

<b>Teams for :</b>	<b>11/5</b>	<b>18/5</b>	<b>25/5</b>	<b>1/6</b>	<b>8/6</b>	<b>15/6</b>	<b>22/6</b>
Children lit.	4	1	none	none	3	4	none
Coffee 9am (11)	7	8	9	10	11	1	2
Coffee 11am (9)	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Flowers	Sr Rose	Anita	Anita	K & A	K & A	Jo	Jo

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

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

<b>ROSARY:</b> Daily 25 minutes before Mass starts.
<b>DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET:</b> Every Tuesday at 2.00pm in Church
<b>BAPTISMS/WEDDINGS:</b> Please contact the Parish Office through email or phone.
<b>CONFESSIONS:</b> <i>Saturday Bicester: 10.30am-11.30am</i> <i>Hethe: 3.15pm-3.50 pm (Sacristy)</i>
<b>URSULINE LAY ASSOCIATION:</b> Every 2nd Wednesday of the month @ 2pm Ursuline Convent.
<b>EAST TIMOR COMMUNITY PRAYER:</b> First Sunday of the month at 5.00pm @ Ursuline Convent
<b>PARISH OUTREACH GROUP:</b> Please contact the Office if you need some form of practical help.
<b>PIETY SHOP:</b> Open Friday, Saturday and Sunday around Masses.



First Holy Communion

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNIONS** Pray for our parish children who are celebrating their First Holy Communions this weekend and also on Saturday 17th May. Pray also for their families, teachers and catechists who have prepared them for the sacrament. Communion cards and gifts are available from the piety shop.

**SECOND COLLECTION** This weekend’s 2nd collection will be for the Clergy Training Fund. ***Why Support the Clergy Training Fund?*** The CTF exists to pay for the formation of the future priests and permanent deacons for the Archdiocese of Birmingham. It costs approximately £200,000 over seven years of formation for one new priest (£25,000 - £30,000 per seminarian each year). This is a substantial amount of money, but it is essential because it covers seminary fees, living costs, travel and study materials. We rely solely on your generosity. Anything you can give - whether big or small - will help to provide future priests and deacons for our parishes. Thank you.

**CONGRATULATIONS** To Inacio Lopas and Ertina Da Silva who were married here last weekend. Pray for them and for all couples preparing for marriage this year.

**RCIA GROUP** The next meeting will be held on Wed 14th May at 7.30pm. **MASS OFFERINGS** Please be sure to request masses in good time if a specific date is to be requested. Thank you.

**COFFEE MORNING** £195 was raised at the Coffee Morning last week. Many thanks for the ongoing support to the monthly Coffee Mornings and to all those who organise it. Please note that June’s CM will be held on the second Friday of the month, 13th June.

**LIVE SIMPLY** The Parish Environmental Group invite members of our church to join with us litter picking with St Mary’s children at 10am on Monday, May 19<sup>th</sup> around the school grounds. Please contact Janet Marshall on 07934940710 if you can join in.

**BAPTISM COURSE** The next course will take place on Saturday, 28th June at 10am in the JPII Centre. Contact the parish office to register.

**CAFOD BIG LENT WALK** A BIG well done to Anna Fitzpatrick who did the walk. Anna would like to thank all those who sponsored and supported her on her CAFOD WALK, she raised £360!

**100 CLUB April Winners** £100 Richard Evans -19. £50 J & A O'Rourke 66. £25 Elizabeth Green 63. Please see Sr Sani for prizes.

**ASSISTED SUICIDE - Terminally Ill Adults (End of Life) Bill.** Catholics are asked to contact their MPs, even if they have done so already, and urge them to oppose the Bill that seeks to legalise assisted suicide. Go to <https://righttolife.org.uk/33ab> to vote against.

**PENTECOST INTERNATIONAL BRING AND SHARE LUNCH** Sunday 8th June after 11am Mass. All are invited to join together as an international community in the JP2 centre for a Bring and Share lunch to celebrate Pentecost. Wherever you originate from we would love you to bring along some traditional food to a collective meal celebrating our cultures and traditions. This is a lovely way to meet new people with our parish community that you may see but never chat with. Let us bring our community closer to each other. For more information contact Jan Hartley 07718006645 or Claire St John 01869246787.

**JOB OPPORTUNITY** Blessed George Napier School requires Art & English Teachers from Sept 2025. Go to <https://mynewterm.com/school/Blessed-George-Napier-Catholic-School-and-Sixth-Form/141146> for more details.

**MISSIO RED BOX** Please continue to bring in the contents of your boxes to the piety shop or office. Thank you.

**JOIN OUR WHATS APP COMMUNITY CATHOLIC BICESTER GROUP FOR TO KEEP IN TOUCH WITH PARISH INFORMATION & NEWS. SCAN THE QR CODE AND FOLLOW INSTRUCTIONS**



***Prayer for Pope Leo XIV the successor of Pope Francis***

O God, who chose your servant, in succession to the Apostle Peter as shepherd of the whole flock, look favourably on the supplications of your people and grant that, as Vicar of Christ on earth, he may confirm his brethren and that the whole Church may be in communion with him

in the bond of unity, love and peace, so that in you, the shepherd of souls, all may know the truth and attain life eternal. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. **Amen**



Vatican

**DIARY DATES:**

**Coffee Mornings** Every first Friday of the month from 10-11.45am. Note: June CM on 13th .

**Pentecost International Bring and Share Lunch:** Sunday 8th June after 11am Mass.

**Family Picnic** with Presentation of Sacramental Certificates at St Mary's - Sunday July 6th.

**Beetle Drive with Fish 'n Chip Dinner:** Family fun Saturday 20th September after 6pm Mass.

**BICESTER FOOD BANK** continue to ask for donations, small jars of coffee in particular at the moment. Thank you in advance.

**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**  
11th May: Clergy Training Fund  
18th /25th May: Parish Maintenance

**PARISH GIVING**

**BICESTER LINK TO DONATE:**

<https://portal.myдона.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.**

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**BICESTER**



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**Parish YouTube ‘Bicester Catholic Church’ Channel**

**Go to the website or follow this link**

<https://camstreamer.com/redirect/>

[SFORcspHjzNr8niFC4ls5oJQBgoc37B8YBCjKvPC](https://camstreamer.com/redirect/SFORcspHjzNr8niFC4ls5oJQBgoc37B8YBCjKvPC)

**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

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## FOURTH SUNDAYOF EASTER

**11th May 2025**

**Month of May is dedicated to the Blessed Virgin Mary - Sunday Cycle C - Psalter Week 4**

**Prayer Intention for working conditions: Let us pray that through work, each person may find fulfilment, that families will be sustained in dignity, and that society becomes more human.**



DATE	TIME	INTENTIONS	FEASTS	LECTORS	E O MINISTERS	WELCOMERS
<b>SAT 10th Vigil Mass</b>	<b>4.00pm Hethe 6.00pm</b>	People of the Parish Jim O'Brien (RIP)	<i>Mem. of Our Lady</i>	B & K McFall	O Panejko/B Santiago	McArdle Family
<b>SUN 11th</b>	<b>9.00am 11.00am 1.00pm</b>	Ints of Bernard Chellar Ints of Gabriel Jiminez Baptism—Alfred Martin Tullett	<b>Fourth Sunday of Easter</b>	A Kirby-Hall/P Cousins H King/E Green	L & D Jiminez J Marshall/Sr Sani	C St John/A Mutton R Elgado & Friends
<b>MON 12th</b>	<b>9.30am Hethe 12 noon</b>	Holy Souls Catherine French (RIP)	<i>Easter Feria</i>	A Fitzpatrick		
<b>TUE 13th</b>	<b>9.30am</b>	Private Intentions	<i>Easter Feria</i>	H King		
<b>WED 14th</b>		No Mass	<i>Feast of St Matthias, A</i>			
<b>THU 15th</b>	<b>9.30am</b>	Ints of the Noble Family	<i>Easter Feria</i>	J Kokore		
<b>FRI 16th</b>	<b>12 noon</b>	Eileen Burton (RIP)	<i>Easter Feria</i>	E King		
<b>SAT 17th Vigil Mass</b>	<b>11.00am 4.00pm Hethe 6.00pm</b>	1st Holy Communion Mass People of the Parish Shirley Culley (RIP)	<i>Mem. of Our Lady</i>	Sr Sani/T Nugent	S & M Doherty	B & K McFall
<b>SUN 18th</b>	<b>9.00am 11.00am</b>	Deceased Members of the Parish Birthday thanksgiving - Gabriel Jiminez	<b>Fifth Sunday of Easter</b>	A Mutton/ T Yarker F Nyonyoozi/C Tett	J Li/ J Hartley M Franta/Sr Rose	Brown Family Kokore Family



LECTORS

**MORE WELCOMERS FOR THE 11AM MASS AND LECTORS FOR THE 6PM MASS ARE NEEDED.**

Please speak to Fr Craig or contact the office if you would like information or

offer to volunteer.

Church	First Collection	Second Collection	Standing Orders	Mass Attendance
<b>Bicester</b>	<b>£632.37</b>	<b>£187.91</b>	<b>£1122</b>	<b>494</b>
<b>Hethe</b>	<b>£31.15</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>£185</b>	<b>32</b>

**Parish Priest: Father Craig Davies BA (hons) STB** fr.craig.davies@rcaob.org.uk

**Parish Deacons:**

Rev Mr Michael Panejko MA 01869 246 459 /**Altar Servers:**

dce.michael.panejko@rcaob.org.uk

Rev Mr Nick St John: 01869 246 787 /**Parish Youth:** yth.tic.bicester@rcaob.org.uk

**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

01869 253277 / [tic.bicester@rcaob.org.uk](mailto:tic.bicester@rcaob.org.uk)

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

01869 324 307 / [office@johnpaulcentre.co.uk](mailto:office@johnpaulcentre.co.uk)

**Gift Aid - Sr Sani Vijayan** ga.tic.bicester@rcaob.org.uk

**Parish Sacramental Programme - Clare St John** psc.tic.bicester@rcaob.org.uk

Go to contacts page on website for parish group contacts .

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Fourth Sunday in Easter

Entrance Antiphon: The merciful love of the Lord fills the earth; by the word of the Lord the heavens were made, alleluia.

First reading

Acts 13:14, 43b-52

‘Behold, we are turning to the Gentiles.’

In those days: Paul and Barnabas went on from Perga and came to Antioch in Pisidia. And on the Sabbath day they went into the synagogue and sat down. Many Jews and devout converts to Judaism followed Paul and Barnabas, who, as they spoke with them, urged them to continue in the grace of God.

The next Sabbath almost the whole city gathered to hear the word of the Lord. But when the Jews saw the crowds, they were filled with jealousy and began to contradict what was spoken by Paul, reviling him. And Paul and Barnabas spoke out boldly, saying, ‘It was necessary that the word of God be spoken first to you. Since you thrust it aside and judge yourselves unworthy of eternal life, behold, we are turning to the Gentiles. For so the Lord has commanded us, saying, “I have made you a light for the Gentiles, that you may bring salvation to the ends of the earth.” ’ And when the Gentiles heard this, they began rejoicing and glorifying the word of the Lord, and as many as were appointed to eternal life believed. And the word of the Lord was spreading throughout the whole region. But the Jews incited the devout women of high standing and the leading men of the city, stirred up persecution against Paul and Barnabas, and drove them out of their district. But they shook off the dust from their feet against them and went to Iconium. And the disciples were filled with joy and with the Holy Spirit.

The word of the Lord  
All: Thanks be to God

Responsorial Psalm:   *We are his people, the sheep of his flock. or: Alleluia*

Second reading

Revelation 7:9, 13a, 14b-17

‘The Lamb will be their shepherd and will guide them to springs of living water.’

I, John, looked, and behold, a great multitude that no one could number, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed in white robes, with palm branches in their hands.

Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, ‘These are the ones coming out of the great tribulation. They have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. Therefore they are before the throne of God, and serve him day and night in his temple; and he who sits on the throne will shelter them with his presence. They shall hunger no more, neither thirst any more; the sun shall not strike them, nor any scorching heat. For the Lamb in the midst of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of living water, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.’

The word of the Lord  
All: Thanks be to God

Gospel Acclamation:   Alleluia, alleluia.

                                  I am the good shepherd, says the Lord.

                                  I know my sheep and my own know me.

                                  Alleluia.

Gospel

John 10:27-30

‘I give eternal life to my sheep.’

At that time: Jesus said, ‘My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they will never perish, and no one will snatch them out of my hand. My Father, who has given them to me, is greater than all, and no one is able to snatch them out of the Father’s hand. I and the Father are one.’

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

EASTER SEASON

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.**