

Teams for	21/7	28/7	4/8	11/8	18/8	25/8
Children lit. (4)	1	none	none	none	none	none
Coffee gam (11)	none	10	11	1	2	3
Coffee 11am (9)5	1	2	3	4	6	7
Flowers	Anne	Jo	Jo	Srs	Srs	New rota

**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 SCRIPTURE AND PRAYER GROUP:** Every Thursday at 7pm. Contact Janet Marshall on 07934946710

**MESSAGE FROM CANON JOHN** After eleven years, this is my final Sunday in the parish. It is fitting that the sacred action that began my time here, ends it: the celebration of Mass, the source and summit of all that we are as individuals and a community. It is here that the mystery of the living God becomes real and truly present to us: Jesus Christ, his grace and eternal life.

This also serves as a reminder that this is not the conclusion of our pilgrim journey together. Think of it as a spiritual "pit stop" for a change of priests that also provides an opportunity to give thanks to God for bringing us this far before we gather ourselves, rise and press forward with the promise of future glory lying ahead of us.

I have been so blessed to be your priest and companion along this stretch of the pilgrim way. Accompanied by Christ, we have shouldered each other's burdens, cupped each other's tears, delighted in each other's gifts, witnessed miracles and learned to praise. We have found that God's grace is mightier than our weakness. These are not small things. They have certainly left a deep impression on me.

So as I've been anticipating this weekend, and praying for all of you, and for what it is that the Lord has done here over the last 11 years. One of them is 1 Corinthians 3 where Paul writes: "I (Paul) planted, apollo's watered, but God gave the growth. So, neither he who plants nor he who waters is anything, but only God who gives the growth."

So, I've been thinking of all the priests who've served here before I have and thanking God for the gift that they've been to this parish community and the gifts that they were for me.

Thinking of Fr. Craig as he prepares to assume the mantle on 23<sup>rd</sup> August, and I'm thinking back to all these encounters that I've had with countless people in our parish.

I don't know if I've planted anything in anybody. I don't know if I've watered anything that somebody else planted. What I do know is that whatever it is that's happened in our lives, it was God that gave the growth. And so, the praise goes to God.

To be a priest, and especially to be a parish priest, is to regularly come under scrutiny. People say all sorts of things. But trust me, I don't know anybody who's more critical of me than I am. And I am painfully aware of who I am. Of all my faults, all my failures, all my sins, all my selfishness.

What I learned in my life is that "No matter how kind or generous you are, You will never satisfy an ungrateful person."

**LEAVING GIFT** Envelopes are available at the back of church for parishioners to give Canon John a leaving gift offering, please place them in the collection today. Leaving gift offerings can also be placed by card under option 'Canon John Leaving Gift' alternatively via the BACS Sort code: 60-08-40 Acc. No. 75459760.

**SUPPLY:** Next weekend, Saturday 4 pm Mass at Hethe will be celebrated by Fr. Don Bosco, 6pm Mass in Bicester by Fr. Pat and Sunday morning 9 am and 11 am by Fr. Brian. We welcome and thank them for assisting us.

**CAKE SALE:** Sincere thanks to Jackie and Les for raising funds for the parish. Grateful to all those who have supported by baking some cakes and others who have generously bought. Total raised £294.00.

**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.

**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 Parish Office to register your attendance if you are thinking of arranging a baptism for your child between October -April 2025.

**MISSION/APF** Time again to please empty your red boxes and deliver contents to the Piety Shop. Brown envelopes are available at the back of church, please add your details onto the envelopes. If you are able to Gift Aid your donations please let the parish office know. The Missio Summer magazine is now available please take your copy with you from the back of church. Thank you to Kath Kallay who has offered to assist with Missio collections.

**PARISH MEETINGS** All meetings currently scheduled will be rearranged or confirmed once Fr Craig is in residence.

**SEA SUNDAY - SECOND COLLECTION 28TH JULY** Seafarers and fishers play a vital role in all of our lives, but they often work in difficult, hazardous conditions. Your support will make a big difference to seafarers and fishers in need. You can donate in church via second collection or card machine '2nd collection' option, by visiting [www.stellamaris.org.uk/donate](http://www.stellamaris.org.uk/donate), or by texting 'SEA' to 70460 to donate £5. This collection is vital to enable Stella Maris to continue its important work, so please give generously. Thank you.

#### 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

#### FINANCIAL INFORMATION

##### SECOND COLLECTIONS

21st July: Farewell Gift to Canon John  
28th July: Apostleship of the Sea

##### 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

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##### MASS STIPENDS/OFFERINGS:

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

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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 Collection	Standing Orders	Tap & Go Via Web	Mass Attendance
Bicester	£396.59	£	£1157	£205	462
Hethe	£30	£	£185		25



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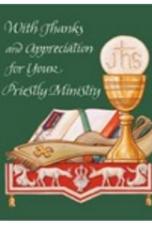
July is the Month of the Precious Blood of our Lord

**16th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Sunday Cycle B - Weekdays - Year II

Weekend beginning 21st -28th July 2024 - Psalter Week 4

**Pope's Prayer Intention for July:** We pray that the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick confer on those who receive it and their loved ones the power of the Lord and become ever more a visible sign of compassion and hope for all.



JULY	TIME		FEASTS	LECTORS	E O MINISTERS	WELCOMERS
Vigil Mass	4.00 pm @Hethe	People of the Parish	16th Sunday OT	R Deane/D Parnby		
SUN 21st	11.00 am	Nathan Silvy (10th Birthday)		H King /M Daniel	J Kokore/R Weaver	S & M Doherty
		Followed by Bring & Share Lunch Farewell function in St John Paul II Centre				J Franta / J Kokore Brown Family
MON 22nd	8.30 am	Remi Del Cruz (birthday) Joseph Mathew (RIP)	Feast of St Mary Magdalene	M Daniel		
TUE 23rd	9.30 am	Service of the Word with Holy Communion	Feast of St Bridget, R Patron of E	L Cleeve		
Wed 24th	9.30 am	Service of the Word with Holy Communion	Feria in ordinary time	J Kokore		
THU 25th	10.00 am	Service of the Word with Holy Communion	Feast of St James, A	H King		
FRI 26th	12 Noon	Service of the Word with Holy Communion	Mem of Ss Joachim & Anne, Parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary	E King		
SAT 27th	4.00 pm @Hethe	People of the Parish		R Deane/D Parnaby		
Vigil Mass	6.00pm	Fiona Smith (RIP) & Anita Magleo (RIP)	17th Sunday OT	A McArdle		McArdle Family
	9.00am	Mary Ashley (RIP) 2nd Ann		P Cousins		L & C Cleeve
SUN 28th	11.00 am	In Thanksgiving - Canon John, Fr Pat, Deacons & Sisters		E Green		Franta Family



**Canon John's Farewell:** A Bring & Share Buffet will be held after the 11am farewell mass today in the St John Paul II Centre. Please note drinks will be served in the marquee and food in the main hall. Speeches will take place at approximately 1.15pm. Please do come along and join in the farewell to our amazing Parish Priest who has been with us for 11years. Indeed a sad day for Catholic Bicester.



This week we pray for...

**SANCTUARY LIGHT: Remi Del Cruz (Birthday)**  
**OUR LADY'S LIGHT: Anifa Magleo RIP**

##### Dean of Banbury & Warwick Deanery & Parish Priest

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# SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Entrance antiphon: **See I have God for my help. The Lord sustains my soul. I will sacrifice to you with willing heart, and praise your name, O Lord, for it is good.**

**First Reading** *"The remnant of my flock I will gather and I will raise up shepherds to look after them"* Jer. 23: 1-6

Doom for the shepherds who allow the flock of my pasture to be destroyed and scattered – it is the Lord who speaks! This, therefore, is what the Lord, the God of Israel, says about the shepherds in charge of my people: You have let my flock be scattered and go wandering and have not taken care of them. Right, I will take care of you for your misdeeds – it is the Lord who speaks! But the remnant of my flock I myself will gather from all the countries where I have dispersed them, and will bring them back to their pastures: they shall be fruitful and increase in numbers. I will raise up shepherds to look after them and pasture them; no fear, no terror for them any more; not one shall be lost – it is the Lord who speaks!

'See, the days are coming – it is the Lord who speaks – when I will raise a virtuous Branch for David, who will reign as true king and be wise, practising honesty and integrity in the land. In his days Judah will be saved and Israel dwell in confidence. And this is the name he will be called: The Lord-our-integrity.'

The word of the Lord

All: **Thanks be to God**

**Responsorial Psalm**

**The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want. (4 V)**

**Second Reading**

*"Christ Jesus is the peace between us"*

Eph. 2: 13-18

In Christ Jesus, you that used to be so far apart from us have been brought very close, by the blood of Christ. For he is the peace between us, and has made the two into one and broken down the barrier which used to keep them apart, actually destroying in his own person the hostility caused by the rules and decrees of the Law. This was to create one single New Man in himself out of the two of them and by restoring peace through the cross, to unite them both in a single Body and reconcile them with God: in his own person he killed the hostility. Later he came to bring the good news of peace, peace to you who were far away and peace to those who were near at hand. Through him, both of us have in the one Spirit our way to come to the Father.

The word of the Lord

All: **Thanks be to God**

**Gospel Acclamation**

**Alleluia, alleluia!** The sheep that belong to me listen to my voice, says the Lord, I know them and they follow me. **Alleluia!**

**Gospel**

*"They were like sheep without shepherd"*

Mark 6: 30-34

The apostles rejoined Jesus and told him all they had done and taught. Then he said to them, 'You must come away to some lonely place all by yourselves and rest for a while'; for there were so many coming and going that the apostles had no time even to eat. So they went off in a boat to a lonely place where they could be by themselves. But people saw them going, and many could guess where; and from every town they all hurried to the place on foot and reached it before them. So as he stepped ashore he saw a large crowd; and he took pity on them because they were like sheep without a shepherd, and he set himself to teach them at some length.

The Gospel of the Lord.

All: **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