

Teams for :	16/3	23/3	30/3	6/4	13/4	20/4
Children lit.	4	none	1	tbc	tbc	Tbc
Coffee 9am (11)	10	11	1	2	3	4
Coffee 11am (9)	2	3	4	5	6	7
Flowers	Jo/Sally	none	none	none	Sr Rose	

**LET US PRAY FOR THE SICK AND HOUSEBOUND:**

Mary Lynch, K Cashman, Jean McIntosh, Gerry Wright, Marie Oke, Fred Thornley, Patrick Hughes.

**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.

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

**URSULINE LAY ASSOCIATION:** Every 2nd Wednesday of the month @ 2pm Ursuline Convent.

**EAST TIMOR COMMUNITY PRAYER:** First Sunday of the month at 5.00pm @ Ursuline Convent

**PARISH OUTREACH GROUP:** Please contact the Office if you need some form of practical help.

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

**CONFIRMATIONS** Many congratulations to all the children who were confirmed by Bishop Richard last weekend. Thank you to all who made the celebration a special occasion. Please keep the Confirmandi in your prayers.

**CAFOD Lent Appeal – Family Fast Day collection** The second collection this weekend will be for CAFOD Family Fast Day. Use the CAFOD envelope in church, donate online at [cafod.org.uk/envelope](http://cafod.org.uk/envelope) or call us on 0303 303 3030. You can also text CAFODLENT to 70085 to donate £10 or use this QR code to go straight to CAFOD's virtual envelope to make your donation.

**LILIES IN REMEMBRANCE** Forms to buy lilies for loved ones are available at £2.50 each. All funds raised will go towards all the flowers for Easter arrangements. Please return all completed forms to the welcomers or piety shop/office by Sunday, April 13th. The flower team will be dressing the church on Saturday, April 19th, if anyone would like to come along and help or keep them topped up with refreshments they would be very grateful!

**RCIA** Next session: Wednesday, 19th March at 7.30pm in the Centre. Topic: Life in Christ, People & Society. All welcome!

**DEANERY DAY PILGRIMAGE TO LITTLEMORE - SATURDAY 22<sup>ND</sup> MARCH** A pilgrimage to one of our Diocesan Jubilee churches in Oxford, the College of St John Henry Newman and Blessed Dominic Barberi Church, OX4 4JX. 10.30am arrival and Mass. Please speak to Janet Marshall if you would like to car share.

**100 CLUB STARTS IN APRIL** Please speak to Lucia, Paul or Sr Sani after masses this weekend if you would like to join or have any questions regarding the 100 Club. The next 100 club year will start from April 1st 2025 – March 31st 2026. There are monthly prizes of £100, £50 & £25 and a Christmas bonus draw of £100. The draws take place on the last Sunday of the month after 9am mass at coffee time and we encourage all parishioners, especially new ones, to subscribe to this parish fundraiser. It costs £60 per year or £5 monthly by direct debit payments, with ref: surname/100 club. Forms are available at the back of church, please complete and return to the office or piety shop.

**PIETY SHOP** St Patricks, Mothering Sunday, Easter cards & cards for all occasions. First Holy Communion items will be on sale soon.

**MASS OFFERINGS** Please be sure to request masses in good time if a specific date is to be requested. Thank you.

**CAFOD BIG LENT WALK** Anna Fitzpatrick is taking on the CAFOD BIG Lent Walk Challenge, walking at least 100 km in 40 days to help fight global poverty. Please sign up on the sheet at the back of church if you are able to sponsor her or go to her Just Giving page to donate. <https://walk.cafod.org.uk/fundraising/annas-cafod-lent-walk-2025>

**EASTER RAFFLE** Raffle tickets are now available. £1 each or £10 a book. The draw will take place on Palm Sunday after the 11am Mass. Please return all counterfoils with correct amount by Friday 11th April. Any donations of prizes for the Easter Raffle will be gratefully received. Please deliver to the centre or piety shop. Thank you.

**TIPS FROM OUR ENVIROMENTAL GROUP** Refuse - Say no if you're offered a plastic carrier bag when shopping. Take your own reusable bag with you. Reuse - wash out your plastic water bottles and refill from the tap. Repurpose - use an empty margarine pot for growing mustard & cress seeds. Repair - repair broken handles of your plastic laundry basket with string. Recycle - as a last resort most plastic containers can be recycled in your blue bin.

**DRESS SALE THIS SUNDAY** after 11am mass: Wedding, bridesmaid, and 1st Holy Communion. Reasonable donations please.



**JUBILEE YEAR 2025**  
**"Pilgrims of Hope"**  
 To find out more, visit: [www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk/jubilee-year](http://www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk/jubilee-year) or scan:

**LENTEN MASSES** Masses will be held in St Mary's School on the following dates: Fridays at 8am on the 21st, 28th March and 4th April in the school hall with refreshments afterwards during Lent. All parishioners are warmly invited to come along.

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS** Will take place every Friday at 7pm and Sunday at 6pm during Lent here at the Immaculate Conception.

**HETHE:** During Lent at 9.30am Stations of the Cross will be celebrated at Holy Trinity, Hethe, on each Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. Also on Good Friday at 7pm.

**FILMS AND COFFEE** follow the Monday 9.30am Mass at Hethe.

**OXFORD LEG PILGRIM CROSS** The Pilgrim Cross Team would like to invite you to join them on their Easter pilgrimage from Oxford to Walsingham. The team join us annually at the Vigil of Palm Sunday weekend. Email [studentcross.oxfordleg@gmail.com](mailto:studentcross.oxfordleg@gmail.com) to register or for more information. See poster at the back of church.

**COFFEE MORNING** Raised £135.40 for parish funds. Thank you to all who came along to support this ongoing event.

**LENTEN PENANCE SERVICE: Monday 7th April at 7pm.** Please make every effort to come to the penance service where a number of priests will be available to hear confessions.

**DIARY DATES:**  
**Coffee Mornings** Every first Friday of the month from 10-11.45am.  
**Easter Raffle Draw:** Palm Sunday, 13th April after 11am Mass.  
**1st Holy Communions:** Saturday 11 am, 10th May & 17th May.

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**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**  
 23rd/30th March: Parish Maintenance  
 16th March : CAFOD—Family Fast Day.

**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.

**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/SFORcspHizNr8niFC4Is5oJQBgc37B8YBCjKvPC>  
 Follow the readings at Mass: <https://universalis.com/mass.htm>



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 Archdiocesan website: <https://www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk>


**Second Sunday of Lent**  
**16th March 2025**

Month of March is dedicated to St Joseph - Sunday Cycle C - Psalter Week 2  
**Pope's Prayer Intention for March:** For families in crisis. Let us pray that broken families might discover the cure for their wounds through forgiveness, rediscovering each other's gifts, even in their differences.



DATE	TIME	INTENTIONS	FEASTS	LECTORS	E O MINISTERS	WELCOMERS
SAT 15th	4.00pm@Hethe	Helen Parnaby (RIP)		Volunteer		R Deane & S Wilde
Vigil Mass	6.00pm	Helena Nowak (RIP)		R John/ T Nugent	M Kelly/B Santiago	M Marrs & P Behan
SUN 16th	9.00am	Catherine Flynn (RIP)	Second Sunday of Lent	A Mutton/T Yarker	A Hall/ A Mutton	C St John/ Sr Molly
	11.00am 6.00pm	People of the Parish Stations of the Cross	Dementia Prayer Week	S Jospeh/ R Silvy	J & J Kokore	Franta Family
MON 17th	9.30am @Hethe	Ints of Melanie Mulheran	Feast of St Patrick, B			
	12 noon	Bernice Speakman (RIP)		A Fitzpatrick		
TUE 18th	9.30am	Private Intentions	Lent Feria	H King		
	2.15pm (Sch)	Special Ints of the Castillo Family				
WED 19th		No Mass	Solemnity of St Joseph			
THU 20th	9.30am	Ints of Rebecca Bugler	Lent Feria	J Kokore		
FRI 21st	8.00 am (Sch)	Ann McAuliffe (RIP)	Lent Feria			
	12 noon 7.00pm	Mark MacKenzie (RIP) 4th Ann Stations of the Cross		E King		
SAT 22nd	10.00am 10.30-11.30am	Special Ints of the Castillo Family Holy Hour for Vocations/Confessions	Lent Feria	Volunteer		
	4.00pm@Hethe	People of the Parish		Volunteer		R Deane & S Wilde
Vigil Mass	6.00pm	Harry Culley (RIP)		P Sims/C McArdle	D Gunaratra/Sr Sani	L Hattam/A Mutton
SUN 23rd	9.00am	Malachy McKeon (RIP)	Third Sunday in Lent	J Li/C St John	J & D Jiminez	Sr Molly/volunteer
	11.00am 6.00pm	Nellie Carr (RIP) Stations of the Cross		A Kearsley/E Green	J Marshall/Sr Rose	Timorean Community

**LENTEN LUNCH** Friday, 11th April there will be a simple Lent Lunch of soup after 12 noon mass in the JPPI Centre. All welcome!



Tea & coffee in the centre after the 9am and 11am masses every weekend - come along for a chat and meet your fellow

**This week we pray for...**  
**SANCTUARY LIGHT: O'Rourke Family**  
**OUR LADY'S CHAPEL: Helena Nowak (RIP)**  
 If you wish to sponsor one of the sanctuary lamps which perpetually burn in the Church, please complete and return

**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](mailto:sg.tic.bicester@rcaob.org.uk) &  
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**Diocesan Safeguarding Team** 0121 2306240 or [safeguarding@rcaob.org.uk](mailto:safeguarding@rcaob.org.uk) if you have any concerns.

Church	First Collection	Second Collection Cath Maint.	Standing Orders	Mass Attendance
Bicester	£ 956.12	£ 278.15	£1122	617
Hethe	£ 59.10	£30.45	£185	37

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## Second Sunday in Lent

**Entrance Antiphon:** Of you my heart has spoken: Seek his face. It is your face, O Lord, that I seek; hide not your face from me.

### First Reading

**Genesis 15:5-12,17-18**

In those days: God brought Abram outside and said, 'Look towards heaven, and number the stars, if you are able to number them.' Then he said to him, 'So shall your offspring be.' And he believed the LORD, and he counted it to him as righteousness.

And he said to him, 'I am the LORD who brought you out from Ur of the Chaldeans to give you this land to possess.' But he said, 'O Lord GOD, how am I to know that I shall possess it?' He said to him, 'Bring me a heifer three years old, a female goat three years old, a ram three years old, a turtle-dove, and a young pigeon.' And he brought him all these, cut them in half, and laid each half over against the other. But he did not cut the birds in half. And when birds of prey came down on the carcasses, Abram drove them away.

As the sun was going down, a deep sleep fell on Abram. And behold, dreadful and great darkness fell upon him. When the sun had gone down and it was dark, behold, a smoking firepot and a flaming torch passed between these pieces. On that day the LORD made a covenant with Abram, saying, 'To your offspring I give this land, from the river of Egypt to the great river, the river Euphrates.'

The word of the Lord

**All: Thanks be to God**

### Responsorial Psalm The Lord if my light and my salvation.

### Second Reading

**Philippians 3:17-4:1**

Brothers and sisters, join in imitating me, and keep your eyes on those who walk according to the example you have in us. For many, of whom I have often told you and now tell you even with tears, walk as enemies of the cross of Christ. Their end is destruction, their god is their belly, and they glory in their shame, with minds set on earthly things. But our citizenship is in heaven, and from it we await a Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ, who will transform our lowly body to be like his glorious body, by the power that enables him even to subject all things to himself. Therefore, my brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm thus in the Lord, my beloved.

The word of the Lord

**All: Thanks be to God**

### Gospel Acclamation Glory and praise to you, O Christ!

**From the bright cloud the Father's voice was heard:**

**'This is my Son, the Beloved. Listen to him.'**

**Glory to you, O Christ, Wisdom of God the Father.**

### Gospel

**Luke 9:28-36**

At that time: Jesus took with him Peter and John and James and went up on the mountain to pray. And as he was praying, the appearance of his face was altered, and his clothing became dazzling white. And behold, two men were talking with him, Moses and Elijah, who appeared in glory and spoke of his departure, which he was about to accomplish at Jerusalem. Now Peter and those who were with him were heavy with sleep, but when they became fully awake they saw his glory and the two men who stood with him. And as the men were parting from him, Peter said to Jesus, 'Master, it is good that we are here. Let us make three tents, one for you and one for Moses and one for Elijah' — not knowing what he said. As he was saying these things, a cloud came and overshadowed them, and they were afraid as they entered the cloud. And a voice came out of the cloud, saying, 'This is my Son, my Chosen One; listen to him!' And when the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. And they kept silent and told no one in those days anything of what they had seen.

The Gospel of the Lord.

**All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

## HOLY 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.

After the first and second readings

**Reader** The Word of the Lord

**People** **Thanks be to God**

### Gospel acclamation

**Reader** Glory and praise to you, O Christ ... (a few words)

**People** Glory and praise to you , O Christ .

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**

## 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 & announce the Gospel of the Lord

**All: Thanks be to God.**