

Teams for :	8/2	15/2	22/2	1/3	8/3
Children Liturgy	none	none HT	none HT	1	2
Coffee 9am (11)	2	3	4	5	6
Coffee 11am (9)	6	7	8	9	1
Flowers	Jo	Jo	none	none	none

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, Paul Chrissp.

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.

CONFESIONS: Saturday Bicester: 10.30am-11.30am Hethe: 3.15pm-3.50 pm (Sacristy)

URSULINE LAY ASSOCIATION: Every 2nd and 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 2nd Sunday of the month at 6.30pm.

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

ASH WEDNESDAY The Season of Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, 18th February, the 40 days of fasting and penance that culminate in Easter Sunday. Masses will be held at 10am and 7pm in Bicester and at 12.30pm at RAF Croughton.

LENTEN WALK WITH ME BOOKLETS Are available from the back of church. Any donations gratefully received for these.

SCHOOL LENTEN MASSES These will take place every Friday, at 8am in school during Lent. All welcome.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS Stations of the Cross will be recited every Friday at 7pm and Sundays at 5pm. CTS Stations of the Cross booklets (some large print) are now in stock in the piety shop along with other Lenten reading resources.

CRIB COLLECTIONS Our Crib collections raised an amazing total of £881.92 in Bicester and £34 in Hethe towards Medecins Sans Frontieres / Doctors without Borders. Thank you sincerely for your generous donations.

HETHE COFFEE MORNING This will take place on Monday, 9th February from 10am-12 noon in St Philips Hall. All Welcome!

SUNDAY CHOIR The 11am Sunday mass choir will start practicing music for Lent and Easter very soon, it's an ideal time for new singers to come and join us. Practices Monday, 9 Feb 7.30pm in church, and most Mondays through Lent. Come along on the 9th.

RCIA - RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION The next RCIA session will take place on Wednesday, 11th February at 7.30pm in the centre.

SHOW THE LOVE 2026 On 14th & 15th February the Parish Environmental Group will be handing out green hearts on which you can write messages to the government about improvements you would like to our local environment. We will collect the hearts after Mass and deliver to Calum Miller MP.

https://www.theclimatecoalition.org/show_the_love_2026_why_it_matters_and_how_you_can_take_part

DEANERY PASTORAL FORUM MEETING St Joseph's Whitnash at 7pm, following a 6.30pm Mass, on Thursday 26 February for Deanery members.

STATIONS AND SOUP LUNCH Stations will be held in church at 12 noon on Wednesday, 4th March at 12 noon. In the St JPII Centre. All welcome!

ART AND CRAFT MARKET Monthly Art & Craft Markets will be held on Saturdays in the centre from 11am-2pm. There will be individual stall holders and also a parish stall run by the Bamber Family who are organising the market. First few dates are: 14th March, 11th April & 9th May.

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. Forms and details are available from the back of church.

100 CLUB Contact the parish office if you would like to subscribe to the 100 club, only £5 a month by Standing Order. Current numbers available are: 41,51,81,82,83,84,89 & 96.

CEILIDH DANCE A fundraising Ceilidh Dance for BGN students Lourdes Pilgrimage will take place on Friday, 27th February from 7.30pm-10pm at Blessed George Napier School, Banbury. Adults (17+) £10, young people (7-16) £5. Tickets via QR code on notice board.

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



CARD MACHINE Please note: Option '1st collection' is for church offerings. 'Mass Offerings' are for Mass intention offerings for requested masses. Please add name when prompted to leave message so we can link your mass the offering to the intention. Thank you.

SOCIAL EVENTS FOR YOUR DIARY!

ORGANISED BY THE PARISH SOCIAL & FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE. The Social Committee have met and put together a calendar of social events for the year and the first one is a:

Quiz Night (for adults only) to be held on **Friday, 27th February 2026** with a 7.30pm start at the JPII Centre, only £5 pp. Tickets available now from committee members.

Beetle Drive Friday 13th March with fish and chip supper.

Cheese & Wine with John Nelson Tunes, Saturday 25th April.

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

ZAPP Retro Games Day Saturday 14th November.

Christmas Bazaar Sunday 29th November.

If you would like to help with any of the events or have any ideas please contact the social committee on sc.tic.bicester@rcaob.org.uk

DIARY DATES 2026:

Diocesan Intercultural Mass and Social Sat 21st February at 12 noon. Parish Finance Meeting Thursday 19th February at 7pm.

Confirmation Retreat Day 28th February.

Lenten Fast (CAFOD) 1st March

Coffee Morning Friday 6th March at 10am.

Mass of Confirmation Friday 20th March 2026 at 7pm.

First Holy Communions Saturday 16th May.

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

Baptism Course - Saturday - date to be confirmed - 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.'

PARISH GIVING

SECOND COLLECTIONS FOR FEBRUARY will be for 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



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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/>

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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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FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Sunday Cycle A - Weekdays II - 8th February 2026 - Psalter Week 1

Month of February is dedicated to The Holy Family

Pope's Prayer Intention - Let us pray that children suffering from incurable diseases and their families receive the necessary medical care and support, never losing strength and hope.



DATE	TIME	INTENTIONS	FEASTS	LECTORS	E O MINISTERS	WELCOMERS
SAT 7th Vigil Mass	4.00pm @ Hethe 6.00pm	Holy Souls Charles Le'Bihan (RIP)	Memorial of Our Lady	P & K Kallay	O Panejko/ B Santiago	M & S Doherty
SUN 8th	9.00am 11.00am 6.30pm	Confirmation Sponsors Mass People of the Parish In Thanksgiving - Otum Family Ukrainian Divine Liturgy	Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time Day for Victims of Human Trafficking	H Gerrow/ A Kirby Hall J Franta/ A Kearsley	J Li/ C Hartley J & J Kokore	C St John/ A Mutton R Elgado & Friends
MON 9th	9.30 @Hethe 12 noon	Holy Souls Peter A J	Feria in Ordinary Time	A Fitzpatrick		
TUE 10th	9.30am	Mee Yung (Simon) Sze (RIP)	Mem of St Scholastica, V	L Cleeve		
WED 11th	2.00pm	No Mass Ursuline Lay Association at Convent	Our Lady of Lourdes			
THU 12th	9.30am 2.15pm @ Sch	Ints of Florence Young Holy Souls	Feria in Ordinary Time	J Kokore		
FRI 13th	12 noon	Ints of Kerton & Summons Families	Feria in Ordinary Time	E King		
SAT 14th Vigil Mass	10.00am 10am-12 noon 4.00pm @ Hethe 6.00pm	Mary McLaren (RIP) Benediction, Exposition & Confessions People of the Parish Felipe Teng (RIP)	Feast of St Cyril, Monk & Methodius, B, Patrons of Europe Day of Prayer for Europe	Volunteer A Mutton/H King	S & M Doherty	L & B Hattam
SUN 15th	9.00am 11.00am 1.00pm	Ints of Kevin's Family - (for guidance) Ints of Angela Whelan Baptism - Charles Oscar Porter	Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time Day for the Unemployed	C Moyse/C St John T Lane/ N Ward	C & J Hartley J Marshall/ Sr Sani	Brown Family Franta Family

Sponsors Commitment Mass Please keep all our children along with their sponsors, families and catechists in your prayers as they prepare for the Sacrament of Confirmation. Archbishop Bernard Longley will confirm the children on Friday, 20th March at 7pm .



Fairtrade/Rainforest Alliance tea & coffee in the centre after the 9am and 11am Masses every weekend & monthly Fridays throughout the year (not Jan, April or Aug)



Come along for a chat and meet your fellow parishioners!

Donations can now be made by card—option 'Coffee Mornings'

Church	First Collection	Second Collection	Standing Orders	Mass Attendance
Bicester	£735.06	£ 201.36	£1122	482
Hethe	£80.50		£165	24

FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Entrance Antiphon: O come, let us worship God and bow low before the God who made us, for he is the Lord our God.

First reading

Isaiah 58:6-10

'Your light shall break forth like the dawn.'

Thus says the Lord: Is not this the fast that I choose: to loose the bonds of wickedness, to undo the straps of the yoke, to let the oppressed go free, and to break every yoke? Is it not to share your bread with the hungry and bring the homeless poor into your house; when you see the naked, to cover him, and not to hide yourself from your own flesh? Then shall your light break forth like the dawn, and your healing shall spring up speedily; your righteousness shall go before you; the glory of the LORD shall be your rearguard. Then you shall call, and the LORD will answer; you shall cry, and he will say, 'Here I am.' If you take away the yoke from your midst, the pointing of the finger, and speaking wickedness, if you pour yourself out for the hungry and satisfy the desire of the afflicted, then shall your light rise in the darkness and your gloom be as the noonday.

The word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God

Responsorial Psalm: *A light rises in the darkness for the upright.*

Second reading

1 Corinthians 2:1-5

'I proclaimed to you the mystery of Christ crucified.'

I, when I came to you, brothers and sisters, did not come proclaiming to you the testimony of God with lofty speech or wisdom. For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ and him crucified. And I was with you in weakness and in fear and much trembling, and my speech and my message were not in plausible words of wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power, so that your faith might not rest in the wisdom of men but in the power of God.

The word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia.

I am the light of the world, says the Lord;
whoever follows me will have the light of life.
Alleluia.

Gospel

Matthew 5:13-16

'You are the light of the world.'

At that time: Jesus said to his disciples, 'You are the salt of the earth, but if salt has lost its taste, how shall its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything except to be thrown out and trampled under people's feet.'

'You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden. Nor do people light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a stand, and it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven.'

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.