

Teams for	24/3	31/3	7/4	14/4	21/4	28/4
Children lit. (4)	3	none	none	none	4	1
Coffee 9am (10)	3	4	5	6	7	8
Coffee 11am (9)5	9	1	2	3	4	6
Flowers	Sisters	All	All	Sisters	Sisters	

LET US PRAY FOR THE SICK AND HOUSEBOUND: Mary Lynch, Victor Francis, K Cashman, Tim Charles & Jean McIntosh.

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: Hethe: **Saturday from 3.15pm - 3.50 pm (in the Sacristy)** Bicester: 5.15 pm - 5.45 pm
EAST TMR 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.

EASTER OFFERINGS: It's your traditional offering to the Parish Priest. Please use the special envelopes provided for this purpose. You may also give your offering through BACS or the Tap and Go Machine in the entrance porch, choose "Easter Offerings". Thank you for your generosity.

HOUSE BLESSINGS DURING EASTER SEASON: The tradition of blessing during Easter Season is very ancient and represents one of the most important moments of the liturgical year. Blessing of home with Easter Water is encouraged by the Church. If you would like your house and family to be blessed with Easter Water, please get in touch with me through our parish office and accordingly I can come and bless your family and home.

EASTER RAFFLE TICKETS: Thank you all for your support. The total amount raised £540. The winners list is the back of the Church.

COFFEE MORNING: Thank you all for your support. I look forward to seeing you at the next Easter Coffee Morning on Friday, 5th April.

EASTER FLOWERS £167.50 has been raised for the Easter flowers, thank you for your support. The church is beautifully decorated. Thank you to the flower team for their creative talents.

CHURCH GROUNDS SPRING CLEAN This has been postponed until after Easter.

MASS REQUESTS: If you require a specific date for Mass to be celebrated, please send in your request and stipend as early as possible as the date requested may already be booked. Please leave Mass envelopes with welcomers, Sisters, or in the Piety shop or give it to me before after Mass if not leave it in the sacristy, not in the collection. Thank you.

PLOUGHMAN'S 'n' PUD LUNCH: On Sunday, 21st April at 12.30pm in the St John Paul II Centre. Vegetarian option available. Limited tickets only. £10 per person available from the Piety Shop/Parish Office. Don't delay!

100 CLUB We are now taking subscriptions for our new 100 Club year which will run from April 1st 2024–31st March 2025. Draws take place on the last Sunday of the month after 9am mass. Please complete the form included in the bulletin and return to the Parish Office. This is a great way to support the parish. For only £60 per year or £5 a month (monthly payments only by standing order please). There is no limit as to how many numbers you can have, more numbers to increase your chances of winning and subscriptions can also be bought for friends and family as gifts.

PIETY SHOP: Easter, 1st Holy Communion items, including ties for boys, now available. Come and have a browse!

PALESTINE CRISIS: I am planning to have a fundraising day in collaboration with other faiths communities and others in Bicester. As a ceasefire seems to be on the way, let us do what we can to provide assistance in reaching the people of Palestine. More information to follow after our Easter holidays.

CONCERT St. Edburg's Church, Bicester on Saturday April 20th. Come along to hear monumental work by Felix Mendelssohn. It is a wonderful piece of uplifting music for a giveaway price of £16; Students £5 and under 16 years free. The Phoenix Singers Choir, accompanied by Trinity Camerata will be conducted by Justin Lavender with professional soloists from the Royal School of Music. Please come along to thrill your senses. Tickets from Richard and Adrienne Evans on this email or by phoning 01869 350140. Also from Coles' Bookstore, Bicester or on the door.

NEW TO THE PARISH: You are very welcome to the parish. Please register your family in the parish, forms can be found at the back of the Church or speak to one of the Parish Sisters. I really want you all to be part of the parish community. I would like to encourage you all to join in, in various ministries in the parish. Speak to me after weekend Masses. Or make an appoint to come and see me.



THE CHOSEN SEASON 3 TO continue on Thursday at 7pm in St John Paul II Centre. April 18th, 25th; May 16th and 23rd.

YEAR OF PRAYER 2024: Theme - "WE DARE TO SAY" Five sessions on "Our Father " on the following Thursday evenings in St John Paul II Centre at 7pm.



June 6th " Our Father who art in Heaven, Hallowed be thy Name"

June 13th "Thy Kingdom come, Thy will be done on Earth as it is in Heaven"

June 27th "Give us this Day our Daily Bread"

July 4th "Forgive us our Trespases, as we Forgive those who Trespass against us.."

July 11th "Doxology: "For the Kingdom, the Power and the Glory are Yours now and forever."

DAILY MEDITATIONS: Pray As you God: Please use the following link: <https://pray-as-you-go.org/>

Dates to remember

Saturday 11th May - First Holy Communions (St Mary's) at 11am
 Saturday 18th May - First Holy Communions (non St Mary's) at 11 am
 Sunday 2nd June - Corpus Christi Procession after 11 am Mass
 Saturday 22nd June - Parish Forum Meeting 10am-12 noon
 Sunday 7th July - Family Festival & Presentation of Certificates (11am Mass)
 Sunday, 22nd September: International Mass at 11 am followed by Shared Lunch

FINANCIAL INFORMATION

SECOND COLLECTIONS
 30th/31st March - Parish Priest

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 STIPENDS/OFFERINGS:
Canon John Y Batthula: Sort code: 60-08-40 Acc. No. 75459760

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 or speak to me. (Canon John)

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Church	First Collection	Second Collection	Standing Orders	Tap & Go Donations	Mass Attendance
Bicester	£407.19	£ 202.37	£1100	£ 170	742
Hethe	£41		£170		28

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Solemnity of the Resurrection of the Lord
 Sunday Cycle B - Weekdays - Easter Season
 Weekend beginning 31st March to 7th April 2024 Psalter Week 1

Pope's Prayer Intention for April: We pray that the dignity and immense value of women be recognised in every culture, and for the end of discrimination that they experience in different parts of the world.



MONTH OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

MARCH	TIME	INTENTIONS	FEASTS	LECTORS	E O MINISTERS	STEWARDS
SAT 30th Vigil Mass	6.30 pm	Fiona Mary Beasley (RIP)	Solemnity of the Resurrection of the Lord	H King, J Franta, M Brown, C St John, L Cleeve	O Panejko, B Santiago	M & S Doherty
SUN 31st	9.00 am @Hethe	People of the Parish		R Deane		
	9.00 am	Mary Francis (RIP)		A Mutton/M Daniel	C St John, C Drew	Brown Family
	11.00 am	Intentions of Leizel & Daniel Jimenez, Bernard Chellar (RIP)		C Tett/ Visitor	J Marshall/J Kokore	Jimenez Family
MON 1st	12 Noon	William Swanson (RIP)	Easter Monday, Solemnity	M Daniel	J Kokore	
April	4.00 pm	Reception of Helena Nowak (RIP)				
TUE 2nd	11.00 am	Requiem Mass of Helena Nowak (RIP)	Easter Tuesday, Solemnity			
WED 3rd	9.30 am	Intentions of Daniel J (Birthday)	Easter Wednesday,	L Cleeve	Sr Rose	
THU 4th	9.30 am	Hanna Przybylowicz (RIP)	Easter Thursday, Solemnity	H King	Sr Sani	
FRI 5th	10 - 11.45 am	MONTHLY COFFEE MORNING	Easter Friday, Solemnity			St JP II Centre
	12noon	Margaret Cook (RIP), Cilia Hathaway—Healing		E King	Sr Rose	
SAT 6th	4.00 pm @Hethe	People of the Parish		R Deane		
Vigil	6.30 pm	Norma Jean Baker (RIP)	Easter Saturday, Solemnity	Sr Sani/Sr Rose	A Mutton/Sister	B & K McFall
SUN 7th	9.00 am	Ladislav Cigoho (RIP)	Feast of Divine Mercy	A Jimenez/C St John	M Brown/L Jimenez	L Williams/C St John
	11.00 am	John & Brenda Dunn (RIP)	Second Sunday of Easter	A Kearsley/E Green	J & M Franta	J Marshall/vol
	2.00pm@Hethe	DIVINE MERCY DEVOTIONS				
	3.30pm@Hethe	BENEDICTION				

Sunday 7th April - Feast of the DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY
 Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament at 2pm, Chaplet at 3pm followed by Veneration and Benediction@ Hethe

This week we pray for...
SANCTUARY LIGHT: Int. Noah, Richin & Kevin
OUR LADY'S LIGHT: Int. Noah, Richin & Kevin

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SOLEMNITY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD

Entrance antiphon: **I have risen, and I am with you still, alleluia. You have laid your hand upon me, alleluia. Too wonderful for me, this knowledge, alleluia, alleluia.**

First Reading *Acts 10:34, 37 - 43*
"We have eaten and drunk with him after his resurrection."

Peter addressed Cornelius and his household: 'You must have heard about the recent happenings in Judaea; about Jesus of Nazareth and how he began in Galilee, after John had been preaching baptism. God had anointed him with the Holy Spirit and with power, and because God was with him, Jesus went about doing good and curing all who had fallen into the power of the devil. Now I, and those with me, can witness to everything he did throughout the countryside of Judaea and in Jerusalem itself: and also to the fact that they killed him by hanging him on a tree, yet three days afterwards God raised him to life and allowed him to be seen, not by the whole people but only by certain witnesses God had chosen beforehand. Now we are those witnesses – we have eaten and drunk with him after his resurrection from the dead – and he has ordered us to proclaim this to his people and to tell them that God has appointed him to judge everyone, alive or dead. It is to him that all the prophets bear this witness: that all who believe in Jesus will have their sins forgiven through his name.'

The word of the Lord
All: Thanks be to God

Responsorial Psalm: This day was made by the Lord; we rejoice and are glad. (3V)

Second Reading *Colo. 3:1-4*
"Look for the things that are in heaven, where Christ is"

Since you have been brought back to true life with Christ, you must look for the things that are in heaven, where Christ is, sitting at God's right hand. Let your thoughts be on heavenly things, not on the things that are on the earth, because you have died, and now the life you have is hidden with Christ in God. But when Christ is revealed – and he is your life – you too will be revealed in all your glory with him.

The word of the Lord
All: Thanks be to God

Gospel Acclamation Alleluia, alleluia! Christ, our Passover, has been sacrificed; let us celebrate the feast then, in the Lord. Alleluia!

Gospel *John 20 : 1-9*
"He must rise from the dead"

It was very early on the first day of the week and still dark, when Mary of Magdala came to the tomb. She saw that the stone had been moved away from the tomb and came running to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one Jesus loved. 'They have taken the Lord out of the tomb' she said 'and we don't know where they have put him.'

So Peter set out with the other disciple to go to the tomb. They ran together, but the other disciple, running faster than Peter, reached the tomb first; he bent down and saw the linen cloths lying on the ground, but did not go in. Simon Peter who was following now came up, went right into the tomb, saw the linen cloths on the ground, and also the cloth that had been over his head; this was not with the linen cloths but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple who had reached the tomb first also went in; he saw and he believed. Till this moment they had failed to understand the teaching of scripture, that he must rise from the dead.

The Gospel of the Lord

All: Praise to you , Lord Jesus Christ.

EASTER SEASON

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:** 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 Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.....
 ... (a few words)



People **Praise to you Lord Jesus 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.**

Creed - 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