

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

<p>LET US PRAY FOR THE SICK AND HOUSEBOUND: Mary Lynch, K Cashman, Jean McIntosh, Gerry Wright, Marie Oke, Fred Thornley, Patrick Hughes.</p>
<p>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: <i>Saturday Bicester: 10.30am-11.30am</i> <i>Hethe: 3.15pm-3.50 pm (Sacristy)</i> 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.</p>

POPE LEO XIV The inaugural Mass for newly elected Pope Leo XIV will be held in St. Peter’s Square this Sunday, May 18th at 9am (UK time).

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 19th around the school grounds. Please contact Janet Marshall on 07934940710 if you can join in.

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. **Please sign up on the sheet at the back of church.** The Food Bank team are requesting donations for the Food Bank and are asking for everyone who attends the lunch to bring one item towards the collection. Let us bring our community closer to each other and at the same time help others. For more information contact Jan Hartley 07718006645 or Claire St John 01869246787.

JUNE COFFEE MORNING Please note that June’s CM will be held on the second Friday of the month, 13th June.

BAPTISM COURSE The next course will take place on Saturday, 28th June at 10am in the JP11 Centre for any baptisms that are booked up to this October. The next and last Baptism course of the year will be held on Saturday, 20th October for baptisms to be held during, Nov 2025-Feb/March 2026. Please allow 2 hours for the course. Godparents are welcome to attend. Contact the parish office to register.

SECOND COLLECTION The second collection last weekend for the Clergy Training Fund raised £ 336.26. God Bless you for your donations.

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

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.

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

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

OSCOTT COLLEGE The Diocesan Seminary in Sutton Coldfield, are trying to spread the news about the work they do, by getting people to sign up to their newsletter at www.oscott.org

CORPUS CHRISTI PROCESSION This will take place on Sunday, 22nd June after the 11am Mass. The procession route will be via market Square towards Garth Park and conclude with Benediction in the parks band stand. First Holy Communions children are invited to join the procession wearing their 1st Holy communion outfits. If you can help marshal the route please mention to Fr Craig or email the office.

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS All Extraordinary Ministers are invited to be recommissioned on Sunday, 22nd June at the 11am mass. Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion play an important role in parish life, by helping the parish community through distributing the Eucharist. While this may often be during the Mass, the role may also include taking Holy Communion to people in the wider parish community who are house-bound due to health, age or disability. If you are interested in becoming an Extraordinary Minister, please speak to Fr Craig or contact the office.

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JUBILEE YEAR 2025

“Pilgrims of Hope”



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I welcome the wonderful news of the election of Cardinal Robert Prevost as our new Holy Father, Pope Leo XIV. As he prepared to give us his first blessing as Pope in St Peter’s Square he also gave us a message of joyful encouragement, calling us to be bridge-builders who are the light of Christ in the world. As the first Pope from the United States of America he also remembered the people of Chiclayo in Peru where he had served as bishop until 2023.

I have just spent the last few days at Buckfast Abbey with all the Bishops of England and Wales as we prayed for the Cardinals in Conclave and as we waited to hear whom the Holy Spirit would identify as the Successor of Peter. It will be a great joy to serve the Church’s mission inspired by the guidance of Pope Leo. All the lay faithful, the Religious and clergy of our Archdiocese are praying for our new Holy Father that he may serve the Church for many years and be richly blessed in his apostolate.

With my prayers and kindest wishes.

Yours devotedly in Christ
+Bernard Longley *Archbishop of Birmingham*

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.

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
 18th /25th May, 8th/15th/22nd June: Parish Maintenance
 1st June: Catholic Communications. 29th June: Peter’s Pence

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/SfORcspHjzNr8niFC4ls5oJQBgoc37B8YBCjKvPc>

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

A CCTV System operates 24 hours a day. This is in place for the safety of people, protection of property and crime prevention.



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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FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

18th May 2025

Month of May is dedicated to the Blessed Virgin Mary - Sunday Cycle C - Psalter Week 1

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
SAT 17th	11.00am 4.00pm Hethe 6.00pm	1st Holy Communion Mass People of the Parish Shirley Culley (RIP)	Mem. of Our Lady	Sr Sani/T Nugent	S & M Doherty	B & K McFall
SUN 18th	9.00am 11.00am	Deceased Members of the Parish Birthday thanksgiving - Gabriel Jiminez	<i>Fifth Sunday of Easter</i>	A Mutton/ T Yarker F Nyonyoozi/C Tett	J Li/ J Hartley M Franta/Sr Rose	Brown Family Kokore Family
MON 19th	9.30am Hethe 12 noon 7.00pm	Holy Souls Anselin Maria Hall (RIP) Parish Pastoral Meeting	<i>Easter Feria</i>	M Daniel		
TUE 20th	9.30am	Private Intentions	<i>Easter Feria</i>	L Cleeve		
WED 21st		No Mass				
THU 22nd	9.30am	Antonio Pereira (RIP)	<i>Sr Rita of Cascia</i>	J Kokore		
FRI 23rd	12 noon 1.00pm	Alice & Pat Beggs (RIP) Interment of Ashes—Roy Abbott (RIP)	<i>Easter Feria</i>	E King		
SAT 24th	10.00am 10.30-11.30 am 1.00 pm 4.00pm Hethe 6.00pm	Anita Magleo (RIP) Exposition, Benediction & Confessions Nuptial Mass - Rute Sarmento & Nicson Da Silva People of the Parish Tomas Ryan-Vig (RIP)	<i>Easter Feria</i>	P & K Kallay	D Gunaratra/ Sr Rose	McArdle Family
SUN 25th	9.00am 11.00am	Mr & Mrs Mathibalasingham (25th Wedd Ann) Birthday Thanksgiving	<i>Sixth Sunday of Easter</i>	J Li/C St John R Evans/J Hurst	C Drew/ C St John J & J Kokore	Sr Molly / A Mutton Franta 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.



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

This week we pray for...

SANCTUARY LIGHT: The Yick Family


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.



Holy Trinity Hethe

Church	First Collection	Second Collection Clergy Fund	Standing Orders	Mass Attendance
Bicester	£727.76	£336.26	£1122	508
Hethe	£44.10	£70.05	£185	32

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

St John Paul II Centre Bookings: Srs Sani & Molly Monday-Friday 10am-4pm
 01869 324 307 / 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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Fifth Sunday in Easter

Entrance Antiphon: O sing a new song to the Lord, for he has worked wonders; in the sight of the nations he has shown his deliverance, alleluia.

First reading

Acts 14:21b-27

‘They declared to the Church all that God had done with them.’

In those days: Paul and Barnabas returned to Lystra and to Iconium and to Antioch, strengthening the souls of the disciples, encouraging them to continue in the faith, and saying that through many tribulations we must enter the kingdom of God. And when they had appointed elders for them in every church, with prayer and fasting they committed them to the Lord in whom they had believed.

Then they passed through Pisidia and came to Pamphylia. And when they had spoken the word in Perga, they went down to Attalia, and from there they sailed to Antioch, where they had been commended to the grace of God for the work that they had fulfilled. And when they arrived and gathered the church together, they declared all that God had done with them, and how he had opened a door of faith to the Gentiles.

The word of the Lord
All: Thanks be to God

Responsorial Psalm: *I will bless your name for ever, my God and king. or: Alleluia.*

Second reading

Revelation 21:1-5a

‘God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.’

I, John, saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. And I saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, ‘Behold, the dwelling place of God is with man. He will dwell with them, and they will be his people, and God himself will be with them as their God. He will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning, nor crying, nor pain any more, for the former things have passed away.’

And he who was seated on the throne said, ‘Behold, I am making all things new.’

The word of the Lord
All: Thanks be to God

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia.
A new commandment I give to you, says the Lord, that you love one another, just as I have loved you. Alleluia.

Gospel

John 13:31-33a, 34-35

‘A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another.’

When Judas had gone out from the upper room, Jesus said, ‘Now is the Son of Man glorified, and God is glorified in him. If God is glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself, and glorify him at once. Little children, yet a little while I am with you.

‘A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another: just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another. By this all people will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.’

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.