

Teams for :	30/8	6/9	13/9	20/9	27/9	4/10
Children Liturgy	none	1	2	3	None	1
Coffee 9am (11)	9	10	11	1	2	3
Coffee 11am (9)	8	9	1	2	3	5
Flowers	Sr Rose	Anne/Sally	Anne/Kay	Anne/Kay		

LET US PRAY FOR THE SICK AND HOUSEBOUND
We include those in hospitals, nursing homes and their own homes: Mary Lynch, Jean McIntosh, Gerry Wright.
ROSARY: Daily 25 minutes before Mass starts. DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET: Every Tuesday at 2.00pm in Church with prayer intentions. BAPTISMS/WEDDINGS: Please contact the Parish Office through email or phone. CONFESSIONS: <i>Saturday Bicester: 10.30am-11.30am Hethe: 3.30pm-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. UKRAINIAN LITURGY Ukrainian Divine Liturgy occasional Sundays. Announced in bulletin.

THANK YOU Fr Pat would sincerely like to thank everyone who came along to help him celebrate his 90th birthday, and for all the gifts and good wishes he received. He would especially like to thank Fr Craig, the Social Committee and everyone who contributed and helped in any way.

THE 100 CLUB The following numbers are still available: 66, 78, 81, 82, 83, 92, for only a £5 monthly direct debit subscription, forms available at the back of church. ***You have to be in it to win it! The draw takes place this Sunday after the 9am mass. Come and spin the 100 club wheel!***

FUNERALS Jimmy Landy: A funeral service for Jimmy will take place on Thursday, 3rd September at 11am followed by burial at Bicester Cemetery.

Sonia Drury: A Requiem Mass will take place on Monday, 21st September at 11am, followed by cremation at North Oxfordshire Crematorium. *May they rest in peace.*

NEXT COFFEE MORNING This will take place on Friday, 4th September at 10am, with the usual raffle, delicious cakes and coffee and additionally a number of tables of crafts and gifts! A and T Hives (Honey), Nathalie (jewellery and soft furnishings), Ginger and Spice, Diamond Art, Collectible toys and Where is Wooly (wool). Only £2 entry inc. cake & drink.

HARVEST MASS Our Harvest Mass will take place on Sunday, 6th September at both Masses. The Environmental Group are requesting donations for the food bank to be brought especially on that weekend which can be left at the back of the church or taken directly to Bicester Food Bank.

The Church celebrates World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation - The Beginning of the Season of Creation on Tuesday, 1st September.

PARISH & JPII OFFICES Will both be closed for the week, commencing Monday 7th September.

THE TERMINALLY ILL ADULTS (END OF LIFE) BILL The Terminally Ill Adults (End of Life) Bill is back in the House of Commons and seeks to legalise assisted suicide. It will have its Second Reading and vote on Friday, 11 September 2026. Please write to your MP to make your voice heard and oppose the Bill. The Bill has a serious lack of protection for health and social care staff and risks putting many wonderful hospices and care homes in the position of no longer being able to operate. Even if you have already done so in the past, please speak up and voice your opposition. The charity Right to Life UK has a simple online mechanism to do this, alternatively, **postcards are available to all this weekend for you to complete and send to the House of Commons.** It takes little more than a few minutes to enter your details. For more information and resources, visit: cbcew.org.uk/opposing-assisted-suicide/righttolife.org.uk/Sept11vote

CHURCH FLOWERS Come join our Church Flower Team! The team would love to welcome new members to the group. The new flower rota will be organised soon, so it’s a great time to come along and get involved. You do not need to be an expert - just willingness to help and enjoy being creative. The team also enjoy social events throughout the year, making it a fun and sociable activity. If you would like to join, please contact the parish office or Anne Kearsley at the 11am choir.

MASS OFFERINGS Mass intentions are currently available from November. Please ensure you also complete a Mass offering envelope if paying by card.

SAFE TRAVELS We wish Sr Rose safe travels as she returns home to India for a couple of months on 2nd September.

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.

SYMPATHY We remember with sadness Fr Seamus Farrell, who died recently aged 84 yrs, in USA. Fr Seamus grew up in this parish and was ordained in our Archdiocese. He celebrated his first Mass here, then later moved to America where he served as a priest for 50 years. We give thanks for his life and priestly ministry. Please keep him and all those who mourn his passing in your prayers. His funeral will take place on 9th November in the USA. *May he rest in peace.*

SACRAMENTAL ENROLMENT SESSION This will take place on **Monday, 21st September at 7pm** in the St John Paul II Centre for any children wishing to prepare for their First Reconciliation, First Holy Communion and Confirmation.

Application forms will be available at the Enrolment Session and are now also available at the back of church and on the website. If your child does not attend St Marys, please attach a copy of their Baptism certificate to the Enrolment form. *Do not deliver any forms to the Parish Office.* Children will need to commit to all the sessions to complete their preparation for the Sacrament/s, and will also be expected to attend weekend Mass regularly. Any late applications will not be accepted. Please note that our limited number of catechist are all volunteers and DBS checked. If you are interested in becoming a Sacramental Catechist, please speak to Fr Craig.

DIARY DATES 2026:

Coffee Mornings Fridays 4th September, 2nd October at 10am.

Parish Pastoral Meeting Friday 11th September at 7pm.

Baptism Course: Wednesday 30th September 7pm-9pm.

Angel Drive Friday 9th October with fish and chip supper.

JPII GAMING EVENT Saturday 14th November 11am-4pm.

Christmas Bazaar Sunday 29th November.

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 August:30th: Parish Maintenance.
Ways in which you can support your parish:
Consider whether you can increase your donation to the parish.
Switch to giving by way of standing order or direct debit. <i>This ensures that the parish receives a more regular income.</i>
If you are a UK taxpayer , complete a gift aid declaration, which increases your donation by 25% at no extra cost to you.
Include a bequest to the parish in your will.
BICESTER LINK TO DONATE:
https://portal.mydona.com/assets/webPay/index.php?cid=528
Contact the Parish Office for account details to set up the following: Weekly offerings/Donations/Payments/100 Club etc
Mass intentions offerings: Complete an offering envelope which can be found at the back of church whether you pay by cash or card.
If paying by card use option ‘mass offerings’ & enter surname when prompted. Deliver envelope to Clergy/Sisters or Parish Office. Thank you.
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.
Thank you!
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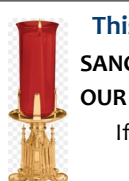
This church live streams Mass and other events. Parish YouTube ‘Bicester Catholic Church’ Channel Go to the website or follow this link https://camstreamer.com/redirect/xmTDv4jBRjMTROM5VBVyN34wpRY1nK34jSHqcqHR Follow the readings at Mass: https://universalis.com/mass.htm A CCTV System operates 24 hours a day. This is in place for the safety of people, protection of property and crime prevention.


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DATE	TIME	INTENTIONS	FEASTS	LECTORS	E O MINISTERS	WELCOMERS
SAT 29th	4.00pm HT 6.00pm	Holy Souls Ints of Liubev Pleniuk - For Recovery	22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time	Volunteer P & K Kallay	M Kelly /Sr Sani	S & M Doherty
SUN 30th	9.00am 11.00am	People of the Parish John Kightley & Michael Guthrie (RIP)	22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time	J Li N Ward	J Li/C Hartley Sr Rose/U Edwards	L & C Cleeve Timorean Community
MON 31st	9.30am HT 12 noon IC	Souls in Purgatory Kath Cashman (RIP)	<i>Feria in Ordinary Time</i>	A Fitzpatrick		
TUE 1st September	9.30am 2.00pm IC	John Bartlett (RIP) Divine Mercy Chaplet	<i>Feria in Ordinary Time Beginning of the Season of Creation</i>	Sister		
WED 2nd		No Mass	<i>Feria in Ordinary time</i>			
THU 3rd	9.30am 11.00am	In Thanksgiving for Fr Craig Funeral Service - Jimmy Landy (RIP)	<i>Feast of St Gregory the Great, P, Dr</i>	H King		
FRI 4th	10.00am IC 10-11.45am	Whole School Mass—Holy Souls Coffee Morning	<i>Mem of St Cuthbert, B</i>	School		
SAT5th	10.00am 10.30am-11.30am 4.00pm HT 6.00pm	Luisa Vincente de Fatima Guterres (RIP) Exposition, Benediction & Confessions Mary Evans (RIP) Private Intentions	<i>Mem of Our Lady on Saturday 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	Volunteer P Cousins/ Sister	O Panejko/ B Santiago	Sr Molly/ P Behan
SUN 6th	9.00am 11.00am 1.00pm	Ints of Fr Aldo Tapparo - Golden Jubilee People of the Parish Baptism - Isabelle Marama Taroga	23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time	S McCarthy/ H Gerrow S Joseph/ E Green	C St John/ C Drew J & M Franta	Brown Family R Elgado & Friends

	Our Harvest Masses will be held on Sunday 6th September at 9am & 11am. Please bring along any harvest contributions by Friday 4pm.	
	Tea & Coffee in the JP II Centre after the 9am and 11am Masses every weekend & once a month on a Friday throughout the year. 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: Timothy Joyce (RIP) OUR LADY’S CHAPEL: Sruthi Varghese 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.

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Henley House, 12 Causeway, Bicester, OX26 6AW

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TWENTY SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Sunday Cycle A - Weekdays II - 30th August 2026 - Psalter Week 2

The month of August is dedicated to the Immaculate Heart of Mary

Pope’s Prayer Intention for August — For evangelization in the city. Let us pray in the large cities often marked by anonymity and loneliness we find new ways to proclaim the gospel, discovering creative paths to build community.

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Church	First Collection	Parish Maintenance	Standing Orders	Mass Attendance
Bicester	£654.10	£273.93	£1122	432
Hethe	£84		£165	28

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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

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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 SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Entrance Antiphon: Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I cry to you all the day long. O Lord, you are good and forgiving, full of mercy to all who call to you.

First readingJeremiah 20:7-9

‘The word of the Lord has become for me a reproach.’

O LORD, you have deceived me,
and I was deceived;
you are stronger than I,
and you have prevailed.
I have become a laughing-stock all the day;
everyone mocks me.
For whenever I speak, I cry out,
I shout, ‘Violence and destruction!’
For the word of the LORD has become for me
a reproach and derision all day long.
If I say, ‘I will not mention him,
or speak any more in his name’,
there is in my heart as it were a burning fire
shut up in my bones,
and I am weary with holding it in,
and I cannot.

The Word of the Lord
All: Thanks be to God

Responsorial PsalmFor you my soul is thirsting, O Lord, my God

Second readingRomans 12:1-2

‘Present your bodies as a living sacrifice.’

I appeal to you, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect.

Gospel AcclamationAlleluia, alleluia.
May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
enlighten the eyes of our hearts,
so that we may know the hope to which he has called us.
Alleluia.

GospelMatthew 16:21-27

‘If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself.

At that time: Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and suffer many things from the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, ‘Far be it from you, Lord! This shall never happen to you.’ But he turned and said to Peter, ‘Get behind me, Satan! You are a hindrance to me. For you are not setting your mind on the things of God, but on the things of man.’ Then Jesus told his disciples, ‘If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. For whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will find it. For what will it profit a man if he gains the whole world and forfeits his soul? Or what shall a man give in return for his soul? For the Son of Man is going to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay each person according to what he has done.’

The Word 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 (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.