

Teams for :	28/9	5/10	12/10	19/10	26/10	2/11
Children lit.	none	1	none	2	none	none
Coffee 9am (11)	5	6	7	8	9	10
Coffee 11am (9)	3	4	5	6	7	8
Flowers	Jo	Jo	Sr Rose	Sr Rose	Anne & Kirsten	Anne & Kirsten

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.

MASSES THIS WEEKEND. Please welcome Fr Bosco who will be celebrating mass at Hethe at 4pm, and Bishop William Kenney who will be celebrating the 6pm, 9am and the 11am Masses this weekend.

ST. MARY'S PRIMARY SCHOOL OPEN DAY On Wednesday 1st October from 5.00pm—6.00pm, for perspective new parents for September 2026.

COFFEE MORNING The next one will be held on Friday, 3rd October at 10am. All welcome.

FAIRTRADE FORTNIGHT 2025 This Fairtrade Fortnight will be taking place from Monday 22 September – Sunday 5 October 2025. To see what's on in this area go to <https://www.fairtrade.net/uk-en/products-and-producers/buy-fairtrade.html> Did you know the coffee teams on a Sunday use Fairtrade products to make your brew?

MISSIO The Autumn booklets are available from the back of church for Red Box holders. World Mission Sunday will be held on 19th October.

CHRISTMAS SACKS We will have a small number of Christmas sacks donated by the Mehiel Foundation available for anyone facing financial hardship and struggling to feed their family. Sacks will need to be collected on Friday, 12th December. Please contact the office to request one.

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.

NEWMAN NIGHT WALK A night walk from Oxford to Littlemore on Wednesday 8th October. For more information see notice at the back of church or contact littlemore@newman-friends.org

SYMPATHY We send our condolences and assurance of our prayers to the family of **Frederick Thornley** who died on Thursday, 25th September. Many of you will remember Fred who was a faithful parishioner and Parish Administrator in this parish for many years. His funeral details will be announced in due course. Please also pray for the repose of the soul of **Joan Burns** who died recently. A service for Joan will be held at North Oxfordshire Crematorium on Thursday, 16th at 12 noon. May they rest in peace.

CAFOD Family Fast Day Appeal - Friday 3rd October

Please donate to our Family Fast Day parish collection to share God's abundant gifts with our global neighbours as they find lasting solutions to poverty and climate challenges. Your generosity offers "signs of hope" in this Jubilee Year, helping build more water tanks in communities like Waré's in Ethiopia where women have to walk for hours to get water. Use the CAFOD envelope that are available from the welcomers in church, donate online at cafod.org.uk/envelope or call 0303 303 3030. You can also text CAFOD to 70560 to donate £10.

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:



Parish Consultation - An Open Meeting On Friday 24th October 2025 at 7pm in the Saint John Paul II Centre, Bicester.



All Parishioners are invited to attend an open meeting to discuss, and to choose, a new name for the Parish. This does not change the names of the two churches, The Immaculate Conception, Bicester, and Holy Trinity, Hethe, but only the name of the newly created Parish following the merger of Hethe with Bicester. Please come along for this discussion before you, the parish, vote on the new Sacred Name.

During the Deanery Visitation, June 2023 to July 2024, it was agreed that the best way to secure the future of the two parishes, now served by one priest, was to bring them together to form one parish. This is an exciting venture as we reunite the Mother Church of the area, Hethe, with the daughter parish of Bicester. It reduces the administrative tasks required of the priest. It opens up new and exciting ways of working together to further the Mission of the Church.

One community served by two churches, two churches served by one priest. **One people united in faith!** Please see posters in church for proposed new sacred designations.

DIARY DATES:

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

Christmas Bazaar Sunday 30th November after morning masses.

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

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

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.'

SEPTEMBER SECOND COLLECTIONS

28th: Fr Hudson's Society

5th October: Family Fast Day (CAFOD)

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. For details email: ga.tic.bicester@rcaob.org.uk

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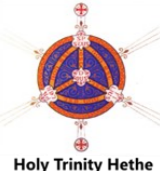
This church live streams Mass and other events. Parish YouTube 'Bicester Catholic Church' Channel Go to the website or follow this link <https://camstreamer.com/redirect/SfORcspHjzNr8nIFC4Is5oJQBgoc37B8YBCjKvPc>



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>

The Parishes of the Immaculate Conception & Holy Trinity are part of the Archdiocese of Birmingham: Registered Charity No: 234216

Twenty Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time 28th September 2025

Month of September is dedicated to The Seven Sorrows of Mary - Sunday Cycle C - Psalter Week 2

Holy Father's Prayer Intention: **For our relationship with all of creation.** Let us pray that, inspired by St Francis, we may experience our interdependence with all creatures, which are loved by God and worthy of love and respect.

DATE	TIME	INTENTIONS	FEASTS	LECTORS	E O MINISTERS	WELCOMERS
SAT 27th Vigil Mass	4.00pm Hethe 6.00pm	No morning Mass or Confessions Holy Souls Bill & Kitty Hornby & Angela Nelson (RIP)	Mem of St Vincent de Paul, P	Sr Rose/volunteer	Sr Molly/F Ostrowski	L & B Hattam
SUN 28th	9.00am 11.00am	Margaret Hanna (RIP) Eithne McDonagh (RIP)	26th Sunday in Ordinary Time	M Daniel/L Cleeve H King/ E Green	J Lij/ F Ostrowski J Marshall/ Sr Sani	Sr Molly/ C Cleeve Kokore Family
MON 29th	12 noon	No Mass@ Hethe Eucharistic Service	Feast of Ss Michael Gabriel & Raphael, Archangels	A Fitzpatrick		
TUE 30th	9.30am	Eucharistic Service	Mem of St Jerome, P, Dr	J Kokore		
WED 1st October		No Mass	Mem of St Therese of the Child Jesus, V, Dr			
THU 2nd		No Mass	Mem of the Holy Guardian Angels			
FRI 3rd	10am-11.45am	Coffee Morning No Mass	Feria in Ordinary time			
SAT 4th Vigil Mass	4.00pm Hethe 6.00pm	No morning Mass or Confessions Holy Souls Walenty & Helena Nowak (RIP)	Mem of St Francis of Assisi	P & K Kallay	O Panejko/volunteer	M Marrs/P Behan
SUN 5th	9.00am 11.00am	Rose McKeon (RIP) Joseph Arrackal (RIP)	27th Sunday in Ordinary Time	L & R Weaver F Nyonyoozi/C Tett	P Capretta/ J Hartley Sr Molly/ Sr Rose	C St John/ A Mutton Franta Family

FATHER HUDSON'S CARITAS second collection takes place this weekend, 27th & 28th September with donations going towards the fight against Poverty. A small amount of envelopes are available from the welcomers. Donations are preferred via the QR code which can be found on the poster on the inner glass church door. Thank you in advance for your donations which will make a real difference to so many individuals and families.



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



This week we pray for...



SANCTUARY LIGHT: Igor Piskowski (RIP)

OUR LADY'S CHAPEL: For All of Gods Creatures

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 Cath Evang	Standing Orders	Mass Attendance
Bicester	£621.98	£366.15	£1122	488
Hethe	£48	£23.30	£198	33

Parish Priest: Father Craig Davies BA (hons) STB fr.craig.davies@rcaob.org.uk
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.

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".

Twenty Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

Amos 6:1a, 4-7

‘The revelry of those who now stretch themselves out shall pass away.’

Thus says the LORD, the God of hosts: ‘Woe to those who are at ease in Sion, and to those who feel secure on the mountain of Samaria. ‘Woe to those who lie on beds of ivory and stretch themselves out on their couches, and eat lambs from the flock and calves from the midst of the stall, who sing idle songs to the sound of the harp and like David invent for themselves instruments of music, who drink wine in bowls and anoint themselves with the finest oils, but are not grieved over the ruin of Joseph! Therefore they shall now be the first of those who go into exile, and the revelry of those who stretch themselves out shall pass away.’

The word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God

Responsorial Psalm *My soul, give praise to the LORD.*

Second reading

1 Timothy 6:11-16

‘Keep the commandment until the appearing of our Lord.’

O man of God, pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, steadfastness, gentleness. Fight the good fight of the faith. Take hold of the eternal life to which you were called and about which you made the good confession in the presence of many witnesses. I charge you in the presence of God, who gives life to all things, and of Christ Jesus, who in his testimony before Pontius Pilate made the good confession, to keep the commandment unstained and free from reproach until the appearing of our Lord Jesus Christ, which he will display at the proper time — he who is the blessed and only Sovereign, the King of kings and Lord of lords, who alone has immortality, who dwells in unapproachable light, whom no one has ever seen or can see. To him be honour and eternal dominion. Amen.

The word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God

Gospel Acclamation Alleluia, alleluia.

Jesus Christ, though he was rich,
yet for your sake he became poor,
so that you by his poverty might become rich
Alleluia.

Gospel

Luke 16:19-31

‘You received good things, and Lazarus bad things; now he is comforted here, and you are in anguish.’

At that time: Jesus said to the Pharisees, ‘There was a rich man who was clothed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. And at his gate was laid a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores, who desired to be fed with what fell from the rich man’s table. Moreover, even the dogs came and licked his sores. The poor man died and was carried by the angels to Abraham’s side. The rich man also died and was buried, and in Hades, being in torment, he lifted up his eyes and saw Abraham far off and Lazarus at his side. And he called out, “Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus to dip the end of his finger in water and cool my tongue, for I am in anguish in this flame.” But Abraham said, “Child, remember that you in your lifetime received your good things, and Lazarus in like manner bad things; but now he is comforted here, and you are in anguish. And besides all this, between us and you a great chasm has been fixed, in order that those who would pass from here to you may not do so, and none may cross from there to us.” And he said, “Then I beg you, father, to send him to my father’s house — for I have five brothers — so that he may warn them, lest they also come into this place of torment.” But Abraham said, “They have Moses and the Prophets; let them hear them.” And he said, “No, father Abraham, but if someone goes to them from the dead, they will repent.” He said to him, “If they do not hear Moses and the Prophets, neither will they be convinced if someone should rise from the dead.”’

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.**