuline Convent.</p> <p>EAST TIMOR COMMUNITY PRAYER: First Sunday of the month at 5.00pm. Various locations.</p> <p>PARISH OUTREACH GROUP: Contact the Office if you need some form of practical help.</p> <p>PIETY SHOP: Open Friday, Saturday and Sunday around Masses.</p>

RIDE & STRIDE The Annual Oxfordshire Historic Churches Trust Ride & Stride will take place from 10.00 to 4.00pm, next weekend, 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.

OXFORD PRO-LIFE COMMUNITY LAUNCH. Saturday 20th September | 10-1pm | St Anthony of Padua Church Hall (next to the JR, OX3 7SS). A fun and enjoyable morning to meet like-minded people and find your pro-life niche. Child & family-friendly. Free parking. Refreshments. Email Ed.oxprolife@gmail.com or visit <https://oxfordprolife.org.uk/> for more info.

PARISH FUNDRAISER — BEETLE DRIVE WITH FISH 'N CHIP DINNER: Family fun on **Saturday, 20th September after 6pm Mass** in the JPll 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 now on sale from the social committee at masses this weekend. 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.

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

WINNERS 100 CLUB for August 2025, drawn Sun 31st Aug after 11am Mass. £100 A & J O’Rourke - 66, £50 R Evans - 77, £25 S & M Doherty 77. Please see Sr Sani for your winnings.

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.



MISSIO The Autumn booklets are available from the back of church for Red Box holders. World Mission Sunday will be held on 19th October this year.

CHRISTMAS CRIBS If anyone is interested in purchasing a olive wood crib from the Friends of the Holy Land, please speak to Lucia.

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. For catering purposes please inform Kathryn Bayliss at guild@rcaob.org.uk

DIARY DATES:
Coffee Mornings Every first Friday of the month from 10-11.45am.
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.
Filipino Day of Prayer Saturday December 6th from 3.30pm.
Friends of the Holy Land Stall Sale 6th & 7th December.

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

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

HETHE

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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/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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7th September 2025

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DATE	TIME	INTENTIONS	FEASTS	LECTORS	E O MINISTERS	WELCOMERS
SAT 6th Vigil Mass	4.00pm Hethe 6.00pm	People of the Parish Stefania & Wasyl Hawryluk (RIP)	Memorial of Our Lady	C McArdle	B Santiago/Sr Sani	A Mutton/L O’Flynn
SUN 7th	9.00am 11.00am 1.00pm	Holy Souls 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
MON 8th	9.30 @ Hethe 12 noon 7.00pm	Mary Evans (RIP) Anna Jane Edwards (RIP) Parish Finance Meeting	Feast of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary	M Daniel		
TUE 9th	9.30am	Griffith Edwards (RIP)	Feria in Ordinary time	L Cleeve		
WED 10th	2.00pm	No Mass Ursuline Association Meeting @Convent	Blessed Agnellus of Pisa			
THU 11th	9.30am	Bernadette James (RIP)	Feria in Ordinary time	J Kokore		
FRI 12th	12 noon	Ints of Mariana Do Santos (recovery)	Holy Name of Mary	E King		
SAT 13th Vigil Mass	10.00am 10.30am-11.30am 4.00pm Hethe 6.00pm	Crisostomo Ramos (RIP) Exposition, Benediction & Confessions People of the Parish Joseph & Anna Lemkalovich (RIP)	Mem of St John Chrysostom, B Dr	P & K Kallay	S & M Doherty	B & M McFall
SUN 14th	9.00am 11.00am 1.00pm	Ints of Jiminez Family - Safe return USA Eustachius & Marija Panejko (RIP) Baptism - Charles May	Feast of The Exaltation of the Holy Cross	C Moyse/C St John T Lane/ N Ward	L & R Weaver J & M Franta	L & C Cleeve Timorean Community

CHANGE OF DATE: THE NEXT BAPTISM COURSE WILL BE HELD ON SATURDAY 11TH OCTOBER AT 10.30AM IN THE ST JOHN PAUL II CENTRE.

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: Harry Jeanne (RIP)

OUR LADY’S CHAPEL: Angus Forsyth Snr. (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.



And Holy Trinity @ Hardwick Rd, HETHE OX27 8AW
 Henley House, 12 Causeway, Bicester, OX26 6AW
 Parish website: <https://www.immaculate-conception.org.uk>
 Archdiocesan : <https://www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk> Deanery: <https://banburyandwarwick-catholicdeanery.org.uk>
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Church	First Collection	Second Collection	Standing Orders	Mass Attendance
Bicester	£593.50	£334.29	£1122	431
Hethe	£32.22		£185	28

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”.

TWENTY THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Entrance Antiphon: You are just, O Lord, and your judgement is right; treat your servant in accord with your merciful love.

First readingWisdom 9:13-18b

‘Who can discern what the Lord wills?’

What human being can learn the counsel of God? Or who can discern what the Lord wills? For the reasoning of mortals is worthless, and our designs are likely to fail, for a perishable body weighs down the soul, and this earthy tent burdens the mind full of thoughts. We can hardly guess at what is on earth, and what is at hand we find with labour; but who has traced out what is in the heavens? Who has learned your counsel, unless you have given wisdom and sent your holy spirit from on high? And thus the paths of those on earth were set right, and people were taught what pleases you.

The word of the Lord
All: Thanks be to God

Responsorial Psalm *O Lord, you have been our refuge, from generation to generation.*

Second readingPhilemon 9b-10, 12-17

‘Have him back no longer as a bondservant but as a beloved brother.’

Beloved: I, Paul, an old man and now a prisoner also for Christ Jesus — I appeal to you for my child, Onesimus, whose father I became in my imprisonment. I am sending him back to you, sending my very heart. I would have been glad to keep him with me, in order that he might serve me on your behalf during my imprisonment for the gospel, but I preferred to do nothing without your consent in order that your goodness might not be by compulsion but of your own accord. For this perhaps is why he was parted from you for a while, that you might have him back for ever, no longer as a bondservant but more than a bondservant, as a beloved brother — especially to me, but how much more to you, both in the flesh and in the Lord. So if you consider me your partner, receive him as you would receive me.

The word of the Lord
All: Thanks be to God

Gospel Acclamation Alleluia, alleluia.
Let your face shine forth on your servant,
and teach me your decrees.
Alleluia.

GospelLuke 14:25-33

‘Any one who does not renounce all that he has cannot be my disciple.’

At that time: Great crowds accompanied Jesus, and he turned and said to them, ‘If anyone comes to me and does not hate his own father and mother, and wife and children, and brothers and sisters, yes, and even his own life, he cannot be my disciple. Whoever does not bear his own cross and come after me cannot be my disciple. For which of you, desiring to build a tower, does not first sit down and count the cost, whether he has enough to complete it? Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, all who see it begin to mock him, saying, “This man began to build and was not able to finish.” Or what king, going out to encounter another king in war, will not sit down first and deliberate whether he is able with ten thousand to meet him who comes against him with twenty thousand? And if not, while the other is yet a great way off, he sends a delegation and asks for terms of peace. So therefore, any one of you who does not renounce all that he has cannot be my disciple.’

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.