

Teams for :	17/5	24/5	31/5	7/6	14/6
Children Liturgy	1	none	none	none	2
Coffee gam (11)	5	6	7	8	9
Coffee 11am (9)	2	3	4	5	6
Flowers	Jan & Sally	Anita	Anita	Anne &	Kirsten

### LET US PRAY FOR THE SICK AND HOUSEBOUND

We include those in hospitals, nursing homes and their own homes: Mary Lynch, K Cashman, Jean McIntosh, Gerry Wright, Sonya Drury.

**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 (Sacristy)*

**URSULINE LAY ASSOCIATION:** Every 2nd Wednesday of the month @ 2pm Ursuline Convent.

**EAST TIMOR COMMUNITY PRAYER:** First Sunday of the month at 5.00pm. Various locations.

**PARISH OUTREACH GROUP:** Contact the Office if you need some form of practical help.

**UKRAINIAN LITURGY** Ukrainian Divine Liturgy occasional Sundays. Announced in bulletin.

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

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION** Many congratulations to all the children who received their First Holy Communion this weekend.

**BANK HOLIDAY MONDAY** Masses will be celebrated as normal on Bank Holiday Monday, 25th May.

**CORPUS CHRISTI PROCESSION** This will take place on Sunday, 7th June after the 11am Mass. The procession route will be towards St Mary's School and conclude with Benediction. First Holy Communion children are invited to join the procession wearing their 1st Holy Communion outfits. Wardens for the route are needed please speak to Fr Craig if you can help.

**EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS** All Extraordinary Ministers are invited to be recommissioned on Sunday, 7th 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.

**CRAFT MARKET** Thank you to the stall holders and organisers for raising £316.50 for parish funds at the market last weekend. Don't miss the next one on Saturday, 20th June, 11am-2pm.

**DONATIONS NEEDED** The coffee group are in need of any new/unused gifts that can be sold or used at the coffee mornings. They would also be very grateful for any donations of chocolate, wine, toiletry sets etc. Please deliver to the centre clearly marked Coffee Morning. Do you bake? Could you bake a cake for the next coffee morning? If so please send a message on What's app or email to let us know. Next CM is on Friday, 12th June.

**PARISH PILGRIMAGE** A pilgrimage to Fatima will take place from Friday, 7th August — Tuesday, 11th August 2026. Price: £695 sharing, £795 single room. Flights from Bristol airport. Optional insurance £55 pp. Please email the office if you are interested. Forms and itinerary details are available from the back of church, alternatively email the parish office.

**PARISH 100 CLUB** The 100 Club is our main annual fundraiser, its not too late to join. The monthly prizes are £100, £50, £25 and a Christmas bonus prize of £100, for only a £5 monthly subscription by Standing Order. Bank details can be found under Financial Information. Alternatively one off payments can be paid by BACS or via the card machine, to cover the rest of the year under option '100 club', please add your surname as reference when making any payments as it enables us to allocate it correctly. Application forms are available at the back of church if you wish to join or subscribe to more numbers. Help us make it to a 100! Current available numbers: 23,50,51,81,82,83,84. **You have to be in it to win it!**

**PILGRIMAGE - HEARTLAND OF ENGLAND AND MEET 'THE SAINTS AND KINGS WHO MADE US CHRISTIAN'** MON 7 – SAT 12 SEPTEMBER 2026 with the parishes of St Teresa's Charlbury and Holy Trinity, Chipping Norton. To reserve your place or for further information, please email Suze Mathews:suzemathews899@btinternet.com **Limited places so early booking recommended.**

JOIN US ON THE WHATS APP COMMUNITY CATHOLIC BICESTER GROUP FOR TO KEEP IN TOUCH WITH PARISH INFORMATION & NEWS. THERE ARE ALSO SEPARATE GROUPS FOR CHURCH GROUPS CREATED WITHIN THE APP. SCAN THE QR CODE AND FOLLOW INSTRUCTIONS.



**THE DIVINE MERCY GROUP** have placed a box in Our Lady's chapel for prayer intentions. These will be prayed for on Tuesday's during the Chaplet.



**PRAYER FOR PEACE** Pope Leo has asked for Prayer for Peace. Please consider praying this intention, before Mass, and in your own homes, with friends, family and individually. Let us offer the Rosary for an end to wars and conflicts, and the effects it is having on the countries involved and for nations to gather together and bring peace.

Rosary for Peace Wednesday, 20<sup>th</sup> of May 6.50pm to 7.40pm in liaison with Cafod, Misso, Aid to the Church in Need. Contact [jhaywardjones@Cafod.org](mailto:jhaywardjones@Cafod.org). to join on line.

**VISITATION OF RELICS OF ST EDMUND CAMPION** Will take place at St John the Evangelist, Banbury, on Sunday, 24th May at 6pm. Vespers, Benediction and Veneration of the Relic, including a reflection on the life and witness of St Edmund Campion by Brenden Thompson—Word on Fire UK.



### SOLEMNITY OF PENTECOST - MAY 24TH

Will be celebrated next weekend with a Bring and Share lunch after 11am Mass.

Please add your names and food contributions to the list at the back of church.

### DIARY DATES 2026:

**Parish Pastoral Meeting** Monday 1st June at 7pm.

**Corpus Christi Procession** Sunday 7th June (to St Mary's)

**Coffee Morning** Friday 12th June & 3rd July at 10am

**African Mass & Buffet** Saturday 13th June at 11am.

**Parish Finance Meeting** Monday 15th June at 7pm.

**Art & Craft Market** Saturday 20th June & 4th July from 11am-2pm.

**Angel Drive** Friday 9th October with fish and chip supper.

**ZAPP Retro Games Day** Saturday 14th November.

**Christmas Bazaar** Sunday 29th November.

### 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.'

### PARISH GIVING

### SECOND COLLECTIONS

For May: 17th Catholic Comms, 24th, 31st: Parish Maintenance

**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

Account Name: The RC Archdiocese of B'ham Parish of the Immaculate Conception Bicester Oxon.

**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.

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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/xmTDv4jBRjMTROM5VBVYn34wpRY1nK34jSHqCqHR>

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

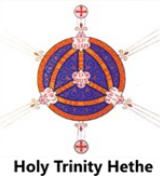
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A CCTV System operates 24 hours a day. This is in place for the safety of people,

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## SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Sunday Cycle A - Weekdays II - 17th May 2026 - Psalter Week 3

The month of May is dedicated to The Blessed Virgin Mary

Pope's Prayer Intention for May - That everyone might have food. Let us pray that everyone from large producers to small consumers, be committed to avoiding food waste, and to ensuring that everyone has access to quality food.



DATE	TIME	INTENTIONS	FEASTS	LECTORS	E O MINISTERS	WELCOMERS
SAT 16th	11.00am 4.00pm HT 6.00pm	First Holy Communion Mass Holy Souls Eileen Burton (RIP) 25th Ann.	Easter Feria	Volunteer P Sims/Sr Sani	O Panejko/ B Santiago	M Marrs/ P Behan
SUN 17th	9.00am 11.00am 1.00pm	People of the Parish Jose Magleo (RIP) Baptism - Ricardo Leonard Mathew	Seventh Sunday of Easter World Communications Day	A Kirby Hall S McCarthy R Evans/ J Hurst	J Li/ C Hartley J & M Franta	Sr Molly/ C Cleeve Franta Family
MON 18th	9.30am HT 12 noon IC 4.00pm	In Thanksgiving - John Wilde (80th B'day) In thanksgiving (Birthday) Reception of Timothy Joyce (RIP)	Easter Feria	Volunteer M Daniel		
TUE 19th	9.30am 2.00pm IC	Requiem Mass—Timothy Joyce (RIP) Divine Mercy Chaplet	Easter Feria	L Cleeve		
WED 20th		No Mass	Easter Feria			
THU 21st	9.30am	Vincent, Catherine, Thomas & Anne Muldoon (RIP)	Easter Feria	J Kokore		
FRI 22nd	12 noon	Jackie Gilbert (RIP)	Easter Feria	E King		
SAT 23d	10.00am 4.00pm HT 6.00pm	Pat & Alice Beggs (RIP) People of the Parish Eryk Kuś (RIP)	Easter Feria	M Daniel Volunteer Sister/Sister	S & M Doherty	C West/tbc
SUN 24th	9.00am 11.00am 2.00pm HT	Rute & Nicson - Wedding anni. Tomas Ryan-Vig (RIP) followed by Bring and Share Baptism - Finley Furey-Poulsen	Solemnity of Pentecost Day of Prayer for the Church	C Moyse/ A Mutton J Franta/ A Kearsley	J Li/ J Hartley G Andrade/ U Edwards	Parati Family Timorean Community

## This weekend's Second Collection will be for Catholic Communications. Children's Liturgy—this weekend at both Sunday Masses.



Tea & Coffee in the JP II Centre after the 9am and 11am

Masses every weekend & once a month on a Friday

throughout the year (not in Aug).

Come along for a chat and meet your fellow parishioners!

Donations can now be made by card—option 'Coffee Mornings'

We use Fairtrade / Rainforest Alliance Tea and Coffee!



### This week we pray for...

**SANCTUARY LIGHT: O'Rourke 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](mailto:sg.tic.bicester@rcaob.org.uk) &

**Les Cleeve:** [sg.holytrinity.hethe@rcaob.org.uk](mailto:sg.holytrinity.hethe@rcaob.org.uk)

**Diocesan Safeguarding Team** 0121 2306240 or [safeguarding@rcaob.org.uk](mailto:safeguarding@rcaob.org.uk) if you have any concerns.

Church	First Collection	Poor Parishes	Standing Orders	Mass Attendance
Bicester	£957.78	£506.24	£1122	555
Hethe	£75.17	£84.36	£165	44

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Rev Mr Nick St John: 01869 246 787 Parish Youth: [yth.tic.bicester@rcaob.org.uk](mailto:yth.tic.bicester@rcaob.org.uk)

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

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Gift Aid - Sr Sani Vijayan [ga.tic.bicester@rcaob.org.uk](mailto:ga.tic.bicester@rcaob.org.uk)

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# SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

**Entrance Antiphon:** O Lord, hear my voice, for I have called to you; of you my heart has spoken: Seek his face; hide not your face from me, alleluia.

**First reading**

**Acts 1:12-14**

**‘All with one accord were devoting themselves to prayer.’**

After Jesus was taken up into heaven the Apostles returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a Sabbath day’s journey away. And when they had entered, they went up to the upper room, where they were staying, Peter and John and James and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James the son of Alphaeus and Simon the Zealot and Judas the son of James. All these with one accord were devoting themselves to prayer, together with the women and Mary the mother of Jesus, and his brothers and sisters.

**The word of the Lord**

**All: Thanks be to God**

**Responsorial Psalm** *I believe I shall see the LORD’S goodness in the land of the living.*

**Second reading**

**1 Peter 4:13-16**

**‘If you are insulted for the name of Christ, you are blessed.’**

**Beloved:** Rejoice insofar as you share Christ’s sufferings, that you may also rejoice and be glad when his glory is revealed. If you are insulted for the name of Christ, you are blessed, because the Spirit of glory and of God rests upon you. But let none of you suffer as a murderer, or a thief, or an evildoer, or as a meddler. Yet if anyone suffers as a Christian, let him not be ashamed, but let him glorify God in that name.

**The word of the Lord**

**All: Thanks be to God**

**Gospel Acclamation:** Alleluia, alleluia.

**I will not leave you as orphans, says the Lord.**

**I am going away and I will come to you, and your hearts will rejoice.**

**Alleluia.**

**Gospel**

**John 17:1-11a**

**‘Father, glorify your Son.’**

**At that time:** Jesus lifted up his eyes to heaven, and said, ‘Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son that the Son may glorify you, since you have given him authority over all flesh, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. And this is eternal life, that they know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. I glorified you on earth, having accomplished the work that you gave me to do. And now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had with you before the world existed.

‘I have manifested your name to the people whom you gave me out of the world. Yours they were, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. Now they know that everything that you have given me is from you. For I have given them the words that you gave me, and they have received them and have come to know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. I am praying for them. I am not praying for the world but for those whom you have given me, for they are yours. All mine are yours, and yours are mine, and I am glorified in them. And I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you.’

**The Gospel of the Lord**

**All: Praise to you Lord, Jesus Christ**

## ORDER OF 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** (*Not used during Advent & Lent*)

**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:** **Glory and praise to you O Christ** .....(a few words)

**People:** **Glory and praise to you O Christ**

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.**