

Teams for :	26/1	2/2	9/2	16/2	23/2	2/3
Children lit. (3)→	none	1	none	none	none	3
Coffee gam (11)	3	4	5	6	7	8
Coffee 11am (9)	4	5	6	7	8	9
Flowers	Jan	Anita	Anita	Anne &	Kirsten	A & K

LET US PRAY FOR THE SICK AND HOUSEBOUND:
Mary Lynch, K Cashman, Jean McIntosh, Gerry Wright,
Marie Oke, Timothy Davies.

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 (in the Sacristy)**
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.

CANDLE MONEY THEFT Due to the candle money boxes being broken into last Sunday afternoon please pop your money into the WALL collection money box in future at the back of church near the piety shop. Alternatively candles may be paid for by card on the DONA machine under option 'Sanctuary lamps & votives' - *thank you.*

BOOK SALE Books will be on sale over the next two weekends with all money raised going to wards parish funds.

SYMPATHY Pray for the repose of the soul of Roy Abbott. A Requiem Mass for Roy will be held on Thursday, 6th February at 2.30pm followed by cremation. *May he rest in peace.*

RCIA The next session will be held on Wednesday, 29th January at 7.30pm in the Centre. Topic: Celebration of Faith, the Liturgy.

PARISH FINANCE MEETING Will be held on Monday, 17th February at 7pm in the presbytery.

BAPTISMS CATECHISTS We are looking for parishioners who may like to become catechists for Baptisms and help run Baptism courses 3/4 times a year. Full training will be given. A training session for this will be held on Monday, 27th January at 7pm for anyone who may be interested. If you are not sure but would like to find out more info come along.

COFFEE MORNING The next Coffee Morning will be held on Friday, 7th February at 10am and thereafter on every first Friday of the month. The team look forward to seeing you!

BAPTISMS 2025 Baptism Course will be held on Saturday, 15th February from 10am-12 noon in the St John Paul II Centre.

CONTACTLESS CARD MACHINE Parishioners who use the DONA machine will see a new feature that will pop up during the transaction process. You will be asked if 'you would like to leave a message?' This gives you the option (not compulsory) to add your surname or short reference to the payment and is helpful to us in order to recognise payments—this is especially helpful if you are making a donation for a Mass to be offered.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY The Children's Liturgy teams at 9am mass are urgently looking for new volunteers. This term we are down to 3 teams out of an ideal 5 teams, meaning that we cannot run every week in term time as we would hope to do. We apologise for the weeks when we can't run, and would be delighted to hear from anyone who would be happy to get involved as we would like to have more teams running after Easter. Please contact Elspeth Morgan, our Parish Children's Liturgy Coordinator, on pclt.tic.bicester@rcaob.org.uk All volunteers will need to go through a DBS check.

CONFIRMATION 2025 The Confirmation Mass for this parish will be held on Saturday, 8th March at 6pm. The children will be confirmed by Bishop Richard Walker. Please keep all the Confirmandi in your prayers as they prepare for this important sacrament.

COMMEMORATIVE WALL The latest order for inscribed bricks has now been added to the wall in the centre. Thank you for your patience in waiting for the order to be fulfilled.

PLAINCHANT Fr Guy Nichols of the Birmingham Oratory will be coming to St John's, Banbury, on Sat 8th March to lead a day learning plainchant or plainsong. Plainchant is the ancient chant of the Church used to enhance and lift the words of the Mass and the Divine Office. The Second Vatican Council encouraged Catholics to be familiar with it. Indeed there has been a renewed interest in this part of our tradition amongst younger Catholics, and is a beautiful part of our heritage. This day is one for total beginners – a fun day as well as instructive, with chants both in English and Latin. The day will begin after the 10am Mass, with a break for lunch, and will conclude with 4pm Vigil Mass - There will be a participant's fee of £10 to cover costs, payable on the day. If you wish to attend email: stjohn.banbury@rcaob.org.uk



JUBILEE YEAR 2025
"Pilgrims of Hope"
To find out more, visit: www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk/jubilee-year or scan:


The 2025 Jubilee Year 'Pilgrims of Hope' is now underway. What is a Jubilee? Jubilee Years - also known as Holy Years - began in 1300AD, and occur every 25 years. Jubilee Years can be called at other times, such as the Year of Mercy in 2016. These Years, the Church explains, are years "of reconciliation between adversaries, of conversion and receiving the Sacrament of Reconciliation, [...] and consequently of solidarity, hope, justice, commitment to serve God with joy and in peace with our brothers and sisters."

Indulgence for the Jubilee To help us during the Year, a plenary indulgence can be gained not only by making a pilgrimage to a Jubilee church, but also by devotedly performing one of the acts prescribed by the Church.

For more information on the Jubilee Year go to: The Jubilee Year 2025 | Birmingham Diocesan Trust

RESPONDING TO THE CALL OF CREATION - A Year of Extreme Weather. Global Climate Summit 2025 4-7th June 2025, University of Oxford. This will include local activities themed around climate justice in partnership with UN Human Rights. Look out for talks, exhibitions, concerts and more. **Earth Day 2025 Tuesday 22nd April 2025**. This year's theme is Our Power, Our Planet. Its goal is to unite the collective global commitment to renewable energy, to generate clean electricity for everyone.

JOIN OUR WHATS APP COMMUNITY GROUP FOR TO KEEP IN TOUCH WITH PARISH INFORMATION & NEWS. SCAN THE QR CODE AND FOLLOW INSTRUCTIONS.



FINANCIAL INFORMATION


SECOND COLLECTIONS
26th January : Parish Maintenance
2nd/9th/16th/23rd February: Parish Maintenance

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
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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Church	First Collection	Second Collections	Standing Orders	Mass Attendance
Bicester	£839.11	£261.14	£1157	401
Hethe	£38.60	N/A	£185	24

 **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/SfORcspHjzNr8niFC4ls5oJQBgoc37B8YBCjKvPc>
Follow the readings at Mass: <https://universalis.com/mass.htm>



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

Archdiocesan website: <https://www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk>

Deanery website: <https://banburyandwarwick-catholicdeanery.org.uk>

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THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Sunday Cycle C - Psalter Week 3

26th January - 2nd February 2025

Pope's Prayer Intention for January: Pope's Prayer Intention for January: Let us pray for migrants, refugees and those affected by war, that their right to an education, which is necessary to build a better world, may always be respected.

	TIME	INTENTIONS	FEASTS	LECTORS	E O MINISTERS	WELCOMERS
SAT 25th	10.00am	Michael Knibbs (RIP)	<i>Feast of the Conversion of St Paul, A</i>	Sr Molly		
	10.30am-11.30am	Confessions and Benediction				
	4.00pm@Hethe	People of the Parish				R Deane & S Wilde
Vigil Mass	6.00pm	John Hackett (RIP)	Third Sunday in Ordinary Time	R John/Sr Sani	S & M Doherty	McArdle Family
SUN 26th	9.00am	Ints of Penhallow Family		M Brown/ E Penhallow	A Hall/ A Mutton	C St John/Sr Molly
	11.00am	Anita Magleo (RIP)		J Franta/A Kearsley	J Marshall/Sr Sani	R Elgado & Friends
MON 27th	9.30am @ Hethe	Peter Mayes (RIP)	<i>Feria in Ordinary Time</i>			
	12 noon	Olive Hunn (RIP)		A Fitzpatrick		
	3pm	Funeral Service - Jenó Takacs (RIP)	<i>@ N Oxfordshire Crem</i>			
TUE 28th	9.30am	Janet & Nicholas Byrne	<i>Mem of St Thomas Aquinas, P Dr</i>	H King		
	2.15 pm (Sch)	Holy Souls				
WED 29th		No Mass	<i>Feria in Ordinary Time</i>			
THU 30th	9.30am	Ints of Pat Ormegher	<i>Feria in Ordinary Time</i>	J Kokore		
FRI 31st	12 noon	Peter & Marie Murowski (RIP)	<i>Mem of St John Bosco, P</i>	E King		
SAT 1st	10.00am	Mary Gilmore (RIP)	<i>Mem of Our Lady</i>	G Jimenez		
	10.30am-11.30am	Confessions and Benediction				
	4.00pm@Hethe	Sean O'Neill (RIP)				R Deane & S Wilde
Vigil Mass	6.00pm	Abilio Soares (RIP)		B & K McFall	L & D Jiminez	Sr Sani/Sr Molly
SUN 2nd	9.00am	Ana & Bobby Duggan (RIP)	Feast of the Presentation of the Lord	P Cousins/ S McCarthy	L & D Jiminez	Brown family
	11.00am	Ints of Michael & Jane Waive		T Lane/ N Ward	Sr Molly/volunteer	Kokore Family

This week we pray for...

SANCTUARY LIGHT: Jiri Franta Snr (RIP)

OUR LADY'S LIGHT:

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.

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".

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:
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Les Cleeve: sg.holytrinity.hethe@rcaob.org.uk
Diocesan Safeguarding Team can be contacted on 0121 2306240 or safeguarding@rcaob.org.uk if you have any concerns.

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THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Entrance Antiphon: Sing a new song to the Lord: sing to the Lord, all the earth. In his presence are majesty and splendour, strength and honour in his holy place.

First reading

Nehemiah 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10

In those days: Ezra the priest brought the Law before the assembly, both men and women and all who could understand what they heard, on the first day of the seventh month. And he read from it facing the square before the Water Gate from early morning until midday, in the presence of the men and the women and those who could understand. And the ears of all the people were attentive to the Book of the Law.

And Ezra the scribe stood on a wooden platform that they had made for the purpose. And Ezra opened the book in the sight of all the people, for he was above all the people, and as he opened it, all the people stood. And Ezra blessed the Lord, the great God, and all the people answered, 'Amen, Amen,' lifting up their hands. And they bowed their heads and worshipped the Lord with their faces to the ground. Ezra and the Levites read from the book, from the Law of God, clearly, and they gave the meaning, so that the people understood the reading.

And Nehemiah, who was the governor, and Ezra the priest and scribe, and the Levites who taught the people said to all the people, 'This day is holy to the Lord your God; do not mourn or weep.' For all the people wept as they heard the words of the Law. Then he said to them, 'Go on your way. Eat the fat and drink sweet wine and send portions to anyone who has nothing ready, for this day is holy to our Lord. And do not be grieved, for the joy of the Lord is your strength.'

The word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God

Responsorial Psalm: *Your words, O Lord, are spirit and life.*

Second reading

1 Corinthians 12:12-30

Brothers and Sisters: Just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. For in one Spirit we were all baptised into one body — Jews or Greeks, slaves or free — and all were made to drink of one Spirit. For the body does not consist of one member but of many. If the foot should say, 'Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body', that would not make it any less a part of the body. And if the ear should say, 'Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body', that would not make it any less a part of the body. If the whole body were an eye, where would be the sense of hearing? If the whole body were an ear, where would be the sense of smell? But as it is, God arranged the members in the body, each one of them, as he chose. If all were a single member, where would the body be? As it is, there are many parts, yet one body.

The eye cannot say to the hand, 'I have no need of you', nor again the head to the feet, 'I have no need of you.' On the contrary, the parts of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable, and on those parts of the body that we think less honourable we bestow the greater honour, and our unpresentable parts are treated with greater modesty, which our more presentable parts do not require. But God has so composed the body, giving greater honour to the part that lacked it, that there may be no division in the body, but that the members may have the same care for one another. If one member suffers, all suffer together; if one member is honoured, all rejoice together.

Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it. And God has appointed in the Church first Apostles, second prophets, third teachers, then miracles, then gifts of healing, helping, administrating, and various kinds of tongues. Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Do all work miracles? Do all possess gifts of healing? Do all speak with tongues? Do all interpret?

The word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God

Gospel Acclamation *Alleluia, alleluia. The Lord has sent me to proclaim good news to the poor; to proclaim liberty to the captives. Alleluia.*

Gospel

Luke 1:1-4; 4:14-21

In as much as many have undertaken to compile a narrative of the things that have been accomplished among us, just as those who from the beginning were eyewitnesses and ministers of the word have delivered them to us, it seemed good to me also, having followed all things closely for some time past, to write an orderly account for you, most excellent Theophilus, that you may have certainty concerning the things you have been taught. At that time: Jesus returned in the power of the Spirit to Galilee, and a report about him went out through all the surrounding country. And he taught in their synagogues, being glorified by all.

And he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up. And as was his custom, he went to the synagogue on the Sabbath day, and he stood up to read. And the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll, and found the place where it was written, 'The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor.

He has sent me to proclaim liberty to the captives and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty those who are oppressed, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favour.' And he rolled up the scroll, and gave it back to the attendant, and sat down. And the eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. And he began to say to them, 'Today this Scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing.'

The Gospel of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God.

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: Glory to God in the highest, 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, 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.**

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

All: **Thanks be to God.**