

Entrance antiphon: Entrance antiphon: **O Come, let us worship God and bow low before the God who made us, for he is the Lord our God.**

First Reading *"My life is but a breath"* Job 7 : 1 - 4, 6 - 7

Job began to speak: Is not man's life on earth nothing more than pressed service, his time no better than hired drudgery? Like the slave, sighing for the shade, or the workman with no thought but his wages, months of delusion I have assigned to me, nothing for my own but nights of grief.

Lying in bed I wonder, 'When will it be day?' Risen I think, 'How slowly evening comes!' Restlessly I fret till twilight falls. Swifter than a weaver's shuttle my days have passed, and vanished, leaving no hope behind. Remember that my life is but a breath, and that my eyes will never again see joy.

The word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God

Responsorial Psalm

Praise the Lord who heals the broken-hearted. (3)

Second Reading *"I Should be punished if I did not preach the Gospel"* 1 Cori . 9 : 16 - 23

I do not boast of preaching the gospel, since it is a duty which has been laid on me; I should be punished if I did not preach it! If I had chosen this work myself, I might have been paid for it, but as I have not, it is a responsibility which has been put into my hands. Do you know what my reward is? It is this: in my preaching, to be able to offer the Good News free, and not insist on the rights which the gospel gives me. So though I am not a slave of any man I have made myself the slave of everyone so as to win as many as I could. I made myself all things to all men in order to save some at any cost; and I still do this, for the sake of the gospel, to have a share in its blessings.

The word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia! I am the light of the world, says the Lord, anyone who follows me will have the light of life . **Alleluia!**

Gospel *"He cast out devils and cured many who were suffering from disease"* Mark 1 : 29 - 39

On leaving the synagogue, Jesus went with James and John straight to the house of Simon and Andrew. Now Simon's mother-in-law had gone to bed with fever, and they told him about her straightaway. He went to her, took her by the hand and helped her up. And the fever left her and she began to wait on them. That evening, after sunset, they brought to him all who were sick and those who were possessed by devils. The whole town came crowding round the door, and he cured many who were suffering from diseases of one kind or another; he also cast out many devils, but he would not allow them to speak, because they knew who he was. In the morning, long before dawn, he got up and left the house, and went off to a lonely place and prayed there. Simon and his companions set out in search of him, and when they found him they said, 'Everybody is looking for you.' He answered, 'Let us go elsewhere, to the neighbouring country towns, so that I can preach there too, because that is why I came.' And he went all through Galilee, preaching in their synagogues and casting out devils.

The Gospel of the Lord

All : Praise to you , Lord Jesus Christ.



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5th Sunday in Ordinary time
 Sunday Cycle B - Weekdays - Year II
 Week beginning 3rd February - 11th February 2024 Psalter Week 1
 Pope's Prayer Intention for February: We pray that those with a terminal illness, & their families, receive the necessary physical and spiritual care and accompaniment.



MONTH OF THE HOLY FAMILY

JANUARY	TIME	INTENTIONS	FEASTS	LECTORS	E O MINISTERS	STEWARDS
SAT 3rd	4.00 pm @Hethe	Holy Souls		R Deane/V Burns		R Deane
	6.00 pm	John Dunn (RIP)		Sr Sani/ T Nugent	J & D Jimenez	M Marrs/ P Behan
Vigil Mass	9.00 am	People of the Parish	5th Sunday in Ordinary Time	A Kirby Hall/ P Cousins	F Ostrowski/ P Capretta	Andrade Family
SUN 4th	11.00 am	Ints of Mary Mellett		T Lane/ N Ward	J Kokore/ Volunteer	Kokore Family
MON 5th	9.30am@ Hethe	Patricia Glass (RIP)	Mem of St Agatha, V, M			
	12 noon	Sima Uy Chua (RIP)		M Daniel	J Kokore	
TUE 6th	8.00 am	Mathew Vettikkattil & Leelamma Arakkal (RIP)	Mem of St Paul Miki & Companions, M	J Kokore	Sr Sani	
WED 7th	2.00 pm	Ursuline Lay Associates Meeting				Convent
THU 8th	9.00am	Holy Souls	Feria in Ordinary Time	H King	Frankie	
FRI 9th	12 noon	James Seamus Grady (RIP)	Feria in Ordinary Time	E King	Sr Rose	
	12.30 pm	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament				
	6.00 pm	Evening Prayers and Benediction				
SAT 10th	11.00 am	Baptism - Nora Lily Flannery				
Vigil	4.00 pm @Hethe	Wellbeing of Helen McDermott		R Deane/V Burns		R Deane
Mass	6.00 pm	William (Willie) McDermott (RIP) 1st Ann		R John/H Henwood	M Doherty/Sr Rose	L Hattam
SUN 11th	9.00 am	Ladislav Cigoho (RIP)	6th Sunday in Ordinary Time	T Yarker/C Moyse	L & R Weaver	Brown Family
	11.00 am	Trevor Clancy & Andrew & Maria Mendes (RIP)		S Joseph/R Silvy	J & M Franta	Franta Family

Ash Wednesday 14th February - Mass Times: 9.30am, 12 Noon and 7.00pm - Day of Fasting and Abstinence

This week we pray for...
SANCTUARY LIGHT: So Peing Tan (RIP)
OUR LADY'S LIGHT: Frank & Alice Harland (RIP)

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Teams for	4/2	11/2	18/2	25/2	3/3
Children lit. (4)	3	none	none	4	1
Coffee 9am (10)	6	7	8	9	10
Coffee 11am (9)5	1	2	3	4	6
Flowers	Sandy	Sally	Lent	Lent	Lent

LET US PRAY FOR THE SICK AND HOUSEBOUND:
Mary Lynch, Victor Francis, K Cashman, Tim Charles, Helena Nowak & 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 - 5.45pm
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.

ASH WEDNESDAY - 14TH FEBRUARY: Ash Wednesday is the beginning of the Holy Season of Lent and is observed everywhere as a fast day. Fasting and abstinence teaches us true appreciation of penance. Mass times are as follows: 9.30 am, 12 noon and 7.00pm. On this day ashes are blessed and distributed opening the season of sorrow and mercy, and preparing us for the celebration of Easter.

WALK WITH ME BOOKLETS A Journey of Prayer for Lent 2024 Are now available along with children's Lenten calendars. Any donations towards these are gratefully received, please use wall donation boxes at the back of church, or card payment under 'donations.'

URSULINE LAY ASSOCIATES MEETING As the meeting would normally take place on the 2nd Wednesday of the month, in February this falls on the 14th which is Ash Wednesday, therefore, the meeting in February will be held on Wednesday, 7th at 2pm at the Convent.

URSULINE SISTERS: Celebrate the 375th Year of the Foundation of their Congregation (the Ursulines of Mary Immaculate of Piacenza, Italy) on 17th February 2024. To mark this occasion in more meaningful way, there will be a half day of Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament here in Church on Friday, 9th February after 12 noon Mass followed by Benediction at 6.00pm, to raise our hearts in profound gratitude to the Almighty for the numerous blessings bestowed on their congregation for the 375th years of it's services and to pray that God may continue to bless them abundantly for all the time to come. Your presence and prayers will enhance their joy.

CONFIRMATION SPOSNORS MASS Due to the retreat taking place this weekend, the Commitment Mass has been moved to Sunday, 25th February at 9am. Sorry for any inconvenience caused.

BAPTISM COURSES IN 2024 If you are planning to have your child baptised this year you will need to attend a baptism course beforehand. This year our courses will be held on Saturdays of the 13th April, 15th June and 5th October. The courses take approx. 2 hours, godparents and grandparents are welcome to come along. Please contact the parish office by email to let them know if you would like to attend. Baptisms take place on Saturdays at 11am and application forms are available online and at the back of church.

THE YEAR OF PRAYER 2024 AND THE JUBILEE YEAR 2025
In preparation for the 2025 Jubilee Year 'Pilgrims of Hope', 2024 has been designated a 'Year of Prayer' by Pope Francis. There is a particular focus on the 'Our Father', and this presents us with a great opportunity to go back to the basics of prayer. If the Gospel is a message of Joy, then it is one we should be eager to share with others, and this can be done especially by inviting people to a deeper, prayerful encounter with Jesus Christ this year. We encourage every Catholic to reflect on their life of prayer: what they pray, how they pray, and why they pray. This is for two reasons: To encourage people to go deeper in their commitment to pray, and in their love of God; To think about how they might accompany someone else to pray during the coming Year of Prayer.

PARISH ENVIRONMENTAL GROUP Encourage you to sign up to the Big Plastic Count - 11th-17th of March. help@thebigplasticcount.com

BLESSED GEORGE NAPIER SCHOOL, BANBURY Currently have a number of job vacancies, please see the church notice board for further information.

APF/RED MISSIO BOXES With grateful thanks to our parish which raised £1032.51 in 2023 towards Missio. Please continue to bring in your donations on a regular basis. A big thank you to Jim Bridle for his continued assistance in counting and banking all the change.



DURING LENT

What Is Ash Wednesday? On this first day of Lent, Christians attend liturgical activities and receive ashes on our foreheads in the form of a cross, signalling a sign of our faith and a reminder of remorse for our sins. We are told "Repent and believe in the gospel," when we receive the ashes. With these ashes, we recall our origins from the earth, as well as how our bodies shall return one day to the same form (as indicated by the dictum "Remember you are dust and to dust you shall return"). In true fashion of life coming full circle, the ashes are produced from the burning of palms of the preceding year's Palm Sunday, which comes the week before Easter Sunday and marks the welcome Jesus received from followers upon his return to Jerusalem prior to his crucifixion.

While many people traditionally eat plenty on Shrove Tuesday, Christians are called upon to fast and abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday. As outlined in the Catholic Church's Code of Canon Law: "Abstinence from meat, or from some other food as determined by the Episcopal Conference, is to be observed on all Fridays, unless a solemnity should fall on a Friday. Abstinence and fasting are to be observed on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday." Canon 1251

THE CHOSEN SEASON2 'The Chosen' will continue on Thursdays on the following dates at the St John Paul II Centre at 7pm. February 15th & 29th, March 7th, 14th & 21st.

GROW YOUR FAITH: Scriptural reflections on how one can "Grow their Faith", is on Wednesday, 28th February at 7pm in St John Paul II Centre.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS: Every Friday at 7pm during Lent.

Dates to remember in 2024

Wednesday 14th February - Ash Wednesday (beginning of Lent)
Thursdays - 15th & 29th February, 7th, 14th & 21st March - **The Chosen**.
Saturday 16th March - Confirmations in both Parishes
Saturday 16th - Sunday 17th March - Parish Visitations (Both Parishes)
Saturday 11th May - First Holy Communion (St Mary's) at 11am
Saturday 18th May - First Holy Communion (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)

FINANCIAL INFORMATION

SECOND COLLECTIONS

4th/11th February: Parish Maintenance
25th February: Lent Fast (CAFOD)

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
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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. **HETHE BICESTER**

Gift Aid it!!- you could add 25% to the value of your donation. Contact Sr Sani the Parish or speak to me. (Canon John)

Church	First Collection	Second Collection	Standing Orders	Tap & Go Donations	Mass Attendance
Bicester	£447.52	£ 194.61	£1165	£191	567
Hethe	£70		£170		26

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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