

| Teams for : | 23/11 | 30/11 | 7/12 | 14/12 | 21/12 | 28/12 |
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| Children lit. | 2 | none | 1 | none | none | none |
| Coffee 9am (11) | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 |
| Coffee 11am (9)8 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 |
| Flowers | Anita | Lucia | Meet | none | All | All |

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.

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.

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

HOLY SOULS Envelopes are available at the back of church. Please add names in remembrance of lost loved ones with your offerings for the month of November, during which Holy Souls Masses will be said. Please return envelopes to the casket in church. **Blessing of Graves** at St Mary's Church, Ambrosden will take place this weekend, 23rd November at 2pm.

RCIA Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults The RCIA course starts on the Wednesday, 26th November from 7.30pm-8.30pm in the centre. It is for ALL OF YOU. Are you supporting your children through their sacraments and can't answer their questions. Have you joined us from another country and wonder why we do things differently. Are you a 'cradle Catholic' and do things because you've always done them, if you would like to know why you do them, please join us. Would you just like to know a bit more about your faith and, most importantly, would you like to receive the sacraments yourself. If the answer to any of these is yes, then please join us because this is a safe space to ask ANY question about the church and your faith. You need no reason and there's no obligation. All welcome.

CHRISTMAS BAZAAR this will take place next Sunday, 30th November, 10am-1pm. Fr Craig and The Social Committee thank you all for the generous donations to date and look further to your support on the day itself. There will be tombola stalls, mulled wine, cakes and produce, crafts, activities and games for children, piety and more. Something for all the family. **Please also sign up** if you can help on the day on the list at the back of church. Any **donations of cakes, especially mince pies & yule logs and new items for the 'Gift Tombola' and prizes for the Christmas Raffle can be placed in the boxes** in the church porch. Speak to any of the committee members if you can help in any way.

ST MARY'S CHRISTMAS FAYRE Will take place on Friday, December 5th from 5pm-8pm at St Mary's School—all welcome!

FILIPINO DAY OF PRAYER Saturday, 6th December from 3.30pm. Exposition, Benediction, readings, meditations, prayers, beautiful singing & flowers for Our Lady - all welcome to join, even for a short while.

SOLEMNITY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY Monday 8th December. To celebrate our church's Patronal Feast Day Masses will be celebrated at 10am, with St Mary's School pupils and staff attending and also at 7pm, at which we will be also celebrating the anniversary of the church consecration with The Abbot of Farnborough concelebrating. All are invited for drinks and nibbles in the centre after the evening Mass.

SYMPATHY The funeral of Patricia Tempero of Launton will take place on Tuesday, 9th December at 10.30am followed by cremation at North Oxford Crematorium. We send our condolences to her family and friends. *May she rest in peace.*

CHRISTMAS CRIBS & CARDS If anyone is interested in purchasing a olive wood crib from the Friends of the Holy Land, please speak to Lucia. The Friends of the Holy Land will be having a stall at the back of church on the weekend of 6th/7th December to raise funds to support Christians in the Holy Land. **CARDS** We have received beautifully hand made Christmas cards made by Fr Craig's mother to raise funds for the parish. These are now available in the piety shop for donations of £1.50+.

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.



CHRISTMAS RAFFLE Tickets are now on sale please take and sell to friends and relatives. Payments can be made buy card under Christ-mas Raffle/Stars. £1 per ticket or £10 per book. The draw will take place on Sunday, 21st December during coffee after the 11am Mass.

WALK WITH ME Walk With Me booklets for Advent 2025 are now available, donations of £1 are gratefully received into the wall collection box at the back of church. Thank you.

CHURCH CLEANERS We are looking for more volunteers to join the cleaning teams (currently 7 teams) to join them next year. If you can spare 3 hours every 7 weeks please contact the office or speak to Sr Rose.

ADVENT PENANCE SERVICES Bicester: Monday, 15th December at 7pm. St John's, Banbury: Friday, 19th December at 7pm. A number of priests will be available to hear confessions at both services, please make every effort to attend one of these.

DAY OF PRAYER AT HOLY TRINITY, HETHE Saturday, 13th December from 10am—4pm followed by Mass as usual.

ADVENT MASSES AT ST MARYS SCHOOL These will be held every Friday morning in Advent at 8am, 5th, 12th & 19th December. All parishioners are welcome to attend.

DIARY DATES:

Coffee Mornings Every first Friday of the month from 10-11.45am.

Christmas Bazaar Sunday 30th November 10am-1pm.

Filipino Day of Prayer Saturday December 6th from 3.30pm.

Friends of the Holy Land Stall Sale 6th & 7th December.

Day of Prayer @ Holy Trinity, Hethe Saturday 13th Dec 10am-4pm.

Carol Service @ Holy Trinity, Hethe Sunday 14th Dec at 6pm .

Diocesan Intercultural Mass and Social Saturday 21st February 2026.

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

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.'

NOVEMBER 23rd Catholic Youth Service
30th Parish Maintenance

PARISH GIVING

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.

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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

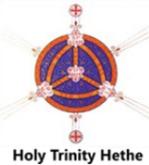
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Follow the readings at Mass: <https://universalis.com/mass.htm>
A CCTV System operates 24 hours a day. This is in place for the safety of people, protection of property and crime prevention.



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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Solemnity of Lord Jesus Christ, The King of the Universe

Month of November is dedicated to The Holy Souls - Sunday Cycle C - Psalter Week 2

Pope's Prayer Intention - For the prevention of suicide: Let us pray that those who are tempted to commit suicide may find the support, care and love they need in their community, and be open to the beauty of life.



| DATE | TIME | INTENTIONS | FEASTS | LECTORS | E O MINISTERS | WELCOMERS |
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| SAT 22nd Vigil Mass | 12 noon 4.00pm Hethe 6.00pm | Interment of ashes - Fred Thornley (RIP) People of the Parish Catenian Mass for Deceased Brothers | Mem of St Cecilia, V, M | Volunteer P Sims/ Sr Molly | O Panejko/ volunteer | A Mutton/ volunteer |
| SUN 23rd | 9.00am 11.00am 1.00pm 2.00pm | Louisa Hook (RIP) 8th Ann. Leizel Jiminez (Birthday) Baptism - Mylo Phoenix Twum Blessing of Graves at St Mary's Ambrosden | Solemnity of the Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe National Youth Sunday | L & R Weaver H King/E Green | A & R Parati J Marshall/Sister | Brown family Kokore family |
| MON 24th | 9.30am @ Hethe 12 noon 1.00pm @ Sch | Holy Souls Mariakutty Joseph (RIP) Confessions Yrs 4-6 at St Mary's | Mem of t Andrew Dung-Lac, P & Companions, M | M Daniel | | |
| TUE 25th | 9.30am | Francisca De Jesus (RIP) | Feria in Ordinary Time | J Kokore | | |
| WED 26th | 7.30pm-8.30pm | No Mass RCIA in the Centre | Feria in Ordinary Time | | | |
| THU 27th | 9.30am | Jose Magleo (RIP) | Feria in Ordinary Time | L Cleeve | | |
| FRI 28th | 12 noon 1.00pm | Holy Souls Funeral Service—Anthony Hoare (RIP) | Feria in Ordinary Time | E King | | |
| SAT 29th Vigil Mass | 10.00am 10.30am-11.30am 4.00pm Hethe 6.00pm | Marisia Gerald (RIP) Exposition, Benediction & Confessions People of the Parish Catherine French (RIP) | Memorial of Our Lady | Volunteer K & B McFall | S & M Doherty | McArdle Family |
| SUN 30th | 9.00am 11.00am 10am-1pm | Holy Souls In Thanksgiving - Otum Family Christmas Bazaar @ JP11 Centre | First Sunday of Advent Year A | A Kirby-Hall/P Cousins F Nyonyoozi/C Tett | M & A Brown Srs Molly & Rose | A Mutton/C West Franta Family |

The 2nd Collection this weekend will be for the Catholic Youth Service



Fairtrade tea & coffee in the centre after the 9am and 11am Masses every weekend & every first Friday of the month - come along for a chat and meet your fellow parishioners.

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



This week we pray for...

SANCTUARY LIGHT: Walenty Nowak (RIP)

OUR LADY'S CHAPEL: O'Rouke Family

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.

| Church | First Collection | Second Collection | Standing Orders | Mass Attendance |
|----------|------------------|-------------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| Bicester | £792.95 | £180.82 | £1122 | 548 |
| Hethe | £53.25 | | £198 | 30 |

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

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01869 324 307 / office@johnpaulcentre.co.uk

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

Go to contacts page on website for parish group contacts.

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".

Solemnity of Lord Jesus Christ, The King of the Universe

Entrance Antiphon: How worthy is the Lamb who was slain, to receive power and divinity, and wisdom and strength and honour. To him belong glory and power for ever and ever.

First reading

2 Samuel 5:1-3

‘They anointed David king over Israel.’

In those days: All the tribes of Israel came to David at Hebron and said, ‘Behold, we are your bone and flesh. In times past, when Saul was king over us, it was you who led out and brought in Israel. And the LORD said to you, “You shall be shepherd of my people Israel, and you shall be prince over Israel.” ’ So all the elders of Israel came to the king at Hebron, and King David made a covenant with them at Hebron before the LORD, and they anointed David king over Israel.

The word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God

Responsorial Psalm *Let us go rejoicing to the house of the LORD.*

Second reading

Colossians 1:12-20

‘He has transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son.’

Brothers and Sisters: Let us give thanks to the Father, who has qualified you to share in the inheritance of the saints in light. He has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation. For by him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities — all things were created through him and for him. And he is before all things, and in him all things hold together. And he is the head of the body, the Church. He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in everything he might be pre-eminent. For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of his cross.

The word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God

Gospel Acclamation Alleluia, alleluia.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!

Blessed is the coming kingdom of our father David!

Alleluia.

Gospel

Luke 23:35-43

‘Lord, remember me when you come into your kingdom.’

At that time: The rulers scoffed at Jesus, saying, ‘He saved others; let him save himself, if he is the Christ of God, his Chosen One!’ The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine and saying, ‘If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!’ There was also an inscription over him, ‘This is the King of the Jews.’

One of the criminals who were hanged there railed at Jesus, saying, ‘Are you not the Christ? Save yourself and us!’ But the other rebuked him, saying, ‘Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? And we indeed justly, for we are receiving the due reward of our deeds; but this man has done nothing wrong.’ And he said, ‘Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.’ And he said to him, ‘Truly, I say to you, today you will be with me in paradise.’

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.

