

Teams for :	5/1	12/1	19/1	26/1	2/2	9/2
Children lit. (3)→	none	3	4	1	3	4
Coffee gam (11)	11	1	2	3	4	5
Coffee 11am (9)	1	2	3	4	5	6
Flowers	All	All	Sally &	Jan		

LET US PRAY FOR THE SICK AND HOUSEBOUND:

Mary Lynch, K Cashman, Jean McIntosh, Gerry Wright. Marie Oke, Tim Davies

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 (in the Sacristy)

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

HOLY HOUR: Every First Friday from 6.00pm to 7.00pm (Not during Lent)

PARISH OUTREACH GROUP: Please contact the Office if you need some form of practical help -252 277.

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

URSULINE LAY ASSOCIATES MEETING: 2nd Wednesday of every month at 2pm @ Ursuline Convent.

SATURDAY MORNING MASS From this weekend there will be a 10am Saturday morning mass celebrated here at the Immaculate Conception followed by Benediction. Confessions will also take place from 10.30am -11.30am every Saturday instead of 5.30pm. If any parish readers would like to read at this mass please contact the parish office.

COFFEE MORNING The next Coffee Morning will be held on Friday 7th February at 10am. The team look forward to seeing you! PARISH OFFICE Will reopen on Wednesday 15th January.

RCIA The next session will be held on Wednesday, 15th January at 7.30pm in the Centre. All Welcome.

PARISH FINANCE MEETING Will be held on Monday, 20th January at 7pm in the Centre.

BAPTISMS CATECHISTS We are looking for parishioners who may like to become involved as catechists for Baptisms and help run Baptism courses 3/4 times a year, full training will be given. A training session for this will be held on Monday, 27th January at 7pm for anyone who may be interested. If you are not sure but would like to find out more info come along, no commitment needed.

ST MARY'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL FAMILY IN NEED Mrs Driver (SENCO and Safeguarding Lead) at St Mary's Catholic Primary School, Bicester, is reaching out to the community for assistance on behalf of a family in need. This family is currently homeless and in temporary accommodation. They are searching for an affordable two-bedroom property to rent in Bicester, where they can establish a stable home environment. If you believe you could provide support in this matter, please get in touch with Mrs Driver directly via email at kdriver@st-marys-bicester-oxon.sch.uk or by calling the school on 01869 252035. Thank you for your kindness.

BAPTISMS 2025 If you are considering having your child baptised in the first few months of the new year, please contact the office to register onto the first Baptism Course that will be held on Saturday, 15th February from 10am-12 noon in the St John Paul II Centre. Baptisms will be held on Sundays at 1pm in the new year.

FUNDRAISING - RAFFLE TICKETS The raffle draw took place last weekend and the winners are on display at the back of church. Please collect your prizes from the centre.

BICESTER FOOD BANK Please continue to bring in donations for the food bank. Place in the container at the back of the church or deliver directly to the Food Bank, The Beacon, Wesley Lane. 10am-12.

CHURCH CLEANING More help on the cleaning teams is needed. If you can spare a few hours every 6-7 weeks please contact the parish office or speak to Sr Rose.

DIRECTORIES Archdiocesan Directories 2025 are now available from the piety shop. £5 each.

PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES Every year, hundreds of pilgrims from across the Archdiocese of Birmingham join together for the Lourdes Pilgrimage. 2025 is the Year of Jubilee and Archbishop Bernard invites you to come with us on this very special occasion in the life of the Archdiocese: "It's a great experience to be together with upwards of 700 fellow pilgrims." The pilgrimage dates have been announced: **Saturday 24 - Friday 30 May 2025**, and you can now express your interest in a place or get more information by visiting www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk/lourdes.

CONTACTLESS CARD MACHINE Parishioners who use the DONA machine will see a new feature that will pop up during the transaction process. You will be asked if 'you would like to leave a message?' this gives you the option (not compulsory) to add your surname or short reference to the payment and is helpful to us in order to recognise payments—this is especially helpful if you are making a donation for a Mass to be offered.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY The Children's Liturgy teams at 9am mass are urgently looking for new volunteers. This term we are down to 3 teams out of an ideal 5 teams, meaning that we cannot run every week in term time as we would hope to do. We apologise for the weeks when we can't run, and would be delighted to hear from anyone who would be happy to get involved as we would like to have more teams running after Easter. Please contact Elspeth Morgan, our Parish Children's Liturgy Coordinator, on pclt.tic.bicester@rcaob.org.uk All volunteers will need to go through a DBS check.

100 CLUB DECEMBER WINNERS The Winners are £ 100 - Serena McArdle (98), £ 50 - Les Cleeve (7), £25 - Sean Taylor(86) and the Christmas 100 club winner is Elizabeth Green(63)- £ 100. Please Collect your Winnings from Sr Sani.

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



FINANCIAL INFORMATION

SECOND COLLECTIONS

12th January : Parish Maintenance

19th January : Parish Maintenance

PARISH GIVING

BICESTER LINK TO DONATE:

<https://portal.mydona.com/assets/webPay/index.php?cid=528>

Standing Orders/Donations/Payments

Bicester: Sort Code: 51 70 15 Acc. No: 02342731

Hethe: Sort Code: 51 70 15 Acc. No: 02301466

Mass intentions offerings currently by cash in offering envelopes from the back of church please.

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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Church	First Collection	Second Collection s	Standing Orders	Card (Dona)	Mass Attendance
Bicester	£ 344.78	£ 112.97	£1157	£	296
Hethe	£ 51	N/A	£185	—	29



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Parish YouTube 'Bicester Catholic Church' Channel

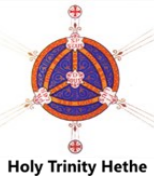
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<https://camstreamer.com/redirect/SfORcspHjzNr8niFC4ls5oJQBgc37B8YBCjKvPc>

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



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Deanery website: <https://banburyandwarwick-catholicdeanery.org.uk>

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FEAST OF THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

Sunday Cycle C - **Weekdays - Psalter Week 1**

12th -19th January 2025

Pope's Prayer Intention for January: Pope's Prayer Intention for January: Let us pray for migrants, refugees and those affected by war, that their right to an education, which is necessary to build a better world, may always be respected.



	TIME	INTENTIONS	FEASTS	LECTORS	E O MINISTERS	WELCOMERS
SAT 11th	10.00am	Gertrude & Cyril Hurst (RIP)	Christmas Feria	J Hurst		
	10.30am-11.30am	Confessions and Benediction				
	4.00pm@Hethe	Oliver Simpson (RIP)	Feast of the			R Deane & S Wilde
Vigil Mass	6.00pm	People of the Parish	Baptism of the Lord	P Sims/Sr Rose	D Gunaratra/ O Panejko	M Marrs/P Behan
SUN 12th	9.00am	Lucia Ostrowska (RIP)		M Daniel/ L Cleeve	P Capretta/ F Ostrowski	Brown Family
	11.00am	Jean Ann Lawrence (RIP) 1st anniversary		F Nyonyoozi/ H King	J & M Franta	Timorean Community
MON 13th	9.30am @ Hethe	Holy Souls	Feria in Ordinary Time			
	12 noon	Ints of Clare Whitehead		A Fitzpatrick		
TUE 14th	9.30am	Conor McCarthy (RIP)	Feria in Ordinary Time	H King		
WED 15th	9.30am	Eucharistic Service	Feria in Ordinary Time			
THU 16th	12 noon	Crisostomo Ramos (RIP)	Feria in Ordinary Time	J Kokore		
FRI 17th	9.30 am @ Sch	Holy Souls				
	12 noon	James Day (RIP)	Mem of St Anthony, A	E King		
SAT 18th	10.00am	In Thanksgiving - Annie Wong	Feria in Ordinary Time	Sr Molly		
	10.30am-11.30am	1st Reconciliations Confessions and Benediction				
	4.00pm@Hethe	People of the Parish				R Deane & S Wilde
Vigil Mass	6.00pm	Ints of Angela McDonald	2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time	P & K Kallay	O Panejko/ B Santiago	L Hattam/Sr Molly
SUN 19th	9.00am	Kathy Porteous (sick)		J Li/C St John	L & R Weaver	C Cleeve
	11.00am	John & Joan Calnan (RIP) & family		J Hurst/volunteer	J & J Kokore	Jiminez Family

This week we pray for...
SANCTUARY LIGHT: O'Rourke Family
OUR LADY'S LIGHT:
 If you wish to sponsor one of the sanctuary lamps which per-

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Les Cleeve: sg.holytrinity.hethe@rcaob.org.uk
 Diocesan Safeguarding Team can be contacted on 0121 2306240 or safeguarding@rcaob.org.uk if you have any concerns.

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The Baptism of the Lord - Feast

Entrance Antiphon: After the Lord was baptised, the heavens were opened, and the Spirit descended upon him like a dove, and the voice of the Father thundered: This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased.

First reading 'Prepare the way of the Lord.' **Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11**

Comfort, comfort my people, says your God. Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and cry to her that her warfare is ended, that her iniquity is pardoned, that she has received from the LORD's hand double for all her sins.

A voice cries: 'In the wilderness prepare the way of the LORD; make straight in the desert a highway for our God. Every valley shall be lifted up, and every mountain and hill be made low; the uneven ground shall become level, and the rough places a plain. And the glory of the LORD shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together, for the mouth of the LORD has spoken.' Go on up to a high mountain, O Sion, herald of good news; lift up your voice with strength, O Jerusalem, herald of good news; lift it up, fear not; say to the cities of Judah, 'Behold your God!' Behold, the Lord GOD comes with might, and his arm rules for him; behold, his reward is with him, and his recompense before him. He will tend his flock like a shepherd; he will gather the lambs in his arms; he will carry them in his bosom, and gently lead those that are with young.

The word of the Lord
All: Thanks be to God

Responsorial Psalm *Bless the LORD, O my soul! My God, how great you are!*

Second reading **Titus 2:11-14; 3:4-7**

'He saved us by the washing of regeneration and renewal of the Holy Spirit.'

Beloved: The grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation for all people, training us to renounce ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright, and godly lives in the present age, waiting for our blessed hope, the appearing of the glory of our great God and Saviour Jesus Christ, who gave himself for us to redeem us from all lawlessness, and to purify for himself a people for his own possession who are zealous for good works.

But when the goodness and loving kindness of God our Saviour appeared, he saved us, not because of works done by us in righteousness, but according to his own mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewal of the Holy Spirit, whom he poured out on us richly through Jesus Christ our Saviour, so that being justified by his grace we might become heirs according to the hope of eternal life.

The word of the Lord.
All: Thanks be to God

Gospel Acclamation Alleluia, alleluia. He who is mightier than I is coming, said John. He will baptise you with the Holy Spirit and fire. Alleluia.

Gospel **Luke 3:15-16, 21-22**

'When Jesus had been baptised and was praying, the heavens were opened.'

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Now when all the people were baptised by John the Baptist and when Jesus also had been baptised and was praying, the heavens were opened, and the Holy Spirit descended on him in bodily form, like a dove; and a voice came from heaven, 'You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased.'

The Gospel of the Lord
All: Thanks be to God

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.

Gloria: Glory to God in the highest, 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, 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.**

Creed - 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, 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