

THE CATHOLIC PARISH OF ST. EDMUND CAMPION

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Date: Sunday 8th November 2026

Sunday: THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR A

Weekday Cycle: Year II
Divine Office: Week 4

Date:	Time:	Intentions:	Readers:
Saturday 7th November **Mem of Our Lady** (1st Masses of Sunday)	4:00pm HT 6:00pm	Holy Souls followed by Blessing of Graves Erica Marchi (RIP)	Volunteer P Cousins/ P Sims
Sunday 8th November **Remembrance Sunday**	9:45am 11:00am 11:45am	People of the Parish *Civic Service in the Market Square* *Remembrance Service at St Edburgs Church*	L & S Taylor
Monday 9th November **Feast of the Dedication of the Lateran Basilica**	9:30am HT 12 noon IC	Holy Souls Eufrasia Carolina Lie (for recovery)	A Fitzpatrick
Tuesday 10th November **Mem of St Leo the Great, P, Dr**	9:30am 2:00pm	Ints of Silvy &Suma Joseph – Wedding Anniversary *Divine Mercy Chaplet*	H King
Wednesday 11th November **Mem of St Martin of Tours, B**	NO MASS 7:00pm	*Flower Team Meeting at the JPII*	
Thursday 12th November **Mem of St Josaphat, B, M**	9:30am	Ints of Theresa Mary (Birthday)	L Cleeve
Friday 13th November **Feria in Ordinary Time**	12 noon	John Hackett (RIP)	E King
Saturday 14th November **Mem of Our Lady** (1st Masses of Sunday)	10:00am 10:30am-11:30am 4:00pm HT 6:00pm	Crispin Ramos (RIP) *Confessions, Exposition & Benediction* Holy Souls Izabel Dos Reis Goncalves & Miguel & Rafael Mendes	Volunteer Volunteer P & K Kallay
Sunday 16th November **Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time**	9:00am 11:00am 1:00pm 3:00pm	People of the Parish - Confirmation Commitment Mass Patricia Higgins (RIP) Baptisms - Emil Domozych & Lena Danuta Wenerska Vespers followed by Blessing of Graves – Bicester Cemetery	C Moyse & J Josh H King & E Green

Parish Live Stream

All of the services at Bicester are live-streamed on our Parish YouTube 'Bicester Catholic Church' Channel. This can be accessed via the Parish website or by visiting: https://camstreamer.com/redirect/xmTDv4jBRjMTOM5VBVyN34wpRY1nK34jSHqcqhR
Follow the Mass Readings at: https://universalis.com/mass.html

We have a CCTV System that operates 24hrs a day. This is in place for the safety of all who attend this church, the protection of property and crime prevention.

An Induction Loop System is provided at the Church of the Immaculate Conception. Please switch Hearing Aids to 'T'.

Church	First Collection	Parish Maintenance	Standing Orders	Mass Attendance
BICESTER	£920.87	£690.70	£1122	467
HETHE	£20	£39.40	£165	28

TEA & COFFEE MORNING

Tea & Coffee is available in the JP II Centre every Sunday after the 9am & 11am Masses. We also have our monthly Coffee Morning, on a Friday, throughout the year, from 10-11:45am.

Come along for a chat and meet other members of the parish community!

Use this QR Code to join our Parish WhatsApp Group where you can keep up with news and information from the parish. Here you will also find other group pages for the different church groups created within the app. Simply scan the QR Code and follow the instructions.

THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR A

Entrance Antiphon: **Let my prayer come into your presence. Incline your ear to my cry for help, O Lord.**

First reading **Wisdom 6:12-16**

'Wisdom is found by those who seek her.'

Wisdom is radiant and unfading,
and she is easily discerned by those who love her
and is found by those who seek her.
She hastens to make herself known to those who desire her.
He who rises early to seek her will have no difficulty,
for he will find her sitting at his gates.
To fix one's thought on her is perfect understanding,
and he who is vigilant on her account
will soon be free from care,
because she goes about seeking those worthy of her,
and she graciously appears to them in their paths
and meets them in every thought.

The word of the Lord
All: Thanks be to God

Responsorial Psalm: ***For you my soul is thirsting, O Lord, my God.***

Second reading **1 Thessalonians 4:13-18**

'Through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have fallen asleep.'

We do not want you to be uninformed, brothers and sisters, about those who are asleep, that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have fallen asleep. For this we declare to you by the word from the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will not precede those who have fallen asleep. For the Lord himself will descend from heaven with a cry of command, with the voice of an archangel, and with the sound of the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air, and so we will always be with the Lord. Therefore encourage one another with these words.

The word of the Lord
All: Thanks be to God

Gospel Acclamation: **Alleluia, alleluia.**
Stay awake and be ready,
for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.
Alleluia.

Gospel **Matthew 25:1-13**

'Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.'

At that time: Jesus told his disciples this parable, 'The kingdom of heaven will be like ten virgins who took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. For when the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them, but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. As the bridegroom was delayed, they all became drowsy and slept. But at midnight there was a cry, "Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him." Then all those virgins rose and trimmed their lamps. And the foolish said to the wise, "Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out." But the wise answered, saying, "Since there will not be enough for us and for you, go rather to the dealers and buy for yourselves." And while they were going to buy, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went in with him to the marriage feast, and the door was shut. Afterwards the other virgins came also, saying, "Lord, lord, open to us." But he answered, "Truly, I say to you, I do not know you." Watch therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour.'

The Gospel of the Lord
All: Praise to you Lord, Jesus Christ

JPII Gaming Event (formally ZZAP!):

This will take place next Saturday 14th November from 11am-4pm. A chance to play retro, modern games, and more. Raffle and refreshments available. This is a fundraiser for the church and tickets are now available online via wegottickets.com – The JPII Gaming Event.

Flower Team

The flower team will be meeting this week to discuss the forthcoming seasons flower arranging. If you would like to find out more about what is involved in church flower arranging, or just curious? Then please come along.
Wednesday 11th November at 7pm at the JPII.

Dates for your Diary 2026



JPII Gaming Event:
Saturday 14th November 11am – 4pm
Christmas Bazaar:
Sunday 29th November: 10am – 2pm
Parish Patronal Feast of St Edmund Campion
Tuesday 1st December: Mass at 7.00pm
followed by Social in the JPII Centre
Parish Monthly Coffee Morning:
Friday 4th December at 10am
Filipino Prayer Day:
Saturday 5th December from 3.30pm
The Feast of the Immaculate Conception:
Tuesday 8th December: Mass at 7.00pm

Parish 100 Club:

Winners 100 club for October 2026!

2026 Oct	NAME	Number
£100	Elizabeth Green	63
£50	Anne Swanson	64
£25	Anne Kearsley	52

Please collect your winnings from Sr Sani.
Thank you for your support!

Pray for the Sick and the Housebound:

Let us pray for the sick in our parish, those at home, in hospital, and in Nursing Homes: **Mary Lynch, Jean McIntosh.** Please pray also for those who carry the burden of their illnesses privately.

School Masses

Mass will be held at 2.15pm at St Mary's School on Monday 16th November. All parishioners are welcome to attend.

Safeguarding

A small talk will be given by our Safeguarding representatives, Elizabeth Green and Les Cleeve at all Masses on the weekend of 21st/22nd November.

This week the Sanctuary Candles burn for:



Sanctuary Lamp: Peter Flynn RIP
Our Lady's Chapel: For God's light to shine on me and my family – always.

If you wish to sponsor one of the lamps which burn perpetually in the church, please complete and return the slip to the Parish Office/Sisters.
Lamps cost £10 each and burn for one week.

November – Month of the Holy Souls:

The Church dedicates the month of November to the contemplation of the mystery of the Communion of Saints. This communion of love includes the faithful who have already reached heaven, the faithful departed who are still being purified and made ready for full union with God, and the pilgrim faithful here on earth. As the celebration of Mass is the highest means the Church can provide for charity for the dead, we invite you to submit the names of your deceased parents, relations, friends, and all for whom you wish to pray. These names will be remembered in Masses for Holy Souls. Please use the Holy Souls envelopes provided and deliver together with your offerings to the casket near the sanctuary during the month of November.

***"We pray with Christian hope that they are with God in paradise, in the expectation of being together again in that Mystery of Love that we don't understand, but which we know is true because it is a promise that Jesus made."* — Pope Francis**

Remembrance Sunday 8th November

Please note that only one Mass at 9.45am will be held and this is followed with the Civic Remembrance at 11.00am in the Market Square and at 11.45am at St Edburgs Church.
Coffee will be held as usual after this Mass in the JPII.
Please be aware of the road closure along the Causeway.

Blessing of Graves

Bicester Cemetery – Sunday 15th November - 3pm
Vespers in church
St Mary's Ambrosden – Sunday in November TBC

Christmas Bazaar:

Our Christmas Bazaar will take place on the first weekend of Advent, Sunday 29th November after the 9am Mass. The Social Committee would be very grateful for donations to support this important parish fundraiser. Donations can be brought along on the designated weekends to church or the JPII.

This weekend- Bottles for Bottle Stall (alcoholic and non-alcoholic drinks) *thank you to all who donated*!
14th/15th November - Chocolates for Chocolate Tombola
21st/22nd November - New gifts for Tombola
28th/29th November - Cakes for Cake Stall and Mince Pies and Chocolate Logs for Café

Please support this wonderful parish event if you can. Your generosity and support are very much appreciated and will help to make the bazaar a success. Thank you!

Advent Wreath Making Workshop

Tuesday 24th November at 7pm at the JPII Centre.
Come along and join our wonderful team of Church Flower Ladies for a fun and festive evening of wreath making.
Please bring some foliage and decorative bits along, all other items will be provided.
To take part please add your name to the list at the back of the church. £10 pp.

Advent Walk with me Booklets & Calendars

These are now available from the back of church - any donations towards them greatly received. Please place into donations wall money box – thank you.

Safeguarding Notice:

This Parish operates in accordance with Statutory Safeguarding Guidance and National and Archdiocesan policies & procedures at all times. Our Parish Safeguarding Representatives are: **Mrs Elizabeth Green**, who can be contacted at sg.tic.bicester@rcaob.org.uk and: **Mr Les Cleeve**, who can be contacted at ht.sg.holytrinity.hethe@rcaob.org.uk
The Diocesan Safeguarding Team can be contacted at safeguarding@rcaob.org.uk or on 0121 230 6240 if you have any safeguarding concerns.

Pope's Prayer Intention for November:

For the proper use of wealth: Let us pray for the proper use of wealth, that not succumbing to the temptation of selfishness, it may always be put at the service the common good and solidarity of those who have less.

Parish Information Board:

Piety Shop:
Open Friday, Saturday & Sunday around Mass times
Rosary:
Daily 25 mins before the start of Mass
Divine Mercy Chaplet:
Every Tuesday at 2pm in Church
Confession:
Bicester: Saturday 10:30am – 11:30am
Hethe: Saturday 3:30pm – 3:50pm
Ursuline Lay Association:
Every 2nd Wednesday at 2pm in the Convent.
East Timor Community Prayer:
First Sunday of the month at 5pm (Various Locations)
Journey in Faith (RCIA):
First Meeting - Monday 30th November at 7pm

Financial Information

Please place all candle money into the wall safe marked 'CANDLES' at the back of the church near the Piety Shop. Alternatively, you can pay on the card machine under 'Sanctuary Lamps & Votives'.

Second Collections for November:

15th/29th Parish Maintenance
22nd Catholic Youth Service

Parish Giving:

Link to Donate Online:
https://portal.mydona.com/assets/webPay/index.php?cid=528

Mass Intention Offerings:
Please use the 'Mass Intention Envelopes' provided. You can either make your donation by placing cash in the envelope or, by using the card machine under 'Mass Offerings' NB, when using the card machine you must also put the intention in the 'message box' so that your donation and the envelope can be matched together. Please also write 'paid by card or machine' on the envelope. Envelopes should then be delivered to the sacristy.

Contactless Giving:
You can also donate by scanning the QR Code with your phone or by using the card machine in the church porch. If you are a UK taxpayer, please consider Gift Aiding your donation. Eac make a subsequent donation using the same card Gift Aid will be added automatically.

Gift Aid Your Offering
If you are a UK Taxpayer, and you give by Standing Order, please consider Gift Aiding your weekly offerings. 25% in every £1 could be added to the value of your donation at no cost to you! Please contact Sr. Sani, the Parish Gift Aid Co-ordinator.

Parish Duties this Weekend: 7th/8th Nov		
6pm Mass	Welcomers:	McArdle Family
	E. O. Ministers:	M Kelly & B Santiago
9.45am Mass	Welcomers:	J & J Kokore
	E. O. Ministers:	A Hall & J Kokore
	Children's Liturgy:	Team 3
	Tea/Coffee:	Team 8 from 9am team & team 9 from 11am team
No Mass	Welcomers:	
	E. O. Ministers:	
	Children's Liturgy:	
	Tea/Coffee:	
Duties During the Week For Sunday: 15th November		
Cleaners:	Team 3	
Flowers:	Anita	
Parish Duties Next Weekend: 14th/15th Nov		
6pm Mass	Welcomers:	S & M Doherty
	E. O. Ministers:	Sisters
9.00am Mass	Welcomers:	C West & C Cleeve
	E. O. Ministers:	J Li & J Hartley
	Children's Liturgy:	Team 1
	Tea/Coffee:	Team 9
11.00am Mass	Welcomers:	Timorean Community
	E. O. Ministers:	J & J Kokore
	Children's Liturgy:	No Children's Liturgy
	Tea/Coffee:	Team 6