

Teams for :	25/5	1/6	8/6	15/6	22/6	29/6
Children lit.	none	none	3	4	none	1
Coffee 9am (11)	9	10	11	1	2	3
Coffee 11am (9)	3	4	5	6	7	8
Flowers	Anita	K & A	K & A	Jo	Jo	Sally

<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>

CONGRATULATIONS To John Healy who will be received into the Catholic Church this weekend at the 9am Mass.

SATURDAY 31ST MAY Please note that there will be no Mass or confessions at 10am next Saturday.

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.

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 Minster, please speak to Fr Craig or contact the office.

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.

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.

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

ENVIROPMENTALAs part of Great Big Green Week the Parish Environmental Group will be attending THRIVE Oxford on Saturday 7th June at Wesley Memorial Hall in New Inn Hall Street between 10am and 4pm. If you would like to travel with us by bus please contact Janet on 07934940710.

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





JUBILEE YEAR 2025

“Pilgrims of Hope”



To find out more, visit: www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk/jubilee-year or scan:

HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION

Solemnity of The Ascension of the Lord

Thursday, 29th May

The Ascension is a liturgical Solemnity celebrated by all the Christian Churches. It falls on the fortieth day after Easter Sunday and is a Holy Day of Obligation. Saint John Chrysostom and Saint Augustine make reference to it, but it was probably Saint Gregory of Nyssa who influenced the propagation of the feast. Since it falls on Thursday, in many countries, this Solemnity is transferred to the following Sunday. With his Ascension into heaven, the presence of the “historical Christ” comes to an end, and the presence of the Body of Christ, the Church, is inaugurated.

Three Masses will be held on this day:
9.30am & 7pm at Bicester and 2pm at Hethe.

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
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/SfORcspHizNr8niFC4Is5oJQBgoc37B8YBCjKVpC>

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.





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DATE	TIME	INTENTIONS	FEASTS	LECTORS	E O MINISTERS	WELCOMERS
SAT 24th Vigil Mass	4.00pm Hethe 6.00pm	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
MON 26th	9.30am Hethe 12 noon	Holy Souls Drew Kallay - Good Health	<i>Mem of St Philip Neri, P</i>	M Daniel		
TUE 27th	9.30am	David Squire (RIP)	<i>Feast of St Augustine of Canterbury, B</i>	L Cleeve		
WED 28th		No Mass	<i>Easter Feria</i>			
THU 29th	9.30am 2.00pm Hethe 7.00pm	Janet & Alan Marshall (Wedding Ann) People of the Parish Mathew Vettikkattil (RIP)	<i>Solemnity of The Ascension of the Lord</i>	J Kokore Volunteer C St John		
FRI 30th	12 noon	Valentin & Marie Murowski (RIP)	<i>The Solemnity of Dedication</i>	E King		
SAT 31st Vigil Mass	4.00pm Hethe 6.00pm	<i>No confessions today</i> People of the Parish Eileen Parker (RIP)	<i>Feast of the Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i>	Sr Sani/ C McArdle	L & D Jiminez	A Mutton/ L O’Flynn
SUN 1st June	9.00am 11.00am 1.00pm	Deceased members of the Hawke & French Families (RIP) Mee Yung Sze (RIP) Baptism - Maria Mellett	<i>Seventh Sunday of Easter</i>	M Brown/ E Penhallow E Green/ A Kearsley	M & A Brown J Marshall/ Sr Molly	L & C Cleeve Timorean Community

 **PENTECOST INTERNATIONAL BRING AND SHARE LUNCH - SUNDAY, 8TH JUNE AFTER 11AM MASS.** 



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:

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.



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SIXTH SUNDAYOF EASTER



24th May 2025

Month of May is dedicated to the Blessed Virgin Mary - Sunday Cycle C - Psalter Week 2

Holy Father’s 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.



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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
01869 253277 / tic.bicester@rcaob.org.uk
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01869 324 307 / office@johnpaulcentre.co.uk
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Go to contacts page on website for parish group contacts .

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Sixth Sunday in Easter

Entrance Antiphon: Proclaim a joyful sound and let it be heard; proclaim to the ends of the earth: The Lord has freed his people, alleluia.

First readingActs 15:1-2, 22-29

‘It has seemed good to the Holy Spirit and to us to lay on you no greater burden than these requirements.’

In those days: Some men came down from Judea and were teaching the brothers, ‘Unless you are circumcised according to the custom of Moses, you cannot be saved.’ And after Paul and Barnabas had no small dissension and debate with them, Paul and Barnabas and some of the others were appointed to go up to Jerusalem to the Apostles and the elders about this question.

Then it seemed good to the Apostles and the elders, with the whole Church, to choose men from among them and send them to Antioch with Paul and Barnabas. They sent Judas called Barsabbas, and Silas, leading men among the brothers and sisters, with the following letter: ‘The brothers, both the Apostles and the elders, to the brothers and sisters who are of the Gentiles in Antioch and Syria and Cilicia, greetings. Since we have heard that some persons have gone out from us and troubled you with words, unsettling your minds, although we gave them no instructions, it has seemed good to us, having come to one accord, to choose men and send them to you with our beloved Barnabas and Paul, men who have risked their lives for the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. We have therefore sent Judas and Silas, who themselves will tell you the same things by word of mouth. For it has seemed good to the Holy Spirit and to us to lay on you no greater burden than these requirements: that you abstain from what has been sacrificed to idols, and from blood, and from what has been strangled, and from sexual immorality. If you keep yourselves from these, you will do well. Farewell.’

The word of the Lord
All: Thanks be to God

Responsorial Psalm: *Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you. or: Alleluia.*

Second readingRevelation 21:10-14, 22-23

‘He showed me the holy city coming down out of heaven.’

The angel carried me away in the Spirit to a great, high mountain, and showed me the holy city Jerusalem coming down out of heaven from God, having the glory of God, its radiance like a most rare jewel, like a jasper, clear as crystal. It had a great, high wall, with twelve gates, and at the gates twelve angels, and on the gates the names of the twelve tribes of the sons of Israel were inscribed — on the east three gates, on the north three gates, on the south three gates, and on the west three gates. And the wall of the city had twelve foundations, and on them were the twelve names of the twelve Apostles of the Lamb.

And I saw no temple in the city, for its temple is the Lord God the Almighty and the Lamb. And the city has no need of sun or moon to shine on it, for the glory of God gives it light, and its lamp is the Lamb.

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Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia.
If anyone loves me, he will keep my word, says the Lord, and my Father will love him, and we will come to him. Alleluia.

GospelJohn 14:23-29

‘The Holy Spirit will bring to your remembrance all that I have said to you.’

At that time: Jesus said to his disciples, ‘If anyone loves me, he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we will come to him and make our home with him. Whoever does not love me does not keep my words. And the word that you hear is not mine but the Father’s who sent me.

‘These things I have spoken to you while I am still with you. But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, he will teach you all things and bring to your remembrance all that I have said to you. Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid. You heard me say to you, “I am going away, and I will come to you.” If you loved me, you would have rejoiced, because I am going to the Father, for the Father is greater than I. And now I have told you before it takes place, so that when it does take place you may believe.’

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.