

| Teams for         | 18/8 | 25/8     | 1/9  | 8/9 | 15/9 | 22/9 | 29/9 |
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| Children lit. (4) | none | none     | none | 1   | 2    | none | 3    |
| Coffee 9am (11)   | 2    | 3        | 4    | 5   | 6    | 7    | 8    |
| Coffee 11am (9)5  | 6    | 7        | 8    | 9   | 1    | 2    | 3    |
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**LET US PRAY FOR THE SICK AND HOUSEBOUND:** Mary Lynch, Victor Francis, K Cashman, Tim Charles & Jean McIntosh, Lucia Ostrowska.

**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.

**PARISH PRIEST** Please keep both Canon John, Fr Craig and all priests in the Diocese who are moving in your prayers, as they prepare to take on their new parish appointments. Fr Craig will be moving into the presbytery on Friday, 23rd August. He will celebrate masses in both Hethe and Bicester on the weekend of 24th/25th August. We assure him of a warm welcome!

**INDUCTIONS** Details for Fr Craig's Induction Mass here will be announced in due course. Canon John will be inducted as parish priest of St George's, Worcester on Thursday, 17th October at 7pm. A coach has been arranged, so please add your name/s to the list at the back of church if you would like to attend. Cost £15 pp, this can be paid on the card machine, option 'Worcester' His new address is: St George's Church, 2 Sansome Place, Worcester, WR1 1UG.

**SYMPATHY** Please pray for the repose of the soul of Mike Gosling who died recently. We convey our condolences to Kathy and her family and assure them of our prayers. Mike's cremation has already taken place and his ashes will be interred into the Foynes Memorial Garden in due course. *May he rest in peace.*

**PARISH OFFICE/ST JP II** Please note that the parish office & centre will be closed on some days during August. It is advisable to call prior to popping in. Office: 01869 253 277/ St JP II: 01869 324 307.

**COFFEE MORNING** The next Coffee Morning will be held on Friday, September 6th from 10am. Cakes & coffee, all welcome!

**INTERNATIONAL SUNDAY** This very popular event will take place on Sunday, 22nd September. Mass will be celebrated at 11am, followed by a bring and share International Buffet in the St John Paul II Centre. Please add your names to the list if you are able to contribute food to share.

**SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMME 2024-25** Dates for meetings, lessons and celebrations are now available on our website and are on display on the church notice board. The Enrolment Session will take place on Monday, 23rd September at 7pm at the St John Paul II Centre. Forms are available online and from the back of church. Please return them to the enrolment session in September and **not** the office. Thank you.

**BAPTISM COURSE** The next and last course of 2024 will take place on Saturday, 5th October at 10am in the St John Paul II Centre. Please contact the office to register your attendance if you are thinking of arranging a baptism for your child between this October-April 2025.

**CERTIFICATES** The office has a large number of unclaimed sacramental certificates dating back to 2008! To obtain, please email details (including year of sacrament) and collection can be arranged. Certificates are of importance when you move parish, prepare for the next sacrament, especially in preparation for the sacrament of marriage.

**BICESTER REFUGEE SUPPORT GROUP** require an ironing board and a chest of drawers or a shelving unit for a large empty wardrobe. If you can help please contact Sue Wilde on 07502281776.

**COFFEE AFTER MASSES** continues to be served weekly in the St John Paul II Centre after the 9am & 11am Sunday Masses. Everyone is very welcome, it is a great opportunity to get to know fellow parishioners!

#### ROSARY

The recitation of the Rosary begins 20 mins before Saturday evening Mass. Please do come along early and join in this special act of devotion. We are currently looking for more volunteers to recite the rosary, if you would be interested please speak to Sr Rose.



**ARCHBISHOP BERNARD'S CALL TO CELEBRATE THE SEASON OF CREATION** Archbishop Bernard has released a video ahead of the Season of Creation to encourage you to take up the opportunity which the Holy Father has given us to celebrate the Season. He says: "As you may know this is something growing year by year as we become more and more aware of our calling as Christians to have a care for the whole of the Created world... "Pope Francis is asking us to think about how we care for the whole of Creation as an expression of our own Christian Faith and is referring us to St Paul's letter to the Romans, which speaks about the whole of Creation groaning, but also looking for the freedom which Christ brings us as children of God... "Hope and Act with Creation is the theme for this year, and I hope you'll be able to pray that we and others will value all that we have in creation as a way of praising god and also caring for those who are most in need." You can find the full celebration guide as well as other prayers and resources on the Diocesan website. <https://www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk>



# The Catholic Parishes of Immaculate Conception @BICESTER



And **Holy Trinity** @Hardwick Rd, HETHE OX27 8AW

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August is the Month of the Immaculate Heart of Mary

**20th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Sunday Cycle B - Weekdays - Year II

Weekend beginning 18th August - 25th August 2024 - Psalter Week 4

**Pope's Prayer Intention for August:** We pray that political leaders be at the service of their own people, working for integral human development and for the common good, especially caring for the poor and those who have lost their jobs.



| JULY              | TIME                  | INTENTIONS                                  | FEASTS   | LECTORS    | E O MINISTERS    | WELCOMERS            |
|-------------------|-----------------------|---|--|------------|------------------|----------------------|
| <b>SAT 17th</b>   | <b>4.00pm @ Hethe</b> | <b>People of the Parish</b>                 | <b>20th Sunday OT</b>                                  |            |                  | R Deane & S Wilde    |
| <b>Vigil Mass</b> | <b>6.00pm</b>         | Willie & Nellie Lawlor & Kitty Hornby (RIP) |  | P Sims     |                  | Jiminez Family       |
|                   | <b>9.00am</b>         | Ints of Kathy Gosling & family              |  | S Taylor   |                  | L & C Cleeve         |
| <b>SUN 18th</b>   | <b>11.00 am</b>       | Harry Jeanne (RIP) & family                 |  | N Ward     | No Extraordinary | Timor Community      |
| <b>MON 19th</b>   | <b>6.00pm</b>         | Service of the Word with Holy Communion     | <i>Feria in Ordinary time</i>                          | M Daniel   | Ministers until  |                      |
| <b>TUE 20th</b>   | <b>6.00pm</b>         | Service of the Word with Holy Communion     | <i>Memorial of St Bernard, Abbot, Dr</i>               | L Cleeve   | September 1st    |                      |
| <b>WED 21st</b>   | <b>6.00pm</b>         | Service of the Word with Holy Communion     | <i>Mem of St Pius X, Pope</i>                          | J Kokore   |                  |                      |
| <b>THU 22nd</b>   | <b>6.00 pm</b>        | Service of the Word with Holy Communion     | <i>Mem of the Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i> | H King     |                  |                      |
| <b>FRI 23rd</b>   |                       | No Mass                                     | <i>Feast of St John Wall, P, M</i>                     | E King     |                  |                      |
| <b>SAT 24th</b>   | <b>11.00 am</b>       | <b>Baptism - Aariya Pereira</b>             |  |            |                  |                      |
|                   | <b>4.00pm @ Hethe</b> | Holy Souls                                  | <b>21st Sunday OT</b>                                  |            |                  | R Deane & S Wilde    |
| <b>Vigil Mass</b> | <b>6.00pm</b>         | Angus Forsyth Snr (RIP)                     |  | P Cousins  |                  | L Hattam             |
| <b>SUN 25th</b>   | <b>9.00am</b>         | Mike Gosling (RIP)                          |  | S McCarthy |                  | C St John/L Williams |
|                   | <b>11.00 am</b>       | <b>People of the Parish</b>                 |  | J Franta   |                  | Jiminez Family       |

#### SUNDAY 18th AUGUST

Please welcome Bishop William Kenney, who will be celebrating 9am & 11am Sunday Masses this weekend.



This week we pray for...

**SANCTUARY LIGHT:**

**OUR LADY'S LIGHT: In thanksgiving**

**SANCTUARY LAMPS** 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.

**Archdiocese of Birmingham:** "Our Vision is to be a Catholic Diocese which is faithful to the mission entrusted to us by Jesus Christ, full of missionary disciples who work together co-responsibly in vibrant communities of faith, joyful in their service of God and neighbour".

**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** can be contacted on 0121 2306240 or safeguarding@rcaob.org.uk if you have any concerns.

#### Dates to remember

Date to be confirmed: Aid to the Church in Need Appeal  
 Sunday, 22nd Sept: International Mass at 11 am followed by Shared Lunch  
 Saturday, 5th October: Filipino Day of Prayer from 3.30 pm  
 Sunday, 20th October: Harvest Lunch in St John Paul II Centre  
 Monday, 4th November: Parish Pastoral Council Meeting TBC  
 Tuesday, 5th November: Parish Finance Council meeting. TBC  
 Sunday, 24th November: Christmas Bazar after 9am and 11 am Masses  
 Sunday, 22nd December: Christmas Raffle Draw after 11 am Mass

#### FINANCIAL INFORMATION

##### SECOND COLLECTIONS

18th, 25th August: 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

##### OFFERINGS:

**Canon John Y Batthula:** Sort code: 60-08-40 Acc. No. 75459760

**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.

**HETHE BICESTER**

Gift Aid it!!- you could add 25% to the value of your donation. Contact Sr Sani the Parish Gift Aid Co-ordinator .



| Church          | First Collection | Second  | Standing Orders | Card (Dona) & Web | Mass Attendance |
|-----------------|------------------|---------|-----------------|-------------------|-----------------|
| <b>Bicester</b> | £363.57          | £135.33 | £1157           | £130              | 388             |
| <b>Hethe</b>    | £N/A             | £N/A    | £185            | —                 | N/A             |



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# TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

**Entrance antiphon: Turn your eyes, O God, our shield; and look on the face of your anointed one; one day within your courts is better than a thousand elsewhere.**

**First Reading** *For my bread, drink the wine I have prepared for you.* **Proverbs 9:1-6**

Wisdom has built herself a house, she has erected her seven pillars, she has slaughtered her beasts, prepared her wine, she has laid her table. She has despatched her maidservants and proclaimed from the city's heights: 'Who is ignorant? Let him step this way.' To the fool she says, 'Come and eat my bread, drink the wine I have prepared! Leave your folly and you will live, walk in the ways of perception.'

The word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

## Responsorial Psalm

**Taste and see that the Lord is good. v 4**

**Second Reading** *Recognise what is the will of God* **Ephesians 5:15-20**

Be very careful about the sort of lives you lead, like intelligent and not like senseless people. This may be a wicked age, but you redeem it. And do not be thoughtless but recognise what is the will of the Lord. Do not drug yourselves with wine, this is simply dissipation; be filled with the Spirit. Sing the words and tunes of the psalms and hymns when you are together, and go on singing and chanting to the Lord in your hearts, so that always and everywhere you are giving thanks to God who is our Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

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**Thanks be to God.**

## Gospel acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia! The Word was made flesh and lived among us:  
to all who did accept him he gave power to become children of God.  
Alleluia!

**Gospel** *My flesh is real food and my blood is real drink* **John 6:51-58**

Jesus said to the crowd: 'I am the living bread which has come down from heaven. Anyone who eats this bread will live for ever; and the bread that I shall give is my flesh, for the life of the world.' Then the Jews started arguing with one another: 'How can this man give us his flesh to eat?' they said. Jesus replied: 'I tell you most solemnly, if you do not eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you will not have life in you. Anyone who does eat my flesh and drink my blood has eternal life, and I shall raise him up on the last day. For my flesh is real food and my blood is real drink. He who eats my flesh and drinks my blood lives in me and I live in him. As I, who am sent by the living Father, myself draw life from the Father, so whoever eats me will draw life from me. This is the bread come down from heaven; not like the bread our ancestors ate: they are dead, but anyone who eats this bread will live for ever.'

The Gospel of the Lord  
**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

## 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** **Priest:** 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** Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.....  
... (a few words)

**People** **Praise to you Lord Jesus 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.**

### 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