

<b>Teams for :</b>	<b>20/7</b>	<b>27/7</b>	<b>2/8</b>	<b>10/8</b>	<b>17/8</b>	<b>24/8</b>	<b>31/8</b>
Children lit.	4	none	none	none	none	none	none
Coffee 9am (11)	7	8	9	10	11	1	2
Coffee 11am (9)	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Flowers	Jan	Portia	Portia	Sr Rose	Sr Rose	Anita	Anita

**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><b>ROSARY:</b> Daily 25 minutes before Mass starts.</p> <p><b>DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET:</b> Every Tuesday at 2.00pm in Church.</p> <p><b>BAPTISMS/WEDDINGS:</b> Please contact the Parish Office through email or phone.</p> <p><b>CONFESSIONS:</b> <i>Saturday Bicester: 10.30am-11.30am</i> <i>Hethe: 3.15pm-3.50 pm (Sacristy)</i></p> <p><b>URSULINE LAY ASSOCIATION:</b> Every 2nd Wednesday of the month @ 2pm Ursuline Convent.</p> <p><b>EAST TIMOR COMMUNITY PRAYER:</b> First Sunday of the month at 5.00pm. Various locations.</p> <p><b>PARISH OUTREACH GROUP:</b> Contact the Office if you need some form of practical help.</p> <p><b>PIETY SHOP:</b> Open Friday, Saturday and Sunday around Masses.</p>
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**PARISH ENVIROMENTAL GROUP** Ever wondered what happens to your rubbish? Find out on a trip to Ardley Waste Recovery with the Environmental Group from 10:00 - 12:30 on Tuesday, 29th July. Contact Cath on 07929749669 if you like to join us. Shared transport can be arranged.

**ROAD CLOSURE** Please note that the Causeway will be closed on Thursday, July 31st from 9am - 12 noon due to a service taking place at St Edburgs. Mass will be held here in the evening at 7pm.

**COFFEE MORNING** The next one will be held on Friday, 1st August. All welcome for coffee and cake!

**PIETY SHOP** **Last weekend of CTS offer** - buy one get one free offer on CTS booklets. The booklets are very informative on a wide range of subjects and reasonably priced. £1.95-£3.99.

**SYMPATHY** Please pray for the repose of the soul of Bernadette James who died recently. A Requiem Mass will be celebrated for Bernadette on Monday, 4th August at 12 noon followed by cremation at North Oxford Crematorium. May she rest in peace.

**BAPTISMS** Our next Baptism course will be held on Saturday, 20th September at 10am, (please note change of date). Please contact the parish office to register if you intend to arrange a baptism for your child/ren in the coming months. Baptism application forms are available at the back of church.

**MARRIAGES** Please pray for all couples preparing to marry in the coming weeks. We pray that God will bless your marriage and guide you in your new journey together. May the One who brought you together bless your marriage, enrich your lives and deepen your love throughout the years. Congratulations!

**TESCO BLUE TOKENS** St Mary's School are taking part in the Tesco Stronger Starts programme to help fund a new sensory room and they would be grateful if parishioners could support them by simply popping a blue token in the box for **ST MARY'S** next time you shop at Tesco.

**SPONSORING SANCTUARY LAMPS** These lamps burn perpetually on the sanctuary (Blessed Sacrament) and in the Lady Chapel. Would you like one of these to burn in memory of a loved one, or for a particular intention? (Please note: one person/couple/intention per candle) If so, we are asking for a donation of £10 per week, which will go towards the costs of running the sacristy: candles, hosts, wine and other necessities for the celebration of Mass. Please hand completed slip to the Parish Clergy, Sisters or office. The intentions will be placed in order as they are received and published in the weekly bulletin. Payments by card option: Sanctuary Lamps.

**MASS OFFERINGS /CARD MACHINE** Please note that if you are paying on the card machine for a Mass Offering then it is essential that you add the name for whom mass will be said, or your name, when the machine prompts you to add a message, this is ***as well as*** completing a Mass Offering envelope which needs to be handed to the Clergy/Welcomers or office. Thank you.

**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.**



# JUBILEE YEAR 2025

## “Pilgrims of Hope”



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#### 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.

**RCIA Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults** Are you a non-Catholic who has been accompanying your family to church and feel drawn to join this community of faith? Or perhaps you are a Baptised Catholic but not received the Sacrament of Confirmation? This course is for anyone who wishes to explore the faith as adults with a view to becoming a Baptised and Confirmed member of the Catholic church next Easter. The course will run from Oct/Nov 2025 — April 2026. Please email your interest to the parish office.

**MARCH FOR LIFE UK LONDON SATURDAY 6TH SEPTEMBER 2025**  
For more information go to MARCHFORLIFE.CO.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. Details on this event coming out soon!



#### 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

27th July & 3rd/17th/24th/31st August: Parish Maintenance

10th August: Missionaries of St Paul Appeal



#### 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](mailto:ga.tic.bicester@rcaob.org.uk)

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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](https://camstreamer.com/redirect/SfORcspHjzNr8niFC4Is5oJQBgoc37B8YBCjkVpC)

**Follow the readings at Mass:** <https://universalis.com/mass.htm>

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## The Catholic Parishes of Immaculate Conception @BICESTER

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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## Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

**27th July 2025**

**Month of July is dedicated to The Precious Blood of Jesus - Sunday Cycle C - Psalter Week 1**

Holy Father's Prayer Intention: let us pray that we learn how to discern, how to choose the right paths in life, and how to reject everything that leads us away from Christ and the Gospel.



DATE	TIME	INTENTIONS	FEASTS	LECTORS	E O MINISTERS	WELCOMERS
<b>SAT 26th</b> Vigil Mass	<b>4.00pm</b> <i>Hethe</i> <b>6.00pm</b>	Jan Katzer (healing & recovery) Nathan Silvy ( Birthday )	<i>Memorial</i> <i>Of Ss Joachim and Anne, Parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i>	B & K McFall	M Kelly	S & M Doherty
<b>SUN 27th</b>	<b>9.00am</b> <b>11.00am</b>  <b>1.00pm</b>	Doris & Arnold Bacolod (Wedding Ann.) Catenian President's Mass - Ints of the Catenian Association Baptism—Uriella Otum	<b>Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> <i>World Day for Grand parents &amp; the Elderly</i>	J Li S Joseph	C Hartley M Franta	Brown Family Kokore Family
<b>MON 28th</b>		No Masses	<i>Feria in Ordinary Time</i>			
<b>TUE 29th</b>	<b>9.30am</b>	Fr John Bagglely (RIP)	<i>Mem of Ss Martha, Mary &amp; Lazarus</i>	L Cleeve		
<b>WED 30th</b>	<b>9.30am</b>	Ints of Patrick Cracroft– Brennan (sick)	<i>Feria in Ordinary Time</i>	M Daniel		
<b>THU 31st</b>	<b>7.00pm</b>	Tom & Katie St John—Wedding Congratulations	<i>Mem of St Ignatius of Loyola, P</i>	J Kokore		
<b>FRI 1st</b> <b>August</b>	<b>10am-11.45 am</b> <b>12 noon</b>	Coffee Morning Marie Oke (RIP)	<i>Mem of St Alphonsus Mary de' Liguori, B, Dr</i>	E King		
<b>SAT 2nd</b> Vigil Mass	<b>10.00am</b> <b>10.30am-11.30am</b> <b>4.00pm</b> <i>Hethe</i> <b>6.00pm</b>	Joan O'Neill (RIP) Exposition, Benediction & Confessions People of the Parish Kitty Hornby (RIP)	<i>Memorial of Our Lady</i>	Volunteer  B & K McFall	  O Panejko	  P Behan
<b>SUN 3rd</b>	<b>9.00am</b> <b>11.00am</b> <b>1.00pm</b>	Mike Gosling (RIP) Daniel & Liezel Jiminez - Wedding Anniversary Baptism—Matteo Ricci Martins	<b>Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>	S McCarthy H King	R & L Weaver J & J Kokore	L & C Cleeve Timorean Community



Tea & coffee in the centre after the 9am and 11am Masses will continue during the summer every weekend - come along for a chat and meet your fellow parishioners.

#### This week we pray for...



#### SANCTUARY LIGHT:

#### OUR LADY'S CHAPEL:

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.

Church	First Collection	Second Collection	Standing Orders	Mass Attendance
<b>Bicester</b>	<b>£562.45</b>	<b>£162.17</b>	<b>£1122</b>	<b>427</b>
<b>Hethe</b>	<b>£48 13/7</b> <b>£55 20/7</b>	<i>Sea Sunday</i> <b>£87</b>	<b>£185</b>	

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**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

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**St John Paul II Centre Bookings:** Srs Sani & Molly Monday-Friday 10am-4pm

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Go to contacts page on website for parish group contacts.

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SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Entrance Antiphon: God is in his holy place, God who unites those who dwell in his house; he himself gives might and strength to his people.

First reading

Genesis 18:20-32

‘Oh let not the Lord be angry, and I will speak.’

In those days: The LORD said, ‘Because the outcry against Sodom and Gomorrah is great and their sin is very grave, I will go down to see whether they have done altogether according to the outcry that has come to me. And if not, I will know.’ So the men turned from there and went towards Sodom, but Abraham still stood before the LORD. Then Abraham drew near and said, ‘Will you indeed sweep away the righteous with the wicked? Suppose there are fifty righteous within the city. Will you then sweep away the place and not spare it for the fifty righteous who are in it? Far be it from you to do such a thing, to put the righteous to death with the wicked, so that the righteous fare as the wicked! Far be that from you! Shall not the Judge of all the earth do what is just?’ And the LORD said, ‘If I find at Sodom fifty righteous in the city, I will spare the whole place for their sake.’ Abraham answered and said, ‘Behold, I have undertaken to speak to the Lord, I who am but dust and ashes. Suppose five of the fifty righteous are lacking. Will you destroy the whole city for lack of five?’ And he said, ‘I will not destroy it if I find forty-five there.’ Again he spoke to him and said, ‘Suppose forty are found there.’ He answered, ‘For the sake of forty I will not do it.’ Then he said, ‘Oh let not the Lord be angry, and I will speak. Suppose thirty are found there.’ He answered, ‘I will not do it, if I find thirty there.’ He said, ‘Behold, I have undertaken to speak to the Lord. Suppose twenty are found there.’ He answered, ‘For the sake of twenty I will not destroy it.’ Then he said, ‘Oh let not the Lord be angry, and I will speak again but this once. Suppose ten are found there.’ He answered, ‘For the sake of ten I will not destroy it.’

The word of the Lord  
All: Thanks be to God

Responsorial Psalm   *On the day I called, you answered me, O Lord.*

Second reading

Colossians 2:12-14

‘God made you alive together with him, having forgiven all trespasses.’

Brothers and Sisters: You have been buried with Christ in baptism, in which you were also raised with him through faith in the powerful working of God who raised him from the dead. And you, who were dead in your trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made alive together with him, having forgiven us all our trespasses, by cancelling the record of debt that stood against us with its legal demands. This he set aside, nailing it to the cross.

The word of the Lord  
All: Thanks be to God

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia.  
You have received the Spirit of adoption as sons,  
by whom we cry, ‘Abba! Father!’  
Alleluia.

Gospel

Luke 11:1-13

‘Ask, and it will be given to you.’

Jesus was praying in a certain place, and when he finished, one of his disciples said to him, ‘Lord, teach us to pray, as John taught his disciples.’ And he said to them, ‘When you pray, say: ‘Father, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come. Give us each day our daily bread, and forgive us our sins, for we ourselves forgive everyone who is indebted to us. And lead us not into temptation.’ And he said to them, ‘Which of you who has a friend will go to him at midnight and say to him, “Friend, lend me three loaves, for a friend of mine has arrived on a journey and I have nothing to set before him”; and he will answer from within, “Do not bother me; the door is now shut, and my children are with me in bed. I cannot get up and give you anything”? I tell you, though he will not get up and give him anything because he is his friend, yet because of his impudence he will rise and give him whatever he needs. And I tell you, ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you. For everyone who asks receives, and the one who seeks finds, and to the one who knocks it will be opened. What father among you, if his son asks for a fish, will instead of a fish give him a serpent; or if he asks for an egg, will give him a scorpion? If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!’

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.**