

Teams for :	18/1	25/1	1/2	8/2	15/2	22/2
Children Liturgy	2	none	3	none	none HT	none HT
Coffee 9am (11)	10	11	1	2	3	4
Coffee 11am (8)	3	4	5	6	7	8
Flowers	Portia/Adelia	Jan/Sally	Jan/Sally	Jo	Jo	none

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, Paul Chrisp.

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 2nd Sunday of the month at 6.30pm.

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

PARISH PASTORAL MEETING A meeting will be held on Monday, 19th January at 7.30pm.

RCIA - RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION The next RCIA session will take place on Wednesday, 21st January at 7.30pm in the centre.

INTERCULTURAL MASS MEETING This will be held on Thursday, 22nd January at 7pm in the centre. Please make every effort to attend.

WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY SERVICE, ST EDBURG'S CHURCH, CAUSEWAY, WEDNESDAY 21ST JANUARY 7.30.PM

Many of you will know that every year Catholics are encouraged to observe a week of prayer for Christian Unity. As well as praying for this individually, we are encouraged to meet with Christians of other traditions to pray for unity in the Body of Christ. This is supported and organised by Christians together in Britain and Ireland. You are warmly invited to attend this short service of prayer and reflection as outlined above. It will last for about an hour, and we are hoping that it will be possible to provide refreshments afterwards. A limited number of copies of the prayers for the week will be available at Masses this weekend if you want to follow them throughout the week. Alternatively you can get them on the Churches together in Britain and Ireland website.

BAPTISMS 2026 If you are considering having your child baptised in the first few months of the year, please contact the office to register onto the first Baptism Course that will be held on Saturday, 31st January from 10am -12 noon in the St John Paul II Centre. Baptisms will be held on Sundays at 1pm. Please contact the office to register on the course.

COFFEE MORNING The next Coffee Morning will be on Friday, 6th February 2026 at the usual time of 10am. The team look forward to seeing you all then!

OSCOTT COLLEGE The next Organ recital will be on Sunday 8th February at 3pm. Booking can be done online at <https://www.oscott.org/events> or in person on the door.

DEANERY PASTORAL FORUM MEETING St Joseph's Whitnash at 7pm, following a 6.30pm Mass, on Thursday 26 February for Deanery members.

DIARY DATE: 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 in more details.

100 CLUB Contact the parish office if you would like to subscribe to the 100 club, only £5 a month by Standing Order. Current numbers available are: 22,30,41,51,81,82,83,84,89 & 96.

COULD YOU BE A HEALTHCARE VOLUNTEER IN LOURDES? Are you a doctor, nurse or carer? Would you consider donating your time and expertise on the next Lourdes Pilgrimage? Every year sick pilgrims are able to make the journey to Lourdes thanks to the support of a dedicated Healthcare Team. Without their expertise many pilgrims would not be able to go. If you are a healthcare professional and would like to try something new please consider joining us. You will make a real difference. For more information, and to access the Volunteer Pilgrimage Pack and an application form, please visit <https://www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk/lourdes-pilgrimage> or scan the QR code.

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.



CRIB COLLECTION

The crib collection this year will go towards Medecins Sans Frontieres (MSF) Sans Frontières / Doctors Without Borders (MSF). Their teams act fast to save people's lives in conflict zones, natural disasters and epidemics. Charity Reg. No. 1026588. Please go to <https://msf.org.uk/> to find out more information on the work they do. Thank you in advance for your donations. Donations by card accepted, option Crib Collection. The crib will be displayed until February 2nd. *The church will be open daily for you to visit between 9-3pm.*

FRIENDS OF THE HOLY LAND would like to thank all parishioners for £1249.52 raised for Christians in the Holy Land, at a time when they are most vulnerable. Please continue to remember our work in your prayers, giving our brothers and sisters strength to continue.

RETOUVAILLE MARRIAGE Does your marriage need some TLC? Need help with communication and trust? Retrouvaille helps marriages. It can bring hope and healing to relationships. Online courses available. Next date: 12th February 2026. For more information go to www.retrouvaille.org.uk or call tel: 07887 296983.

QUIZ NIGHT The Social Committee have met and put together a calendar of social events for the year and the first one is a Quiz Night (for adults only) to be held on **Friday, 27th February 2026** with a 7.30pm start at the JPIL Centre. More details on other events will be published next week.

DIARY DATES 2026 :

Baptism Course - Saturday 31st January 10am-12 noon.

Coffee Mornings Friday 6th February & 6th March at 10am.

Ash Wednesday February 18th.

Diocesan Intercultural Mass and Social Saturday 21st February 2026.

Parish Finance Meeting Monday 23rd February at 7pm.

Confirmation Retreat Day 28th February.

Mass of Confirmation Friday 20th March 2026 at 7pm.

First Holy Communions Saturday 16th May.

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

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 JANUARY - 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

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.

For details email:

bicester@rcaob.org.uk

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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/SfORcspHizNr8niFC4ls5oJQBgoc37B8YBCjKvPc>



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.



The Catholic Parishes of Immaculate Conception @ BICESTER



Holy Trinity Hethe

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

Henley House, 12 Causeway, Bicester, OX26 6AW

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

Archdiocesan : <https://www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk> Deanery: <https://banburyandwarwick-catholicdeanery.org.uk>

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SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Sunday Cycle A - Weekdays II - 18th January 2026 - Psalter Week 2

Month of January is dedicated to The Holy Name of Jesus

Pope's Prayer Intention - Let us pray that praying with the Word of God be nourishment for our lives and a source of hope in our communities, helping us to build a more fraternal and missionary church.

DATE	TIME	INTENTIONS	FEASTS	LECTORS	E O MINISTERS	WELCOMERS
SAT 17th Vigil Mass	4.00pm @ Hethe 6.00pm	People of the Parish Ints of Nicolas	Mem of St Anthony, Abbott	A Mutton/ H King	S & M Doherty	B & L Hattam
SUN 18th	9.00am 11.00am 1.00pm 3.00pm	In Thanksgiving - Penhallow Family Roy Abbott (RIP) Baptisms - Talia & Nyla Mandivenga Baptisms - Dahlia & Noah Zabinski	Second Sunday in Ordinary Time Peace Day - Paxi Christ	S McCarthy/ P Cousins U Edwards/ E King	M & A Brown J Marshall/ G Andrade	Parati Family Kokore Family
MON 19th	9.30 @Hethe 12 noon	Private Intention (F.O.) Fredrick & Gertrude Hurst (RIP)	Feast of St Wulstan, B	M Daniel		
TUE 20th	9.30am	K. P. John (RIP)	Mem of St Sebastian, M	L Cleeve		
WED 21st		No Mass	Mem of St Agnes, V, M			
THU 22nd	9.30am	Patrick & Irene Burke (RIP)	Feria in Ordinary Time	H King		
FRI 23rd	12 noon	John McRoberts (RIP)	Feria in Ordinary Time	E King		
SAT 24th Vigil Mass	10.00am 10.30am - 11.30am 4.00pm @ Hethe 6.00pm	Anna Jane Edwards (RIP) Benediction, Exposition & Confessions People of the Parish In Thanksgiving—Ian & Kathryn, 53rd Wedding Ann.	Mem of St Francis de Sales, B, Dr	Volunteer Sisters	M Kelly/B Santiago	M Marrs/P Behan
SUN 25th	9.00am 11.00am 1.00pm	1st Holy Communion Commitment Mass Jiri Franta Snr (RIP) Patsy Harber (RIP) Baptism - Hayley Chu Kruzziel	Third Sunday in Ordinary Time Sunday of the Word of God	A Mutton/ D Munoz E Green/H King	L & R Weaver Sr Molly/ volunteer	C West/ Volunteer Franta Family



FIRST HOLY COMMUNION
The Commitment Mass for all children preparing for their First Holy Communion this year will be held next Sunday, 25th January at 9am here in church.



Fairtrade tea & coffee in the centre after the 9am and 11am Masses every weekend & monthly Fridays throughout the year (not Jan, April or Aug) - come along for a chat and meet your fellow parishioners! Donations can now be made by card—option 'Coffee Mornings'

Church	First Collection	Second Collection	Standing Orders	Mass Attendance
Bicester	£668.90	£209.62	£1122	484
Hethe	£35		£198	42

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Rev Mr Michael Panejko MA 01869 246 459

Altar Servers: dce.michael.panejko@rcaob.org.uk

Rev Mr Nick St John: 01869 246 787 /Parish Youth: yth.tic.bicester@rcaob.org.uk

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

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

01869 324 307 / office@johnpaulcentre.co.uk

Gift Aid - Sr Sani Vijayan ga.tic.bicester@rcaob.org.uk

Parish Sacramental Programme - Clare St John psc.tic.bicester@rcaob.org.uk

Go to contacts page on website for parish group contacts.

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SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Entrance Antiphon: All the earth shall bow down before you, O God, and shall sing to you, shall sing to your name, O Most High!

First reading

Isaiah 49:3, 5-6

‘I will make you as a light for the nations, that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth.’

The Lord said to me, ‘You are my servant, Israel, in whom I will be glorified.’
And now the LORD says,
he who formed me from the womb to be his servant,
to bring Jacob back to him,
and that Israel might be gathered to him —
for I am honoured in the eyes of the LORD,
and my God has become my strength —
he says:
‘It is too light a thing that you should be my servant
to raise up the tribes of Jacob
and to bring back the preserved of Israel;
I will make you as a light for the nations,
that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth.’

The word of the Lord
All: Thanks be to God

Responsorial Psalm *Behold, I have come, Lord, to do your will.*

Second reading

1 Corinthians 1:1-3

‘Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.’

Paul, called by the will of God to be an Apostle of Christ Jesus, and our brother Sosthenes, to the church of God that is in Corinth, to those sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints together with all those who in every place call upon the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, both their Lord and ours: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

The word of the Lord
All: Thanks be to God

Gospel Acclamation Alleluia, alleluia.
The Word became flesh and dwelt among us;
to all who did receive him,
he gave the authority to become children of God
Alleluia.

Gospel **John 1:29-34**

‘Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world.’

At that time: John saw Jesus coming towards him, and said, ‘Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world! This is he of whom I said, “After me comes a man who ranks before me, because he was before me.” I myself did not know him, but for this purpose I came baptising with water, that he might be revealed to Israel.’ And John bore witness: ‘I saw the Spirit descend from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him. I myself did not know him, but he who sent me to baptise with water said to me, “He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain, this is he who baptises with the Holy Spirit.” And I have seen and have borne witness that this is the Son of God.’

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

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.**