

Teams for :	5/1	12/1	19/1	26/1	2/2	9/2
Children lit. (3)→	none	3	4	1	3	4
Coffee 9am (11)	11	1	2	3	4	5
Coffee 11am (9)	1	2	3	4	5	6
Flowers	All	All	Sally &	Jan		

LET US PRAY FOR THE SICK AND HOUSEBOUND:
Mary Lynch, K Cashman, Jean McIntosh, Gerry Wright, Marie Oke.

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 (in the Sacristy)*
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.

SATURDAY MORNING MASS From Saturday, 11th January 2025 there will be a 10am Saturday morning mass celebrated here at the Immaculate Conception followed by Benediction. Confessions will also take place from 10.30am-11.30am every Saturday instead of 5.30pm. If any parish readers would like to read at this mass please contact the parish office.

RCIA Rite of Christian Initiation The group will now have a break for Christmas and the next session will be on Thursday, 15th January at 7.30pm at the Centre. Topic: The Creed.

PARISH FINANCE MEETING Will be held on Monday, 20th January at 7pm in the Centre.

BAPTISMS CATECHISTS We are looking for parishioners who may like to become involved as catechists for Baptisms and help run Baptism courses 3/4 times a year, full training will be given. A training session for this will be held on Monday, 27th January at 7pm for anyone who may be interested. If you are not sure but would like to find out more info come along, no commitment needed.

COFFEE MORNING The team will have a well deserved rest in January and look forward to seeing you all in February.

ST MARY'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL FAMILY IN NEED Mrs Driver (SENCO and Safeguarding Lead) at St Mary's Catholic Primary School, Bicester, is reaching out to the community for assistance on behalf of a family in need. This family is currently homeless and in temporary accommodation. They are searching for an affordable two-bedroom property to rent in Bicester, where they can establish a stable home environment. If you believe you could provide support in this matter, please get in touch with Mrs Driver directly via email at kdriver@st-marys-bicester.oxon.sch.uk or by calling the school on 01869 252035. Thank you for your kindness.

BAPTISMS 2025 If you are considering having your child baptised in the first few months of the new year, please contact the office to register onto the first Baptism Course that will be held on Saturday, 15th February from 10am-12 noon in the St John Paul II Centre. Baptisms will be held on Sundays at 1pm in the new year.

FUNDRAISING - RAFFLE TICKETS The raffle draw took place last weekend and the winners are on display at the back of church. Please collect your prizes from the centre. Thank you to all who generously donated items. £531.00 was raised for parish funds.

BICESTER FOOD BANK Please continue to bring in donations for the food bank. Place in the container at the back of the church or deliver directly to the Food Bank, The Beacon, Wesley Lane. 10am-12.

CHURCH CLEANING More help on the cleaning teams is needed. If you can spare a few hours every 6-7 weeks please contact the parish office or speak to Sr Rose.

PARISH OFFICE The Parish Office will be closed from 25th December and reopen on Wednesday, 15th January.

ST JOHN PAUL II CENTRE Reopens on Monday, January 6th.

DIRECTORIES Archdiocesan Directories 2025 are now available from the piety shop. £5 each.

PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES Every year, hundreds of pilgrims from across the Archdiocese of Birmingham join together for the Lourdes Pilgrimage. 2025 is the Year of Jubilee and Archbishop Bernard invites you to come with us on this very special occasion in the life of the Archdiocese: "It's a great experience to be together with upwards of 700 fellow pilgrims." The pilgrimage dates have been announced: **Saturday 24 - Friday 30 May 2025**, and you can now express your interest in a place or get more information by visiting www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk/lourdes.

CONTACTLESS CARD MACHINE Parishioners who use the DONA machine will see a new feature that will pop up during the transaction process. You will be asked if 'you would like to leave a message?' this gives you the option (not compulsory) to add your surname or short reference to the payment and is helpful to us in order to recognise payments—this is especially helpful if you are making a donation for a Mass to be offered.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY The Children's Liturgy teams at 9am mass are urgently looking for new volunteers. This term we are down to 3 teams out of an ideal 5 teams, meaning that we cannot run every week in term time as we would hope to do. We apologise for the weeks when we can't run, and would be delighted to hear from anyone who would be happy to get involved as we would like to have more teams running after Easter. Please contact Elspeth Morgan, our Parish Children's Liturgy Coordinator, on plc.tic.bicester@rcaob.org.uk All volunteers will need to go through a DBS check.

STARS £ 183 has been raised from the sale of stars that will go towards parish funds. Many thanks to everyone who purchased them and also to Sonya in providing the stars and to Cath for writing each one! We are grateful to Finders Keepers, Bicester and Bruern Abbey School, Chesterton for sponsoring our stunning trees this year.

100 CLUB DECEMBER WINNERS The Winners are £ 100 - Serena McArdle (98), £ 50 - Les Cleeve (7), £25 - Sean Taylor(86) and the Christmas 100 club winner is Elizabeth Green(63)- £ 100. Please Collect your Winnings from Sr Sani.



FINANCIAL INFORMATION

SECOND COLLECTIONS
5th Jan & 12th Jan : Parish Maintenance

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 intentions offerings currently by cash in offering envelopes from the back of church please.

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.

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Church	First Collection	Second Collection s	Standing Orders	Card (Dona)	Mass Attendance
Bicester	£ 490.62	£ 172.42	£1157	£	414
Hethe	£15	N/A	£185	—	20

An Induction Loop system is provided. Please switch Hearing Aid to "T"

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/SfORcspHjzNr8niFC4ls5oJQBgoc37B8YBCjKvPc> Follow the readings at Mass: <https://universalis.com/mass.htm>



The Catholic Parishes of Immaculate Conception @BICESTER



And **Holy Trinity** @Hardwick Rd, HETHE OX27 8AW

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Parish website: <https://www.immaculate-conception.org.uk>

Archdiocesan website: <https://www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk>

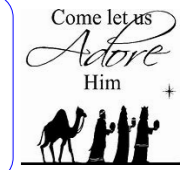
Deanery website: <https://banburyandwarwick-catholicdeanery.org.uk>

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SOLEMNITY OF THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD
Sunday Cycle C - Weekdays - Psalter Week 2
5th January - 12th January 2025

Pope's Prayer Intention for January: Let us pray for migrants, refugees and those affected by war, that their right to an education, which is necessary to build a better world, may always be respected.



	TIME	INTENTIONS	FEASTS	LECTORS	E O MINISTERS	WELCOMERS
SAT 4th	4.00pm@Hethe	People of the Parish	Christmas Feria			R Deane & S Wilde
Vigil Mass	6.00pm	Bridget McDermott (RIP)	Solemnity of the	R John/Sr Sani	D Gunaratra/Sr Rose	S & M Doherty
SUN 5th	9.00am	Ints of John O'Neill	Epiphany	A Kirby Hall/ P Cousins	L & R Weaver	C St John/volunteer
	11.00am	William Swanson (RIP)	Of the Lord	T Lane/N Ward	J & J Kokore	Jimenez Family
	4.00pm	Polish Carol Service				
MON 6th	9.30am @ Hethe	Holy Souls	Christmas Feria			
	12 noon	Ints of Jane, Guy, Sue & Dale		M Daniel		
TUE 7th	9.30am	Holy Souls	Christmas Feria	H King		
WED 8th	9.30am	Eucharistic Service	Christmas Feria			
	2pm.	Ursuline Association Prayer				
THU 9th	9.30am.	Janet & Peter Swanson (RIP)	Christmas Feria	J Kokore		
FRI 10th	12 noon	Lisa King & Maurice Purtil (RIP)	Christmas Feria	E King		
SAT 11th	10.00am	Gertrude & Cyril Hurst (RIP)	Christmas Feria	J Hurst		
	10.30am-11.30am	Confessions and Benediction				
	4.00pm@Hethe	Oliver Simpson (RIP)				R Deane & S Wilde
Vigil Mass	6.00pm	People of the Parish	Feast of the Baptism of the Lord	P Sims/Sr Rose	D Gunaratra/ O Panejko	M Marrs/P Behan
SUN 12th	9.00am	Lucia Ostrowska (RIP)		M Daniel/ L Cleeve	P Capretta/ F Ostrowski	Brown Family
	11.00am	Jean Ann Lawrence (RIP) 1st anniversary		F Nyonyoozi/ H King	J & M Franta	Timorean Community

Dear Members of the Parish—**PFMAC Celebration**— On 1 January 2025, St Mary's Catholic Primary School will convert to an academy and join the Pope Francis Multi Academy Company. By joining the Pope Francis Multi Academy Company, we will benefit from enhanced resources, support structures, and professional development for our staff. All of which will ultimately improve the educational experience for children in our care. We would like to invite you to mark this special occasion by joining us for celebration of Mass with the whole school community on **Friday 17 January at 9.15am.**

This week we pray for...

SANCTUARY LIGHT: OUR LADY'S LIGHT:

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.

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".

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 can be contacted on 0121 2306240 or safeguarding@rcaob.org.uk if you have any concerns.

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fr.craig.davies@rcaob.org.uk

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Rev Mr Nick St John: 01869 246 787
Retired Priest: Rev. Fr. Pat Armstrong

Parish Sisters: Ursuline Convent - Sr Rose Mathew - 01869 327 689
Parish Office: Wednesday & Friday 9am-4pm

Parish Secretary: Lucia Hattam 01869 253277 / tic.bicester@rcaob.org.uk

St John Paul II Centre Bookings: Sr Sani Vijayan,
Monday-Friday 10am-4pm 01869 324 307 / office@johnpaulcentre.co.uk

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Parish Health & Safety - Les Cleeve hs.tic.bicester@rcaob.org.uk

Parish Altar Servers - Deacon Michael Panejko dce.michael.panejko@rcaob.org.uk

Parish Youth - Deacon Nick St John yth.tic.bicester@rcaob.org.uk

The Epiphany of the Lord

En tran c e An t ipho n: Ar ise, Je rusa lem, and look to th e Ea st and see yo ur c hil- dren gath e red from th e r isi ng to th e sett i ng of th e sun.

First Reading 'The glory of the Lord has risen upon you.' **Isaiah 60:1-6** 14

Arise, shine, for your light has come, and the glory of the LORD has risen upon you. For behold, darkness shall cover the earth, and thick darkness the peoples; but the LORD will arise upon you, and his glory will be seen upon you. And nations shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your rising. Lift up your eyes all round, and see; they all gather together, they come to you; your sons shall come from afar, and your daughters shall be carried on the hip. Then you shall see and be radiant; your heart shall thrill and exult, because the abundance of the sea shall be turned to you, the wealth of the nations shall come to you. A multitude of camels shall cover you, the young camels of Midian and Ephah; all those from Sheba shall come. They shall bring gold and frankincense, and shall bring good news, the praises of the LORD.

The word of the Lord
All: Thanks be to God

Responsorial Psalm *All the nations on earth shall fall prostrate before you, O Lord.*

Second reading **Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6**

'It has now been revealed that the Gentiles are fellow heirs of the promise.'

Brothers and sisters: I assume that you have heard of the stewardship of God's grace that was given to me for you, how the mystery was made known to me by revelation, which was not made known to the sons of men in other generations as it has now been revealed to his holy Apostles and prophets by the Spirit. This mystery is that the Gentiles are fellow heirs, members of the same body, and partakers of the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel.

The word of the Lord.
All: Thanks be to God

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia. We saw his star when it rose and have come to worship the Lord.

Gospel **'We have come from the east to worship the king.'** **Matthew 2:1-12**

Now after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the king, behold, wise men from the east came to Jerusalem, saying, 'Where is he who has been born king of the Jews? For we saw his star when it rose and have come to worship him.' When Herod the king heard this, he was troubled, and all Jerusalem with him; and assembling all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he enquired of them where the Christ was to be born. They told him, 'In Bethlehem of Judea, for so it is written by the prophet: "And you, O Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for from you shall come a ruler who will shepherd my people Israel." ' Then Herod summoned the wise men secretly and ascertained from them what time the star had appeared. And he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, 'Go and search diligently for the child, and when you have found him, bring me word, that I too may come and worship him.' After listening to the king, they went on their way. And behold, the star that they had seen when it rose went before them until it came to rest over the place where the child was. When they saw the star, they rejoiced exceedingly with great joy. And going into the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother, and they fell down and worshipped him. Then, opening their treasures, they offered him gifts, gold and frankincense and myrrh. And being warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they departed to their own country by another way.

The Gospel of the Lord
All: Thanks be to God

HOLY 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.

After the first and second readings
Reader **The Word of the Lord**
People **Thanks be to God**
Gospel acclamation
Reader **Alleluia, 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.**

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....**

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

All: Praise be to God