



## Parishes of the Immaculate Conception, Bicester & Holy Trinity, Hethe

### HOLY WEEK 2026

**Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> March** 7.00 pm Penitential Service and Confessions - **Bicester**  
**Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> March** 7.00 pm Born For This - by pupils of Blessed George Napier

#### PALM SUNDAY WEEKEND

##### Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> March

Vigil Mass

4.00pm at **Hethe**

6.00pm at **Bicester**

##### Sunday Mass 29<sup>th</sup> March

9.00 am at **Bicester**

11.00 am (Gather at the Ursuline Convent at 10.50am) at **Bicester**



##### Monday of the Holy Week, 30<sup>th</sup> March - No Mass

##### Tuesday of Holy Week, 31<sup>st</sup> March

9.30 am Mass – **Bicester**

##### Wednesday of Holy Week, 1<sup>st</sup> April

11.00 am Mass of the Chrism at St Chad's Cathedral, Birmingham

7.00 pm Mass - **Bicester**

##### Holy (Maundy) Thursday, 2<sup>nd</sup> April

**9.00 am Morning Prayer**

8.00 pm Mass of the Lord's Supper – **Bicester**

followed by Watch and Pray before the Blessed Sacrament until midnight in Our Lady's Chapel



##### Good Friday, 3<sup>rd</sup> April

**9.00 am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer**

11.00 am Procession of Witness from St Edburgs

3.00 pm Liturgy of the Lord's Passion – **Bicester & Hethe**

7.00 pm Multi-lingual Stations of The Cross – **Bicester**

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##### Holy Saturday, 4<sup>th</sup> April

**9.00 am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer**

4.00 pm Blessing of Food for Polish Community – **Bicester**

8.00 pm Easter Vigil - **Bicester**

##### Easter Sunday, 5<sup>th</sup> April

9.00 am Mass – **Bicester**

10.00 am Mass – **Hethe**

11.00 am Mass - **Bicester**

##### Easter Monday, 6<sup>th</sup> April

9.30am Mass - **Hethe**

12 noon Mass – **Bicester**



Please note:

If you are intending to make your confession before Easter, you are encouraged to attend the **Penitential Service on Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> March at 7pm**, when other priests will be present. Although confessions may be arranged at other times by appointment, there is a great deal to be done in preparing for the Holy Week & Easter liturgies, and your cooperation will be appreciated.

## What is Holy Week?

Holy Week is an important time for Christians throughout the world. Holy Week, the final week of Lent, begins on Palm Sunday, the Sunday before Easter. Holy Week is a time when Catholics gather to remember and participate in the Passion of Jesus Christ. The Passion was the final period of Christ's life in Jerusalem. It spans from when He arrived in Jerusalem to when He was crucified.

## How Do Catholics Celebrate Holy Week?

Four special ceremonies commemorate the events of Christ's Passion from His entrance into Jerusalem, when palm branches were placed in His path, through His arrest on Holy Thursday and Crucifixion on Good Friday, to Holy Saturday, the day that Christ's body lay in the tomb.

The summit of the Liturgical Year is the Easter Triduum—from the evening of Holy Thursday to the evening of Easter Sunday. Though chronologically three days, they are liturgically one day unfolding for us the unity of Christ's Paschal Mystery.

The single celebration of the Triduum marks the end of the Lenten season and leads to the Mass of the Resurrection of the Lord at the Easter Vigil.

**The liturgical services that take place during the Triduum are:**

**Mass of the Lord's Supper**

**Good Friday of the Lord's Passion**

**Mass of the Resurrection of the Lord**



Let us rejoice fully in the Praise of God this Easter. Through the Passion, Death, and Resurrection of Jesus Christ, we have been made new in the waters of Baptism and become co-heirs to life eternal. We pray that thousands walking in their way of the Cross, be strengthened by the faith that the Cross ends in Resurrection. We, Catholics and all humanity, wait with joy and hope that this Holy Saturday will end with a victorious Easter.

**On behalf of all the clergy & sisters in our parish  
we wish you all  
a Very Happy & Blessed Easter!**