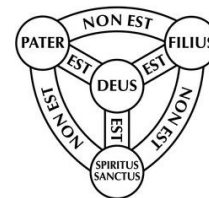




THE CATHOLIC PARISH OF ST. EDMUND CAMPION

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<u>Date:</u> Sunday 4th October 2026	<u>Sunday:</u> TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR A	<u>Weekday Cycle:</u> Year II <u>Divine Office:</u> Week 3
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Date:	Time:	Intentions:	Readers:
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
Monday 5 th Oct Feria in Ordinary Time	NO MASS		
Tuesday 6 th Oct Feria in Ordinary Time	NO MASS		
Wednesday 7 th Oct Mem of Our Lady of the Rosary	NO MASS		
Thursday 8 th Oct Feria in Ordinary Time	NO MASS		
Friday 9 th Oct Feast of St John Henry Newman, P	7.00pm	Angel Drive @ JP II Centre	
Saturday 10 th Oct Feast of Our Lady	10.00am 10.30am-11.30am 12.30pm 4:00pm HT 6:00pm	A. U. Joseph Arrackal (RIP) Confessions, Exposition & Benediction Marriage Convalidation Souls in Purgatory Ints of John & Ria Salisbury (5 th Wedding Anniv.)	Volunteer Volunteer P & K Kallay
Sunday 11 th Oct 28th in Ordinary Time	9:00am 11:00am 1:00pm	Reconciliation Commitment Mass- People of the Parish Florencio Liporada Sr. (RIP) Baptism - James Thomas Warr	L & R Weaver J Gilliland/ M Lawrence

<u>Parish Live Stream</u> 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/xmTDv4jBRjMTOM5VBVyN34wpRY1nK34jSHqcgqR 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.

Church	First Collection	CAFOD	Standing Orders	Mass Attendance
BICESTER	£727.87	£318.83	£1122	463
HETHE	£47	£29.05	£165	38


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!



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



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-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR A

Entrance Antiphon: Within your will, O Lord, all things are established, and there is none that can resist your will. For you have made all things, the heaven and the earth, and all that is held within the circle of heaven; you are the Lord of all.

First reading

Isaiah 5:1-7

‘The vineyard of the Lord of hosts is the house of Israel.’

Let me sing for my beloved my love song concerning his vineyard: My beloved had a vineyard on a very fertile hill. He dug it and cleared it of stones and planted it with choice vines; he built a watchtower in the midst of it, and hewed out a wine vat in it; and he looked for it to yield grapes, but it yielded wild grapes. And now, O inhabitants of Jerusalem and men of Judah, judge between me and my vineyard. What more was there to do for my vineyard, that I have not done in it? When I looked for it to yield grapes, why did it yield wild grapes? And now I will tell you what I will do to my vineyard. I will remove its hedge, and it shall be devoured; I will break down its wall, and it shall be trampled down. I will make it a waste; it shall not be pruned or hoed, and briars and thorns shall grow up; I will also command the clouds that they rain no rain upon it. For the vineyard of the LORD of hosts is the house of Israel, and the men of Judah are his pleasant planting; and he looked for justice, but behold, bloodshed; for righteousness, but behold, an outcry!

The word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God

Responsorial Psalm: *The vineyard of the LORD is the house of Israel.*

Second reading

Philippians 4:6-9

‘Practise these things, and the God of peace will be with you.’

Brothers and Sisters: Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is honourable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence, if there is anything worthy of praise: think about these things. What you have learned and received and heard and seen in me — practise these things, and the God of peace will be with you.

The word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God

Gospel Acclamation Alleluia, alleluia.

**I chose you out of the world, says the Lord,
that you should go and bear fruit, and that your fruit should abide.
Alleluia.**

Gospel

Matthew 21:33-43

‘He will let out the vineyard to other tenants.’

At that time: Jesus said to the chief priests and the elders of the people, ‘Hear another parable. There was a master of a house who planted a vineyard and put a fence round it and dug a wine press in it and built a tower and leased it to tenants and went into another country. When the season for fruit drew near, he sent his servants to the tenants to get his fruit. And the tenants took his servants and beat one, killed another, and stoned another. Again, he sent other servants, more than at first. And they did the same to them. Finally, he sent his son to them, saying, “They will respect my son.” But when the tenants saw the son, they said to themselves, “This is the heir. Come, let us kill him and have his inheritance.” And they took him and threw him out of the vineyard and killed him. When therefore the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?’ They said to him, ‘He will put those wretches to a miserable death and let out the vineyard to other tenants who will give him the fruits in their seasons.’ Jesus said to them, ‘Have you never read in the Scriptures: “The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone; this was the Lord’s doing, and it is marvellous in our eyes”? Therefore, I tell you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people producing its fruits.’

The Gospel of the Lord

All: Praise to you Lord, Jesus Christ

SECOND COLLECTION:

We warmly welcome Sr Asmeret who is visiting our parish this weekend to make an appeal on behalf of the Comboni Missionary Sisters. The second collection this weekend will be for the Comboni Mission.

NEWMAN NIGHT WALK:

The walk will take place on Thursday 7th October from 7.15pm from The Oratory, Oxford to Bl. Dominic Barberi church, Littlemore. Please see poster at the back of church for more information.



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 ASAP! 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!

ENVIRONMENTAL GROUP-TRANSFORM TRADE

A bill is being debated on the Business, Human Rights and Environmental Act. This requires companies to prevent harm, ensuring that all products sold in the UK are free of exploitation and abuse. Companies take responsibility for their actions, workers speak out without fear, products fairness and safety. Do you know where your clothes come from? who made them? At the back of the church you will find labels, please take a page, fill in one and give the others away. Send a message, that exploitation is not acceptable. transform-trade .org

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY 2026

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

Parish Finance Committee Meeting:
Monday 26th October at 7pm

Parish Monthly Coffee Morning:
Friday 6th November at 10am

JPII Gaming Event:
Saturday 14th November 11am – 4pm

Christmas Bazaar:
Sunday 29th November: 10am – 2pm



PARISH 100 CLUB-SEPTEMBER WINNERS:

£100 K Gore - 87, £50 Anon - 56, £25 D L Allan – 53

Please see Sr Sani for your prizes. 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. Forms 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. All Souls November envelopes now available too.

THIS WEEK THE SANCTUARY CANDLES BURN

FOR:

Sanctuary Lamp: Fred & Joyce Thornley (RIP)

Our Lady's Chapel: Carolina Lie - for recovery



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.

WORLD MISSION SUNDAY – 18TH OCTOBER

‘What is World Mission Sunday?’

World Mission Sunday is the one Sunday in the Church's year when the Mass is celebrated exclusively for missionary activity. It is one of only three Papal collections and has been especially chosen by the Holy Father to support the mission of the Church in the world. Every single Catholic parish in the world is asked to play their part through their prayers and offerings. Everyone gives what they can and those who are in greatest need of support receive the most. Every Catholic community, in every country, sends a powerful message of faith, hope and love through their prayers and donations. Red box holders: Please start bringing in your box contents, empty boxes can be found at the back of church. Thank you.



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.*

THANK YOU:

We are grateful and thank Fr Paul Martin for celebrating Masses during Fr Craig's absence.

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. Dates will be announced soon. Please speak to Fr. Craig, or contact the Parish Office, ASAP.

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 OCTOBER:

For mental health ministry: Let us pray for mental health ministry to be established throughout the Church, helping to overcome the stigma and discrimination towards people with mental illnesses.

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 OCTOBER:

3rd/4th Comboni Missionary Sisters,
10th/11th Fr Hudson, 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 card or 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: 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:	C St John & 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

DUTIES DURING THE WEEK FOR SUNDAY: 11TH OCTOBER 2026

Cleaners:	Team 5
Flowers:	Jo & Lucia

PARISH DUTIES NEXT WEEKEND: 10TH/11TH OCTOBER 2026

6pm Mass	Welcomers:	McArdle Family
	E. O. Ministers:	S & M Doherty
9.00am Mass	Welcomers:	C Cleeve
	E. O. Ministers:	C Hartley & J Li
	Children's Liturgy:	No Children's Liturgy this weekend
	Tea/Coffee:	Team 4
11.00am Mass	Welcomers:	R Elgado & Friends
	E. O. Ministers:	J & M Franta
	Children's Liturgy:	No Children's Liturgy this weekend
	Tea/Coffee:	Team 4