

Teams for :	23/8	30/8	6/9	13/9	20/9	27/9	4/10
Children Liturgy	none	none					
Coffee 9am (11)	8	9	10	11	1	2	3
Coffee 11am (9)	7	8	9	1	2	3	5
Flowers	Jo	Sr Rose	new	rota	out	soon	

LET US PRAY FOR THE SICK AND HOUSEBOUND
We include those in hospitals, nursing homes and their own homes: Mary Lynch, Jean McIntosh, Gerry Wright.
ROSARY: Daily 25 minutes before Mass starts. DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET: Every Tuesday at 2.00pm in Church with prayer intentions. BAPTISMS/WEDDINGS: Please contact the Parish Office through email or phone. CONFESSIONS: <i>Saturday Bicester: 10.30am-11.30am Hethe: 3.30pm-3.50 pm (Sacristy)</i> 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.

THE TERMINALLY ILL ADULTS (END OF LIFE) BILL The Terminally Ill Adults (End of Life) Bill is back in the House of Commons and seeks to legalise assisted suicide. It will have its Second Reading and vote on Friday, 11 September 2026. Please write to your MP to make your voice heard and oppose the Bill. The Bill has a serious lack of protection for health and social care staff and risks putting many wonderful hospices and care homes in the position of no longer being able to operate. Even if you have already done so in the past, please speak up and voice your opposition. The charity Right to Life UK has a simple online mechanism to do this. It takes little more than a few minutes to enter your postcode, make sure the suggested text suits your viewpoint and submit your message to ask your MP to stop this flawed Bill progressing through parliament. For more information and resources, visit: bccew.org.uk/opposing-assisted-suicide-righttolife.org.uk/Sept11vote

SYMPATHY Please pray for the repose of the soul of Sonya Drury who passed away recently. Funeral details for Sonya will be announced in due course. Pray also for the repose for the soul of Jimmy Landy, aged 89yrs. A funeral service for Jimmy will take place on Thursday, 3d September at 11am followed by burial at Bicester Cemetery. May they rest in peace.

NEXT COFFEE MORNING This will take place on Friday, 4th September at 10am, with the usual raffle, delicious cakes and coffee and additionally a number of tables of crafts and gifts! A and T Hives (Honey), Nathalie (jewellery and soft furnishings), Ginger and Spice, Diamond Art, Collectible toys and Where is Woolly (wool). Only £2 entry inc. cake & drink.

HARVEST MASS Our Harvest Mass will take place on Sunday, 6th September at the 11am Mass. The Environmental Group are requesting donations for the food bank to be brought especially on that weekend which can be left at the back of the church or taken directly to Bicester Food Bank. The Church celebrates World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation - The Beginning of the Season of Creation on Tuesday, 1st September.

RCIA -Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults If you are wanting to learn more about the Catholic faith or need a refresher in the basics of the faith, have a desire to become a Catholic, or perhaps you are a baptised Catholic but haven't made our First Holy Communion or Confirmation and would like to join the next course, which will take place on Monday evenings from the autumn until Easter, then please speak to Fr Craig and or contact the parish office asap.

BAPTISM COURSE The next Baptism Course will now take place on Wednesday, 30th September at 7pm in the JPII Centre. Please contact the office to register. We are desperately short of Baptism Catechists to run the courses which take place 3-4 times a year, currently we only have 3 members, if you would like to join the team then please contact the office for more information or come along on the 30th to see what is involved. Training will be provided.

CHURCH FLOWERS Come join our Church Flower Team! The team would love to welcome new members to the group. The new flower rota will be organised soon, so it’s a great time to come along and get involved. You do not need to be an expert - just willingness to help and enjoy being creative. The team also enjoy social events throughout the year, making it a fun and sociable activity. If you would like to join, please contact the parish office or Anne Kearsley at the 11am choir.

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.

SACRAMENTAL ENROLMENT SESSION This will take place on **Monday, 21st September at 7pm** in the St John Paul II Centre for any children wishing to prepare for their First Reconciliation, First Holy Communion and Confirmation.

Dates for the Sacraments 2027

First Reconciliation - Friday, 15th January 2027 at 4pm for St Mary’s children and Saturday, 16th January 2027 at 11am for non - St Mary’s children.

Confirmation Mass - Friday 12th March 2027.

First Holy Communion - Saturday, 15th May 2027 at 11am for all children.

Application forms will be available at the Enrolment Session and are now available at the back of church and also on the website. If your child does not attend St Marys, please attach a copy of their Baptism certificate to the Enrolment form. *Do not deliver any forms to the Parish Office.* Children will need to commit to all the sessions to complete their preparation for the Sacrament/s, and will also be expected to attend weekend Mass regularly. Any late applications will not be accepted. Please note that our limited number of cate-chist are all volunteers and DBS checked. If you are interested in becoming a Sacramental Catechist, please speak to Fr Craig.

DIARY DATES 2026:

Coffee Mornings Fridays 4th September, 2nd October at 10am.

Banbury & Warwick Deanery Pastoral Forum: Thursday 27th Aug at 7pm at the JPII.

Parish Pastoral Meeting Friday 11th September at 7pm.

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

JPII GAMING EVENT Saturday 14th November 11am-4pm.

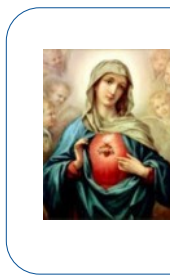
Christmas Bazaar Sunday 29th November.

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.’
<u>PARISH GIVING</u>
SECOND COLLECTIONS
For August:23rd/30th: Parish Maintenance.
<i>Ways in which you can support your parish:</i>
Consider whether you can increase your donation to the parish.
Switch to giving by way of standing order or direct debit. <i>This ensures that the parish receives a more regular income.</i>
If you are a UK taxpayer , complete a gift aid declaration, which increases your donation by 25% at no extra cost to you.
Include a bequest to the parish in your will.
BICESTER LINK TO DONATE:
https://portal.mydona.com/assets/webPay/index.php?cid=528
Contact the Parish Office for account details to set up the following: Weekly offerings/Donations/Payments/100 Club etc
Mass intentions offerings: Complete an offering envelope which can be found at the back of church whether you pay by cash or card.
If paying by card use option ‘mass offerings’ & enter surname when prompted. Deliver envelope to Clergy/Sisters or Parish Office. Thank you.
<u>CONTACTLESS</u> 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. Thank you!
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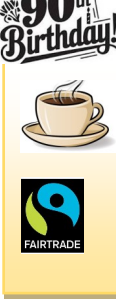
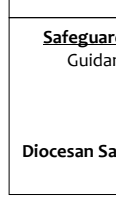
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This church live streams Mass and other events. Parish YouTube ‘Bicester Catholic Church’ Channel Go to the website or follow this link https://camstreamer.com/redirect/xmTDv4jBRjMTROM5VBVyN34wpRY1nK34jSHqcqHR Follow the readings at Mass: https://universalis.com/mass.htm A CCTV System operates 24 hours a day. This is in place for the safety of people, protection of property and crime prevention.

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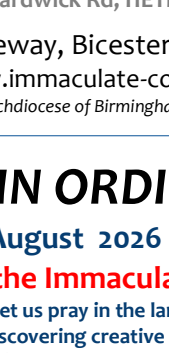
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DATE	TIME	INTENTIONS	FEASTS	LECTORS	E O MINISTERS	WELCOMERS
SAT 22nd	4.00pm HT 6.00pm	People of the Parish Edward Ward & Bernard Mongan (RIP)	<i>Memorial of The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i>	Volunteer R Evans	Volunteers	Volunteers
SUN 23rd	9.00am 11.00am 12 noon JPII	Holy Souls Robert (Bob) Dipple (RIP) Followed by Fr Pat’s 90th birthday celebration	21st Sunday in Ordinary Time	M Brown A Kearsley	J Li Sr Rose	C St John/Volunteer Franta Family
MON 24th	9.30am HT 12 noon IC	Cyril & Mary Evans (RIP) Gerry Doyle (RIP)	<i>Feast of St Bartholomew</i>	M Daniel		
TUE 25th	9.30am 2.00pm IC	Anita Magleo (RIP) Divine Mercy Chaplet	<i>Mem of St Louis of France</i>	Sister		
WED 26th		No Mass	<i>Feast of Blessed Dominic of the Mother of God, Priest, Religious</i>			
THU 27th	9.30am 6.30pm 7.00pm JPII	Angus Forsyth Jnr (RIP) Sonya Drury (RIP) Deanery Pastoral Council	<i>Mem of St Monica</i>	H King L Cleeve		
FRI 28th	12 noon	Ints of Kathleen & Timothy (RIP) Joyce (Wedding Anniv.)	<i>Mem of St Augustine, B Dr of the Church</i>	E King		
SAT 29th	10.00am 10.30am-11.30am 4.00pm HT 6.00pm	Ints of Bernadette Silva Exposition, Benediction & Confessions Holy Souls Ints of Liubev Pleniuk - For Recovery	<i>Mem of the Passion of St John the Baptist, M</i>	Volunteer P & K Kallay	M Kelly /Sr Sani	A Mutton/ L O’Flynn
SUN 30th	9.00am 11.00am	People of the Parish John Kightley & Michael Guthrie (RIP)	22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time	J Li N Ward	J Li/C Hartley Sr Rose/U Edwards	L & C Cleeve Timorean community

	Fr Pat's 90th Birthday Celebration will take place this Sunday 23rd August after the 11am Mass—all welcome!
	Tea & Coffee in the JP II Centre after the 9am and 11am Masses every weekend & once a month on a Friday throughout the year. Come along for a chat and meet your fellow parishioners!
	

This week we pray for... SANCTUARY LIGHT: Timothy Joyce (RIP) OUR LADY’S CHAPEL: Sruthi Varghese 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 & Les Cleeve: sg.holytrinity.hethe@rcaob.org.uk Diocesan Safeguarding Team 0121 2306240 or safeguarding@rcaob.org.uk if you have any concerns.
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Church	First Collection	Parish Maintenance	Standing Orders	Mass Attendance
Bicester	£743.04	£187.61	£1122	401
Hethe	£30.40		£165	24

Parish Priest: Father Craig Davies BA (hons) STB fr.craig.davies@rcaob.org.uk

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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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TWENTY FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Entrance Antiphon: Turn your ear, O Lord, and answer me; save the servant who trusts in you, my God. Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I cry to you all the day long.

First reading

Isaiah 22:15, 19-23

‘I will place on his shoulder the key of the house of David.’

Thus says the Lord GOD of hosts, ‘Come, go to this steward, to Shebna, who is over the household, and say to him: “I will thrust you from your office, and you will be pulled down from your station. In that day I will call my servant Eliakim the son of Hilkiah, and I will clothe him with your robe, and will bind your sash on him, and will commit your authority to his hand. And he shall be a father to the inhabitants of Jerusalem and to the house of Judah. And I will place on his shoulder the key of the house of David. He shall open, and none shall shut; and he shall shut, and none shall open. And I will fasten him like a peg in a secure place, and he will become a throne of honour to his father’s house.”

The Word of the Lord
All: Thanks be to God

Responsorial Psalm: *O LORD, your merciful love is eternal; discard not the work of your hands.*

Second reading

Romans 11:33-36

‘From him and through him and to him are all things.’

Oh, the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are his judgements and how inscrutable his ways! ‘For who has known the mind of the Lord, or who has been his counsellor?’ ‘Or who has given a gift to him that he might be repaid?’ For from him and through him and to him are all things. To him be glory for ever. Amen.

The Word of the Lord
All: Thanks be to God

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia.
You are Peter, and on this rock I will build my Church,
and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it.
Alleluia.

Gospel

Matthew 16:13-20

‘You are Peter, and I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven.’

At that time: When Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, ‘Who do people say that the Son of Man is?’ And they said, ‘Some say John the Baptist, others say Elijah, and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.’ He said to them, ‘But who do you say that I am?’ Simon Peter replied, ‘You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.’ And Jesus answered him, ‘Blessed are you, Simon Bar-Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father who is in heaven. And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my Church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven.’ Then he strictly charged the disciples to tell no one that he was the Christ.

The Word of the Lord
All: Thanks be to God

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.**