

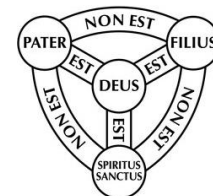


THE CATHOLIC PARISH OF ST. EDMUND CAMPION

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<u>Date:</u> Sunday 26th September 2026	<u>Sunday:</u> TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR A	<u>Weekday Cycle:</u> Year II <u>Divine Office:</u> Week 2
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Date:	Time:	Intentions:	Readers:
Saturday 26 th Sept Feria in Ordinary Time 1st Masses of Sunday	4:00pm HT 6:00pm	Anita Magleo (RIP) Margaret Hanna (RIP)	Volunteer A Jennifer/P Sims
Sunday 27 th Sept 26th in Ordinary Time	9:00am 11:00am 1:00pm	Francisco Nolasco Sr. In Thanksgiving for Monica & Edward Baptism – Kathleen Ellen Mary Joyce	M Daniel/L Cleeve U Edwards/R Evans
Monday 28 th Sept Feria in Ordinary Time	NO MASS		
Tuesday 29 th Sept Feast of Ss Michael, Gabriel & Raphael, Arch.	NO MASS		
Wednesday 30 th Sept Mem of St Jerome, P, Dr	7:00pm	Baptism Course @ JP II Centre	
Thursday 1 st Oct Mem of St Therese of the Child Jesus, V, Dr	NO MASS		
Friday 2 nd Oct Mem of the Holy Guardian Angels	10am-12 noon	Coffee Morning @ JP II Centre	
Saturday 3 rd Oct Feria in Ordinary Time	4:00pm HT 6:00pm	Ints of Kim Dixon & Hitesh Patel (Marriage) Walenty Nowak (RIP)	Volunteer N Li/Sister
Sunday 4 th Oct 27th in Ordinary Time	9:00am 11:00am 1:00pm	Rose McKeon (RIP) John Lally (RIP) Baptism- Caroline Beltrin Pereira De Jesus	M Daniel/L Cleeve M Lawrence/ H King

Parish Live Stream

All of the services at Bicester are live-streamed on our Parish YouTube 'Bicester Catholic Church' Channel. This can be accessed via the Parish website or by visiting:
<https://camstreamer.com/redirect/xmTDv4jBRjMTOM5VBVyN34wpRY1nK34jSHqcqhR>
 Follow the Mass Readings at:
<https://universalis.com/mass.html>

We have a CCTV System that operates 24hrs a day. This is in place for the safety of all who attend this church, the protection of property and crime prevention.

 An Induction Loop System is provided at the Church of the Immaculate Conception. Please switch Hearing Aids to 'T'.

Church	First Collection	Second Collection	Standing Orders	Mass Attendance
BICESTER	£714.19	£283.77	£1122	468
HETHE	£39.00	£34.55	£165	30

 **TEA & COFFEE MORNING** 

Tea & Coffee is available in the JP II Centre every Sunday after the 9am & 11am Masses. We also have our monthly Coffee Morning, on a Friday, throughout the year, from 10-11:45am.

Come along for a chat and meet other members of the parish community!

 Use this QR Code to join our Parish WhatsApp Group where you can keep up with news and information from the parish. Here you will also find other group pages for the different church groups created within the app. Simply scan the QR Code and follow the instructions.

TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR A

Entrance Antiphon: All that you have done to us, O Lord, you have done with true judgement, for we have sinned against you and not obeyed your commandments. But give glory to your name and deal with us according to the bounty of your mercy.

First reading

Ezekiel 18:25-28

‘When a wicked person turns away from the wickedness he has committed, he shall save his life.’

Thus says the Lord: ‘You say, “The way of the Lord is not just.” Hear now, O house of Israel: Is my way not just? Is it not your ways that are not just? When a righteous person turns away from his righteousness and does injustice, he shall die for it; for the injustice that he has done he shall die. Again, when a wicked person turns away from the wickedness he has committed and does what is just and right, he shall save his life. Because he considered and turned away from all the transgressions that he had committed, he shall surely live; he shall not die.’

The word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God

Responsorial Psalm: Remember your compassion, O LORD.

Second reading

Philippians 2:1-11

‘Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus.’

Brothers and Sisters: If there is any encouragement in Christ, any comfort from love, any participation in the Spirit, any affection and sympathy; complete my joy by being of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility count others more significant than yourselves. Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others. Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

The word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia.

My sheep hear my voice, says the Lord,
and I know them, and they follow me.

Alleluia.

Gospel

Matthew 21:28-32

‘He changed his mind and went.

The tax collectors and the prostitutes go into the kingdom of God before you.’ At that time: Jesus said to the chief priests and the elders of the people, ‘What do you think? A man had two sons. And he went to the first and said, “Son, go and work in the vineyard today.” And he answered, “I will not”, but afterwards he changed his mind and went. And he went to the other son and said the same. And he answered, “I go, sir”, but did not go. Which of the two did the will of his father?’ They said, ‘The first.’ Jesus said to them, ‘Truly, I say to you, the tax collectors and the prostitutes go into the kingdom of God before you. For John came to you in the way of righteousness, and you did not believe him, but the tax collectors and the prostitutes believed him. And even when you saw it, you did not afterwards change your minds and believe him.’

The Gospel of the Lord

All: Praise to you Lord, Jesus Christ

SECOND COLLECTION:

The second collection this weekend will be for the CAFOD Harvest Family Fast Day. Gift Aid envelopes are available at the back of church.



ANGEL DRIVE

Friday 9th October in the John Paul II Centre
£10 per adult and £5 per child

for entry including a fish or sausage supper.

Please sign up on the list at the back of church with your choice of food. Bring your own drinks.

Payment by card accepted, please add your surname to the transaction when doing so.

Everyone Welcome – come along for a fun evening!

LIVING WATER-SEASON OF CREATION:

Running until **Sunday 4th October**. This year the theme is “Living Water”, inspired by the vision of God’s life-giving water bringing renewal and healing to creation

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY 2026

Parish Monthly Coffee Morning:

Friday 2nd October at 10am

Angel Drive:

Friday 9th October at 7pm (with Fish & Chips)

JPII Gaming Event:

Saturday 14th November 11am – 4pm

Christmas Bazaar:

Sunday 29th November: 10am – 2pm



PARISH 100 CLUB:

The following numbers are still available: 66, 78, 81, 82, 83 & 92. It costs £5 per month, or £60 per year, paid by Direct Debit, per number. Form to sign up are available to the back of church. The draw takes place on the last Sunday of the month during coffee after the 9am Mass **You have to be in it to win it!**

MASS INTENTIONS:

Mass Intentions are currently available from December. Please ensure that you complete a “Mass Offering Envelope” if you pay by card.

THIS WEEK THE SANCTUARY CANDELS BURN

FOR:

Sanctuary Lamp: Timothy Joyce (RIP)

Our Lady’s Chapel: Ints of Kathleen Joyce

If you wish to sponsor one of the lamps which burn perpetually in the church, please complete and return the slip to the Parish Office/Sisters.

Lamps cost £10 each and burn for one week.



JPII GAMING EVENT (FORMALLY ZZAP!):

This will take place on Saturday 14th November from 11am-4pm. A chance to play retro, modern games, and more. Raffle and refreshments available. This is a fundraiser for the church and tickets are now available online via wegottickets.com – The JPII Gaming Event.

BAPTISM COURSE:

If you are interested in having your child Baptised, either at the Bicester or Hethe, you will need to attend a Baptism Preparation Course.



The next course will be held on:

Wednesday 30th September: 7pm-9pm

The course is held in the John Paul II Centre. Please complete a ‘Baptismal Enquiry Form’ which can be obtained by contacting the Parish Office by email.

SYMPATHY:

We extend our heartfelt sympathy to the family and friends of Gilbert Standage who has sadly died. His funeral details will be announced in due course. *May he rest in peace.*

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE:

Please keep in your prayers all who are preparing for marriage. We pray particularly for Stephen Kelly and Dieudonné van der Walt who were married this weekend. May the Lord bless them in their life together.

COMMUNION FOR THE SICK & HOUSEBOUND:

If somebody you know would like to receive Communion at home or in a Care/Nursing Home please contact the Parish Office.

HOUSE BLESSING:

Please contact the Parish Office if you wish to have your home blessed by Fr. Craig or one of the Parish Deacons.

PRAY FOR THE SICK AND THE HOUSEBOUND:

Let us pray for the sick in our parish, those at home, in hospital, and in Nursing Homes: **Mary Lynch, Jean McIntosh & Gerry Wright**. Please pray also for those who carry the burden of their illnesses privately.

ROSARY LEADERS:

A few more volunteers are needed to recite the Rosary, especially before the 6pm Mass on Saturday. If you are willing to help, even once a month, please speak to Fr. Craig.

Journey in Faith (RCIA):

If you want to learn more about the Catholic Faith, need a refresher in the basics of the faith, have a desire to become Catholic, or have been baptised Catholic and want to receive your 1st Holy Communion and Confirmation, join the next ‘Journey in Faith Course’. These take place on a Monday evening from 7pm in the JPII Centre from autumn to Easter. Please speak to Fr. Craig, or contact the Parish Office, ASAP.

Job Opportunities

Blessed George Napier school is recruiting for: Attendance Administrator, to commence as soon as possible. Please visit the school website for further information, www.blessedgeorgenapier.co.uk

Dates for the Sacraments:

1st Reconciliation: Friday 15th January 2027 at 4pm for St. Mary’s children and Saturday 16th January at 11am for non-St. Mary’s children.

Confirmation: Friday 12th March at 7pm.

1st Holy Communion: Saturday 15th May at 11am.

SAFEGUARDING NOTICE:

This Parish operates in accordance with Statutory Safeguarding Guidance and National and Archdiocesan policies & procedures at all times. Our Parish Safeguarding Representatives are: **Mrs Elizabeth Green**, who can be contacted at sg.tic.bicester@rcaob.org.uk and: **Mr Les Cleeve**, who can be contacted at ht.sg.holytrinity.hethe@rcaob.org.uk
The Diocesan Safeguarding Team can be contacted at safeguarding@rcaob.org.uk or on 0121 230 6240 if you have any safeguarding concerns.

POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR SEPTEMBER:

For the care of water: let us pray for the just and sustainable management of water, a vital resource, so that everyone may have equal access to it.

PARISH INFORMATION BOARD:

Piety Shop:

Open Friday, Saturday & Sunday around Mass times

Rosary:

Daily 25 mins before the start of Mass

Divine Mercy Chaplet:

Every Tuesday at 2pm in Church

Confession:

Bicester: Saturday 10:30am – 11:30am

Hethe: Saturday 3:30pm – 3:50pm

Ursuline Lay Association:

Every 2nd Wednesday at 2pm in the Convent.

East Timor Community Prayer:

First Sunday of the month at 5pm (Various Locations)

Journey in Faith (RCIA):

Monday's from Autumn to Easter at 7pm

FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Please place all candle money into the wall safe marked 'CANDLES' at the back of the church near the Piety Shop. Alternatively, you can pay on the card machine under 'Sanctuary Lamps & Votives'.

SECOND COLLECTIONS FOR SEPTEMBER:

26th/27th CAFOD: Harvest Family Fast Day

OCTOBER: 3rd/4th Comboni Missionary Sisters

10th/11th Parish Maint. 17th/18th APF /World Mission

PARISH GIVING:

Link to Donate Online:

<https://portal.mydona.com/assets/webPay/index.php?cid=528>

Mass Intention Offerings:

Please use the 'Mass Intention Envelopes' provided. You can either make your donation by placing cash in the envelope or, by using the card machine under 'Mass Offerings' NB, when using the card machine you must also put the intention in the 'message box' so that your donation and the envelope can be matched together. Please also write 'paid by machine' on the envelope. Envelopes should then be delivered to the sacristy.

Contactless Giving:

You can also donate by scanning the QR Code with your phone or by using the card machine in the church porch. If you are a UK tax payer, please consider Gift Aiding your donation. Each time you make a subsequent donation using the same card Gift Aid will be added automatically.



Gift Aid Your Offering

If you are a UK Tax Payer, and you give by Standing Order, please consider Gift Aiding your weekly offerings. 25% in every £1 could be added to the value of your donation at no cost to you! Please contact Sr. Sani, the Parish Gift Aid Co-ordinator.

PARISH DUTIES THIS WEEKEND: 26TH/27TH SEPTEMBER 2026

6pm Mass	Welcomers:	S & M Doherty
	E. O. Ministers:	Sr. Molly & Sr Sani
9.00am Mass	Welcomers:	L & C Cleeve
	E. O. Ministers:	A Hall & J Josh
	Children's Liturgy:	None
	Tea/Coffee:	Team 2
11.00am Mass	Welcomers:	Franta Family
	E. O. Ministers:	Sr Sani & J Marshall
	Children's Liturgy:	No Children's Liturgy this weekend
	Tea/Coffee:	Team 3

DUTIES DURING THE WEEK FOR SUNDAY: 4TH OCTOBER 2026

Cleaners:	Team 4
Flowers:	Adelia & Kirsten

PARISH DUTIES NEXT WEEKEND: 3RD/4TH OCTOBER 2026

6pm Mass	Welcomers:	L Hattam & R Ranti
	E. O. Ministers:	O Panejko & B Santiago
9.00am Mass	Welcomers:	L & C Cleeve
	E. O. Ministers:	J Josh * J Hartley
	Children's Liturgy:	Team 1
	Tea/Coffee:	Team 3
11.00am Mass	Welcomers:	Timorean Community
	E. O. Ministers:	G Andrade & U Edwards
	Children's Liturgy:	No Children's Liturgy this weekend
	Tea/Coffee:	Team 5