

Teams for :	26/4	3/5	10/5	17/5	24/5	31/5
Children Liturgy	2	none	3	1	none	none
Coffee 9am (11)	2	3	4	5	6	7
Coffee 11am (9)	8	1	9	2	3	4
Flowers	Sr Rose	Portia &	Adelia	Jan & Sally	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, Sonya Drury.

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 occasional Sundays. Announced in bulletin.

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

THE SECOND COLLECTION Clergy Training Fund – Vocations Sunday Appeal. This Sunday is Vocations Sunday, and there will be a second collection for the Clergy Training Fund. This fund supports the formation of our future priests and permanent deacons for our Archdiocese. The formation of a priest typically takes around seven years and costs in the region of £200,000 per seminarian. This is a significant commitment for our Archdiocese, and it relies entirely on your generosity. Please give as generously as you are able, either in the second collection this weekend or online at: www.vocations.org.uk/ctf

URSULINE ASSOCIATION The next meeting will be on Tuesday, (not Wednesday on this occasion) 28th April at 2pm, with special visitors Mother General, Sr Vandana and Vice General, Sr Nirupa, at the Ursuline Convent, Kings End.

LIVESIMPLY MULTI-CULTURAL RECIPE BOOK The parish environmental group are inviting everyone to share their family recipes for inclusion in our LiveSimply recipe book. Please send your recipes (with a photo if possible) by 30th April to peg.tic.bicester@rcaob.org.uk

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION All the children of the parish and St Mary's School will receive their First Holy Communion during Mass that will be held on Saturday, 16th May at 11am. Please do keep the children in your daily prayers.

AFRICAN MASS OF THANKSGIVING This will take place on Saturday, 13th June at 11am, followed by African style buffet and BBQ. If you would like to get involved in any way to help please go to our African Mass Group on the What's App chat, alternatively speak to Jackie Kokore.

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. Forms and itinerary details are available from the back of church, alternatively email the parish office.

PARISH 100 CLUB THE DRAW TAKES PLACE THIS WEEKEND AFTER THE 9AM MASS! The 100 Club is our main annual fundraiser. The monthly prizes are £100, £50, £25 and a Christmas bonus prize of £100, for only a £5 monthly subscription by Standing Order. Bank details can be found under financial information below. For those subscribers who pay yearly, this is a polite reminder to please pay your subscription for the forthcoming year April 26 - March 27 so that your payment reaches us by the end of

April. This (£60) can be paid by BACS or via the card machine, under option '100 club' and please add your surname as reference when making any payments as it enables us to allocate it correctly. Application forms are available at the back of church if you wish to join or subscribe to more numbers. Current available numbers: 41, 81, 82, 83, 84, 89.

You have to be in it to win it!

PIETY SHOP A selection of First Holy Communion items are now on sale, along with a range of piety gifts and cards for all occasions. All items reasonable priced and profits go toward our church. Payments by card accepted. If anyone is in need of Holy Communion dresses please leave your name and email/number in the shop. We may be able to help.

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.



Cheese & Wine Evening with

John Nelson Tunes

Saturday 25th April at 7.30pm.

Join us for live entertainment & Cheese & Wine buffet.



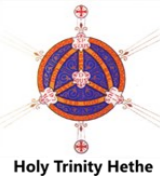
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'Cheese & Wine' Tickets £15 p.p.

If you cant decide just turn up and pay on the door. All Welcome!



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Holy Trinity Hethe

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FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Sunday Cycle A - Weekdays II - 26th April 2026 - Psalter Week 4

The month of April is dedicated to the Blessed Sacrament

Pope's Prayer Intention - Let us pray for priests going through moments of crisis in their vocation, that they may find the accompaniment they need and that communities may support them with understanding and prayer.



DATE	TIME	INTENTIONS	FEASTS	LECTORS	E O MINISTERS	WELCOMERS
SAT 25th	4.00pm HT 6.00pm 7.30pm JP II	People of the Parish Elena Goriainoff (RIP) Cheese & Wine Evening	Feast of St Mark, Evangelist	Volunteer K & P Kallay	O Panejko/ B Santiago	McArdle Family
SUN 26th	9.00am 11.00am 1.00pm	Yeremias Djony Yusuf (RIP) Ints of Elizabeth, David & Family Baptism - Eva Marie & Ona Lucille Young	Fourth Sunday of Easter World Day of Prayer for Vocations	L & R Weaver F Nyonyoozi	M & A Brown J & J Kokore	L & C Cleeve R Elgado & Friends
MON 27th	9.30am HT 12 noon IC	Holy Souls Stephen Coltman (RIP)	Easter Feria	Volunteer A Fitzpatrick		
TUE 28th	9.30am 2.00pm IC 2.00pm UC	Fiona May Beasley (RIP) Divine Mercy Chaplet Ursuline Association Meeting	Mem of St Louis Marie Grignon de Montfort, P	L Cleeve		
WED 29th		No Mass Day of Prayer for Europe	Feast of St Catherine of Siena, V, Dr,			
THU 30th	9.30am	Jose Olavode Freitas (RIP)	Mem of St Joseph the Worker	J Kokore		
FRI 1st May	10am-11.45am 12 noon	Coffee Morning Holy Souls		E King		
SAT 2nd	10.00am 10.30-11.30am 4.00pm HT 6.00pm	In thanksgiving - Nilton Li (birthday) Exposition, Benediction & Confessions People of the Parish Benedict Leerburger (RIP)	Mem of St Athanasius, B, Dr	Volunteer Volunteer P Cousins/Sr Rose	Volunteers	B & L Hattam
SUN 3rd	9.00am 11.00am 1.00pm	Ana Barretto (RIP) Domingos Mesquita Soares (RIP) Baptism - Aria Eve Francine Hendry	Fifth Sunday of Easter	A Kirby-Hall/L Cleeve U Edwards/D Munoz	L & R Weaver J Marshall/Sr Rose	C St John/A Mutton Sr Molly/ D Munoz

COFFEE MORNING This Friday at 10am in the St John Paul II Centre. Come along for a natter and cuppa!



Tea & Coffee in the JP II Centre after the 9am and 11am

Masses every weekend & once a month on a Friday

throughout the year (not Jan or Aug).

Come along for a chat and meet your fellow parishioners!

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

We use Fairtrade / Rainforest Alliance Tea and Coffee!



This week we pray for...

SANCTUARY LIGHT: Janet Hall

OUR LADY'S CHAPEL: Nithin, Sruthi & 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.

"Dear friends,

This weekend we celebrate Good Shepherd Sunday, when the Church prays especially for vocations to the priesthood. I want to ask you to join me in praying today that all those whom Our Lord is calling will respond with courage and generosity to his invitation to serve their brothers and sisters as priests in our Archdiocese.

If you feel that the Good Shepherd might indeed be calling you - and if you are 18 or over - I would ask you to write to me directly at archbishop@rcaob.org.uk.

I shall be happy to meet you, with our Vocations Director, Fr Craig Szmids, and to hear your story as you try to discern what the Lord is asking of you today and in the years ahead. Please pray for me and for all our priests.

With my prayers and kindest wishes.

+Bernard Longley

Archbishop of Birmingham"

DIARY DATES 2026:

Coffee Morning Friday 1st May at 10am.

Art & Craft Market Saturday 9th May from 11am-2pm.

First Holy Communions Saturday 16th May.

Parish Pastoral Meeting Monday 1st June at 7pm.

Parish Finance Meeting Monday 15th June 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.'

PARISH GIVING

SECOND COLLECTIONS

For April: 26th Clergy Training Fund

For May: 3rd Parish Maint., 10th Poor Parishes, 17th Catholic Comms

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

Account Name: For RCA Birmingham Immaculate Conception Bicester Reg Charity

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.

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An Induction Loop system is provided. Please switch Hearing Aid to 'T'

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/xmTDv4jBRjMTROM5VBVYn34wpRY1nK34jSHqcgHR>

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.

Church	First Collection	Second Collection	Standing Orders	Mass Attendance
Bicester	£722.02	£186.61	£1122	450
Hethe	£73.58		£165	48

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Parish Deacons:

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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FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Entrance Antiphon: The merciful love of the Lord fills the earth; by the word of the Lord the heavens were made, alleluia.

First reading

Acts 2:14a, 36-41

‘God has made him both Lord and Christ.’

On the day of Pentecost Peter, standing with the Eleven, lifted up his voice and addressed the crowd: ‘Let all the house of Israel therefore know for certain that God has made him both Lord and Christ, this Jesus whom you crucified.’

Now when they heard this they were cut to the heart, and said to Peter and the rest of the Apostles, ‘Brothers, what shall we do?’ And Peter said to them, ‘Repent and be baptised, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. For the promise is for you and for your children and for all who are far off, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to himself.’ And with many other words he bore witness and continued to exhort them, saying, ‘Save yourselves from this crooked generation.’ So those who received his word were baptised, and there were added that day about three thousand souls.

The word of the Lord
All: Thanks be to God

Responsorial Psalm *The LORD is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.*

Second reading

1 Peter 2:20b-25

‘You have returned to the Shepherd of your souls.’

Beloved: If when you do good and suffer for it you endure, this is a gracious thing in the sight of God. For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you might follow in his steps. He committed no sin, neither was deceit found in his mouth. When he was reviled, he did not revile in return; when he suffered, he did not threaten, but continued entrusting himself to him who judges justly. He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness. By his wounds you have been healed. For you were straying like sheep, but have now returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls

The word of the Lord
All: Thanks be to God

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia.
I am the good shepherd, says the Lord.
I know my sheep and my own know me
Alleluia.

Gospel

John 10:1-10

‘I am the door of the sheep.’

At that time: Jesus said, ‘Truly, truly, I say to you, he who does not enter the sheepfold by the door but climbs in by another way, that man is a thief and a robber. But he who enters by the door is the shepherd of the sheep. To him the gatekeeper opens. The sheep hear his voice, and he calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. When he has brought out all his own, he goes before them, and the sheep follow him, for they know his voice. A stranger they will not follow, but they will flee from him, for they do not know the voice of strangers.’ This figure of speech Jesus used with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them.

So Jesus again said to them, ‘Truly, truly, I say to you, I am the door of the sheep. All who came before me are thieves and robbers, but the sheep did not listen to them. I am the door. If anyone enters by me, he will be saved and will go in and out and find pasture. The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life and have it abundantly.’

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 (*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.**