

Teams for :	15/12	22/12	29/12	5/1	12/1	19/1	26/1
Children lit. (4)	none	none	none	none	tbc	tbc	tbc
Coffee 9am (11)	8	9	10	11	1	2	3
Coffee 11am (9)	7	8	9	1	2	3	4
Flowers	none	All	All	All	All	Sally &	Jan

LET US PRAY FOR THE SICK AND HOUSEBOUND:
Mary Lynch, K Cashman, Jean McIntosh, Gerry Wright.

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: Hethe: *Saturday from 3.15pm - 3.50 pm (in the Sacristy)* Bicester: 5.15 pm - 5.45pm
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.

PENANCE SERVICE Our Advent Penance Service will take place this coming Monday, 16th December at 7pm. Please take this opportunity to go to confession as there will be a number of priests hearing confessions.
BLESSING OF GRAVES, AMBROSDEN This will take place in St Mary's Church yard, this weekend, on Sunday, 15th Dec at 2pm.

FUNDRAISING - RAFFLE TICKETS It is the last weekend for the opportunity to buy, sell and return counterfoils as the raffle draw will take place next Sunday, 22nd December after the 11am mass in the centre. Please come along for a coffee and see if you have won! We have some great prizes this year. Thank you to all who generously donated items.

CHRISTMAS TREE STARS Forms to buy stars in memory of family members and friends are still available at the back of church. These stars will decorate our Christmas trees. £3 each, £5 for 2, £10 for 5. Card payments under 'STARS' option. All forms to be in by **next weekend Sunday, 22nd** please. Thank you.

PIETY SHOP Christmas stock now in along with a delightful selection of hand made cards by Fr Craig's mother (fundraising for our church), which are selling very quickly. Advent candles & calendars, cards, gifts, 2025 calendars & more. Come and have a browse...

BGN CAROL SERVICE A service of readings and Christmas carols sung by the BGN school choir will be held at St John's Church, Banbury on Tuesday, 17th December at 7 pm. All welcome.

THE CHOSEN Episodes 8 from series 4 will be shown on the Thursday, 19th December at 7pm at the Centre. All welcome.

BICESTER FOOD BANK—CHRISTMAS REQUEST New toys, wrapping paper, toiletries, cakes, mince pies, selection boxes. Please consider other extra food. Place in the container at the back of the church or deliver directly to the Food Bank, The Beacon, Wesley Lane. 10am-12

RCIA Rite of Christian Initiation The group will now have a break for Christmas and the next session will be on Thursday, 15th January at 7.30pm at the Centre. Topic: The Creed.

COFFEE MORNING The team raised £229.50 last Friday. Thank you! They will have a well deserved rest in January and look forward to seeing you all in February.

NOVEMBER 100 CLUB The winners are: £100 - N Ward - 4, £50 S Jacob - 30, £25 K Cashman - 40. Please collect your winnings from Sr Sani.

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

PARISH OFFICE The Parish Office will be closed from 25th December and reopen on Wednesday 15th January.

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.

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.

ENVIRONMENTAL THOUGHTS OF THE WEEK Christmas wrapping paper, cards and crackers are recyclable. If they crumple up they can be reused.

ST MARY'S CAROL CONCERTS will be held on Wednesday, 18th December 9:05am and Thursday, 19th December 9:05am in the school hall. Parishioners are warmly invited to come along. St Mary's are also looking for a keen volunteer who would like to play the piano at hymn practices and masses etc. Please contact the school directly if you are interested and for more details.

DECORATING THE CHURCH FOR CHRISTMAS We need a handful of volunteers to help with preparing the church for Christmas. Please come along on Monday, 23rd December from 12-2pm. Jobs range from putting up decorations (wreaths & candles) to making teas! Team 4 would be grateful of any cleaning help on Monday 23rd/Tuesday 24th too. Please note there will be a 9.30am mass on the 24th with some flower arranging on the that morning also.

HETHE CRIB We will be erecting the crib on Monday, 16th December at 11.00am. It takes about an hour. Please come along to give a hand with the heavy lifting. Contact Breff Kelly on 01280 702500 if you require more details.

CHRISTMAS FLOWERS The flower ladies would be grateful of any donations of potted poinsettia plants to go towards decorating the church for Christmas. These can be purchased from Sainsburys, medium or large in red pots, £6/£8. Please leave in our Lady's Chapel on 16th December. Thank you in advance.

OFFERINGS Collections during masses at Christmas will be our traditional offerings to our Parish Priest. By card: Option Christmas - Parish Priest.

CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES

Penance Service Monday 16th December at 7pm

Christmas Eve

2.00 pm - Bicester

6.00 pm - Bicester

8.00 pm - Hethe

11.30 pm - Carols followed by

Midnight Mass - Bicester

Christmas Day

9 am & 11 am - Bicester

St Stephen's Day

12 noon - Bicester



FINANCIAL INFORMATION

SECOND COLLECTIONS

15th, 22nd & 29th December: Parish Maintenance

24th & 25th December : Offerings to Parish Priest

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.

HETHE BICESTER



Church	First Collection	Second Collection P Parishes	Standing Orders	Card (Dona)	Mass Attendance
Bicester	£318.62	£193.15	£1157	£136	381
Hethe	£20	£19.40	£185	—	20



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Parish YouTube 'Bicester Catholic Church' Channel
Go to the website or follow this link
<https://camstreamer.com/redirect/SfORcspHjzNr8niFC4ls5oIQBgoc37B8YBCIKVpC>
Follow the readings at Mass: <https://universalis.com/mass.htm>



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Parish website: <https://www.immaculate-conception.org.uk>

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

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

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THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Sunday Cycle C - Weekdays - Advent - Psalter Week 3

15th December—22nd December 2024

Pope's Prayer Intention for December: For pilgrims of hope: we pray that this Jubilee Year strengthens our faith, helping us to recognise the Risen Christ in our daily lives, and that it may transform us into pilgrims of Christian hope.



Third Sunday of Advent



Third Sunday of Advent

	TIME	INTENTIONS	FEASTS	LECTORS	E O MINISTERS	WELCOMERS
SAT 14th	4.00pm@Hethe	People of the Parish				R Deane & S Wilde
Vigil Mass	6.00pm	Glenn Pagette & Family (for recovery)	Third Sunday in Advent	P & K Kallay	L & D Jiminez	L Hattam
SUN 15th	9.00am	Pat & Alice Beggs (RIP) No Children's Liturgy		P Cousins/ S McCarthy	C St John/ C Drew	Brown family
	11.00am	Crisostomo Ramos (RIP)		C Tett/ H King	J & M Franta	R Elegado & Friends
MON 16th	9.30am @Hethe	Austin Owens (RIP)	Advent Feria			
	12 noon	Jose Magleo (RIP)		A Fitzpatrick		
	7.00pm	Advent Penance Service				
TUE 17th	9.30am	Sarah- Alexander Beattie (RIP)	Advent Feria	L Cleeve		
WED 18th	9.30am	Androzin Monteiro (RIP)	Advent Feria	H King		
THU 19th	8.00am (Sch)	Advent Mass @ School - Holy Souls	Advent Feria			
	9.30am	In thanksgiving - Carmen Teng		J Kokore		
	1.00pm	Funeral Service - Ken Babington (RIP) @ North O. Crematorium				
FRI 20th	12 noon	Eucharistic Service	Advent Feria			
SAT 21st	9.00am	Mass @ Bullingdon Prison				
	4.00pm@Hethe	People of the Parish				R Deane & S Wilde
Vigil Mass	6.00pm	Don Burton (RIP)	Fourth Sunday in Advent	R John/Sr Sani	S & M Doherty	McArdle Family
SUN 22nd	9.00am	Ints of Kim Carneiro -16th Birthday		C Moyse/A Jiminez	L & D Jiminez	C St John/volunteer
	11.00am	Norma Santiago (RIP)		A Kearsley/E Green	J Marshall/J Franta	Kokore Family

This week we pray for...



SANCTUARY LIGHT:

OUR LADY'S LIGHT:

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.

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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:
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Les Cleeve: sg.holytrinity.hethe@rcaob.org.uk
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Rev Mr Nick St John: 01869 246 787

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Third Sunday of Advent

First Reading 'The Lord will exult over you with loud singing.' Zephaniah 3:14-18a

Sing aloud, O daughter of Zion; shout, O Israel! Rejoice and exult with all your heart, O daughter of Jerusalem! The LORD has taken away the judgements against you; he has cleared away your enemies. The King of Israel, the LORD, is in your midst; you shall never again fear evil. On that day it shall be said to Jerusalem: 'Fear not, O Zion; let not your hands grow weak. The LORD your God is in your midst, a mighty one who will save; he will rejoice over you with gladness; he will quiet you by his love; he will exult over you with loud singing. I will gather those of you who mourn for the festival, so that you will no longer suffer reproach.'

The word of the Lord
All: Thanks be to God

Responsorial Psalm *Shout aloud and sing praise, for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel.*

Second Reading 'The Lord is at hand.' Philippians 4:4-7

Brothers and sisters: Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, rejoice. Let your reasonableness be known to everyone. The Lord is at hand; do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

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

Gospel Acclamation Alleluia, alleluia. The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, he has sent me to proclaim good news to the poor. Alleluia.

Gospel 'And we, what shall we do?' 'Luke 3:10-18

At that time: The crowds asked John, 'What, then, shall we do?' And he answered them, 'Whoever has two tunics is to share with him who has none, and whoever has food is to do likewise.' Tax collectors also came to be baptised and said to him, 'Teacher, what shall we do?' And he said to them, 'Collect no more than you are authorized to do.' Soldiers also asked him, 'And we, what shall we do?' And he said to them, 'Do not extort money from anyone by threats or by false accusation, and be content with your wages.' As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Christ, John answered them all, saying, 'I baptise you with water, but he who is mightier than I is coming, the strap of whose sandals I am not worthy to untie. He will baptise you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his barn, but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.' So with many other exhortations he preached good news to the people.

The Gospel of the Lord
All: Thanks be to God

HOLY MASS DURING ADVENT

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 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, 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