

Teams for :	24/8	31/8	7/9	14/9	21/9
Children lit.	none	none	1	none	2
Coffee 9am (11)	1	2	3	4	5
Coffee 11am (9)	7	8	9	1	2
Flowers	Anita	Anita			

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, Fred Thornley.

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: <i>Saturday Bicester: 10.30am-11.30am</i> <i>Hethe: 3.15pm-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.
PIETY SHOP: Open Friday, Saturday and Sunday around Masses.

MARRIAGES We offer our congratulations to Jack & Catherine who were married on Friday. We pray that God will bless and strengthen them in the years that lie ahead.

RIDE & STRIDE The Annual Oxfordshire Historic Churches Trust Ride & Stride will take place from 10.00 to 4.00pm on Saturday, 13 September. 50% of all funds raised by parishioners will be paid to our Parishes in Bicester and Hethe respectively. Enjoy a healthy day of exercise as a cyclist, walker or as a visitor welcomer and help preserve the history on our doorstep by raising funds for OHCT and our own Churches. For further information or to receive a sponsorship form, please contact Tim Lane on 01869 277523 or at tim.lane@live.co.uk for the Immaculate Conception and Tom Hueg at tom.huegplace@verizon.net for Holy Trinity, Hethe.

PARISH FINANCE MEETING Will be held on Monday, 8th September at 7pm in the presbytery.

PARISH FUNDRAISER — BEETLE DRIVE WITH FISH 'N CHIP DINNER: Family fun on **Saturday, 20th September after 6pm Mass** in the JPll Centre. Adults: £10, children £5 includes fish or sausage and chips. Tea/coffee/juice provided. Bring your own alcoholic drinks. A beetle drive game is a simple party game for all ages where players roll a die to draw a complete beetle on paper, with each number on the die corresponding to a different body part. To start, you must roll a 6 to draw the body, and you must have the body before drawing the head, and the head before the antennae and eyes. The first player to finish drawing their entire beetle wins. 4 prizes in total. Come along to support this fundraiser and have some fun! Tickets now on sale from the social committee at masses this weekend.

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION 2025-2026 ENROLMENT SESSION The Enrolment Session for children wishing to receive the Sacraments of Reconciliation, 1st Holy Communion and Confirmation will be held on **Monday, 22nd September 2025** in the St John Paul II Centre. Please bring along a copy of your child’s baptism certificate if your child does not attend St Mary’s School to the Enrolment session. Please *do not* send any details to the parish office. Sacramental Coordinator Clare St John: psc.tic.bicester@rcaob.org.uk Join our Reconciliation/1stHC and Confirmation Groups on our Catholic Bicester What’s App Group for up to date news. **MASS OFFERINGS /CARD MACHINE.** Please note that if you are paying on the card machine for a Mass Offering then it is essential that you add the name for whom mass will be said, or your name, when the machine prompts you to add a message, this is *as well as* completing a Mass Offering envelope which needs to be handed to the Clergy/Welcomers or office. Mass Offerings availability is now from mid October. Please place offerings in good time if specific dates are to be requested. Thank you.

TESCO BLUE TOKENS St Mary’s School are taking part in the Tesco Stronger Starts programme to help fund a new sensory room and they would be grateful if parishioners could support them by simply popping a blue token in the box for **ST MARY’S** next time you shop at Tesco.

OUR WHATS APP FAMILY IS GROWING.
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.
NEW GROUPS JUST ADDED FOR RECONCILIATION /1ST HOLY COMMUNION & CONFIRMATION SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMME 2025-26.





JUBILEE YEAR 2025

“Pilgrims of Hope”



To find out more, visit: www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk/jubilee-year or scan:

RCIA Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults Are you a non–Catholic who has been accompanying your family to church and feel drawn to join this community of faith? Or perhaps you are a Baptised Catholic but not received the Sacrament of Confirmation? This course is for anyone who wishes to explore the faith as adults with a view to becoming a Baptised and Confirmed member of the Catholic church next Easter. The course will run from Oct/Nov 2025 — April 2026. Please email your interest to the parish office.

GUILD OF ST STEPHEN The 2025 Annual Mass of Thanksgiving for The Guild of St. Stephen will be held on Saturday 4th October, 12 noon at St. Chad’s Cathedral followed by refreshments. We encourage all of our altar servers and their families to attend this celebration. For catering purposes please inform Kathryn Bayliss at guild@rcaob.org.uk

COFFEE MORNING Next one is on Friday 5th September at 10am.

HETHE COFFEE MORNING Raised £71.Thank you to all who came along to support this event.

SECOND COLLECTION £1763.15 was raised for the Missionary Society of St Paul last weekend. Fr Peter sincerely thanks all parishioners for their generosity.

DIARY DATES:
Coffee Mornings Every first Friday of the month from 10-11.45am.
Whole School Mass Friday 5th September 10am in church.
Beetle Drive with Fish 'n Chip Dinner: Family fun Saturday 20th September after 6pm Mass.
Christmas Bazaar Sunday 30th November after morning masses.
Diocesan Intercultural Mass and Social Saturday 21st February 2026 .

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.’

SECOND COLLECTIONS
24th/31st August: Parish Maintenance


PARISH GIVING
BICESTER LINK TO DONATE:
<https://portal.myдона.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: ga.tic.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/SfORcspHjzNr8niFC4ls5oJQBgoc37B8YBCjKvPc>
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

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

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

Archdiocesan : <https://www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk> Deanery: <https://banburyandwarwick-catholicdeanery.org.uk>
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Twenty First Sunday in Ordinary Time

24th August 2025

Month of August is dedicated to The Immaculate Heart of Mary - Sunday Cycle C - Psalter Week 1
Holy Father’s Prayer Intention: **For mutual coexistence:** Let us pray that societies where coexistence seems more difficult may not succumb to the temptation of confrontation for ethnic, political, religious or ideological reasons.



DATE	TIME	INTENTIONS	FEASTS	LECTORS	E O MINISTERS	WELCOMERS
SAT 23rd Vigil Mass	4.00pm Hethe 6.00pm	People of the Parish Angus Forsyth (Jnr)	<i>Feast of St John Wall, P, M</i>	D Orleans Sr Rose	F Ostrowski	B & L Hattam
SUN 24th	9.00am 11.00am 1.00pm	Mary Irene Edwards (RIP) Janette & Peter Swanson (RIP) Baptism — Elliott Matthew Jack Huntley	21st Sunday in Ordinary Time	A Kirby –Hall E King	C Hartley/F Ostrowski J & J Kokore	L & C Cleeve Volunteers
MON 25th	9.30 @ Hethe 12 noon	Holy Souls Ints of Elizabeth Howell	<i>Feria in Ordinary time</i>	M Daniels		
TUE 26th	9.30am	Yanichel Obi (Birthday)	<i>Feast of Blessed Dominic of the Mother of God, P, R</i>	L Cleeve		
WED 27th		No Mass	<i>Memorial of St Monica</i>			
THU 28th	9.30am	Anita Magleo (RIP)	<i>Mem. of St Augustine, B, Dr</i>	J Kokore		
FRI 29th	12 noon	Peter & Marie Murowski (RIP)	<i>Mem. of the Passion of St John the Baptist, M</i>	E King		
SAT 30th Vigil Mass	10.00am 10.30am-11.30am 4.00pm Hethe 6.00pm	Francisco Nolasco Sr. (RIP) Exposition, Benediction & Confessions People of the Parish Jimmy Rowe (RIP)	<i>Memorial of Our Lady</i>	P & P Kallay	O Panejko	M Marrs/P Behan
SUN 31st	9.00am 11.00am	Wynne Coffey Sick Members of the Andrade & Pinto Families	22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time	M Brown/J Li R Evans/ J Hurst	C St John/C Drew J Marshall/ Sr Sani	A Mutton/volunteer Kokore Family



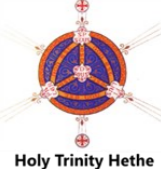
Tea & coffee in the centre after the 9am and 11am Masses will continue during the summer every weekend - come along for a chat and meet your fellow parishioners.

This week we pray for...

SANCTUARY LIGHT: Eileen Parker (RIP)
OUR LADY’S CHAPEL: Sruthi, Nithin & Noah

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.



Holy Trinity Hethe

Church	First Collection	Second Collection (MSP)	Standing Orders	Mass Attendance
Bicester	£619.70	£1658.15	£1122	416
Hethe	£45	£105+	£185	30

Parish Priest: Father Craig Davies BA (hons) STB fr.craig.davies@rcaob.org.uk
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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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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 66:18-21 ‘They shall bring all your brothers from all the nations.’

Thus says the LORD: ‘For I know their works and their thoughts, and the time is coming to gather all nations and tongues. And they shall come and shall see my glory, and I will set a sign among them. And from them I will send survivors to the nations, to Tarshish, Pul, and Lud, who draw the bow, to Tubal and Javan, to the coastlands far away, that have not heard my fame or seen my glory. And they shall declare my glory among the nations. And they shall bring all your brothers from all the nations as an offering to the LORD, on horses and in chariots and in litters and on mules and on dromedaries, to my holy mountain Jerusalem,’ says the LORD, ‘just as the Israelites bring their grain offering in a clean vessel to the house of the LORD. And some of them also I will take for priests and for Levites,’ says the LORD.

The word of the Lord
All: Thanks be to God

Responsorial Psalm Go into all the world and proclaim the good news.

Second reading Hebrews 12:5-7, 11-13 ‘The Lord disciplines the one he loves.’

Brothers and Sisters: Have you forgotten the exhortation that addresses you as sons? ‘My son, do not regard lightly the discipline of the Lord, nor be weary when reproved by him. For the Lord disciplines the one he loves, and chastises every son whom he receives.’ It is for discipline that you have to endure. God is treating you as sons. For what son is there whom his father does not discipline? For the moment all discipline seems painful rather than pleasant, but later it yields the peaceful fruit of righteousness to those who have been trained by it. Therefore lift your drooping hands and strengthen your weak knees, and make straight paths for your feet, so that what is lame may not be put out of joint but rather be healed.

The word of the Lord
All: Thanks be to God

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia.
I am the way, and the truth, and the life, says the Lord.
No one comes to the Father except through me.
Alleluia.

Gospel Luke 13:22-30 ‘People will come from east and west, and recline at table in the kingdom of God.’

At that time: Jesus went on his way through towns and villages, teaching and journeying towards Jerusalem. And someone said to him, ‘Lord, will those who are saved be few?’ And he said to them, ‘Strive to enter through the narrow door. For many, I tell you, will seek to enter and will not be able. When once the master of the house has risen and shut the door, and you begin to stand outside and to knock at the door, saying, “Lord, open to us”, then he will answer you, “I do not know where you come from.” Then you will begin to say, “We ate and drank in your presence, and you taught in our streets.” But he will say, “I tell you, I do not know where you come from. Depart from me, all you workers of evil!” In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth, when you see Abraham and Isaac and Jacob and all the prophets in the kingdom of God but you yourselves cast out. And people will come from east and west, and from north and south, and recline at table in the kingdom of God. And behold, some are last who will be first, and some are first who will be last.’

The Gospel 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 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.