

Teams for :	8/12	15/12	22/12	29/12	5/1	12/1
Children lit. (4)	1	2	none	none	none	tbc
Coffee 9am (11)	7	8	9	10	11	1
Coffee 11am (9)	6	7	8	9	1	2
Flowers	Anne	none	All	All	All	All

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

SYMPATHY Please pray for the repose of the soul of Ken Babington aged 84yrs of Bicester House who died during the week. We extend our very deepest sympathy to his family. A funeral service for Ken will be held at North Oxfordshire Crematorium on Thursday, 19th December at 1pm. *May he rest in peace.*

CHRISTMAS FLOWERS The flower ladies would be grateful of any donations of potted poinsettia plants to go towards decorating the church for Christmas. These can be purchased from Sainsburys, medium or large in red pots, £6/£8. Please leave in our Lady's Chapel from 16th December. Thank you in advance.



The Catholic Parishes of Immaculate Conception @BICESTER



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

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.

THE JUBILEE YEAR The Jubilee of Hope begins in December with Pope Francis opening the 'Holy Door' in St Peter's Basilica, offering the world's 1.3 billion Catholic the possibility of obtaining a plenary indulgence and a year of special graces. The Jubilee of Hope will end on the feast of the Epiphany in 2026. A 'Jubilee Companion' Booklet has been produced and is now available from the welcomers for donations of £1.50 a copy.

INDUCTION OF FR CRAIG Fr Craig sincerely thanks all parishioners who attended his induction Mass, with special thanks to all who ministered, altar servers, the choirs and to those who helped organise the buffet. God bless you all.

COFFEE MORNING AT HETHE A Coffee Morning will be held on Monday, 9th December at 10am All Welcome!

RCIA Rite of Christian Initiation The next session will be on Wednesday, 11th December at 7.30pm at the Centre. Topic: Profession of Faith, I Believe...

THE CHOSEN Episodes 7 & 8 from series 4 will be shown on the Thursdays of 12th and 19th December at 7pm at the Centre. All welcome.

ST MARY'S CHRISTMAS FAYRE Will be held on Friday, 13th December from 5pm- 8pm. All welcome.

BGN CAROL SERVICE A service of readings and Christmas carols sung by the BGN school choir will be held at St John's Church, Banbury on Tuesday, 17th December at 7 pm. All welcome.

COFFEE MORNING £200 was raised for parish funds on Friday. Thank you to the organisers and all who came along to support the event. The team will have a well deserved rest in January and look forward to seeing you all in February.

FUNDRAISING - RAFFLE TICKETS Please take and sell to friends and family. £1 each or £5 per book. Please return counterfoils with payments by Sunday 15th Dec. The draw will take place on Sunday 22nd December.

CHRISTMAS TREE STARS Forms to buy stars in memory of family members and friends are available at the back of church. These stars will decorate our Christmas trees. Please complete and return asap. £3 each, £5 for 2, £10 for 5. Card payments under 'STARS' option.

PIETY SHOP Christmas stock now in along with a delightful selection of hand made cards by Fr Craig's mother (fundraising for our church) Advent candles & calendars, cards, gifts, 2025 calendars & more. If anyone would like to pre order a beautiful olive wood crib, medium or large via the Friends of the Holy Land please speak to Lucia. There are only a limited number of these this year due to the conflict in Gaza.

ENVIRONMENTAL THOUGHTS OF THE WEEK Christmas Travel: how you get there? Transport is the highest contributor to Co2 emissions, cars being the highest.

BICESTER FOOD BANK—CHRISTMAS REQUEST New toys, wrapping paper, toiletries, cakes, mince pies, selection boxes. Please consider other extra food. Place in the container at the back of the church or deliver directly to the Food Bank, The Beacon, Wesley Lane. 10am-12

CHRISTMAS SACKS FOOD DONATIONS We have kindly been offered a number of food sacks for anyone who may be struggling financially at the moment. These will be delivered this Wednesday, 11th December and need to be collected by the Friday 13th. Non perishables, fruit and veg items only. Please contact the office or Fr Craig.

NOVEMBER 100 CLUB The winners are: £100 - N Ward - 4, £50 S Jacob - 30, £25 K Cashman - 40. Please collect your winnings from Sr Sani.

CHRISTMAS BAZAAR Thank you to all the stall holders, helpers, for all donations and to everyone who came along on a very wet Sunday to support this fundraiser. An amazing £1636.46 was raised for parish funds.

CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES

Penance Service Monday 16th December at 7pm

Christmas Eve

2.00 pm - Bicester

6.00 pm - Bicester

8.00 pm - Hethe

11.30 pm - Carols followed by

Midnight Mass - Bicester

Christmas Day

9 am & 11 am - Bicester

St Stephen's Day

12 noon - Bicester

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FINANCIAL INFORMATION

SECOND COLLECTIONS

8th December: Poor Parishes

15th December: 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	Standing Orders	Card (Dona)	Mass Attendance
Bicester	£425.29	£287.41	£1157	£426.00	458
Hethe	£35	N/A	£185	—	22



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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/SfORcspHjzNr8niFC4ls5oJQBgoc37B8YBCjKvPc>

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

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Sunday Cycle C - Weekdays - Advent - Psalter Week 2

8th December - 15th December 2024

Pope's Prayer Intention for December: For pilgrims of hope: we pray that this Jubilee Year strengthens our faith, helping us to recognise the Risen Christ in our daily lives, and that it may transform us into pilgrims of Christian hope.



	TIME	INTENTIONS	FEASTS	LECTORS	E O MINISTERS	WELCOMERS
SAT 7th	4.00pm@Hethe	People of the Parish				R Deane & S Wilde
Vigil Mass	6.00pm	John Latham (RIP)	Second Sunday in Advent	Sr Rose/Sr Sani	O Panejko/ B Santiago	M Marrs/ P Behan
SUN 8th	9.00am	Lucia Ostrowska (RIP)		M Brown/ C Moyse	A Hall/J Li	L & C Cleeve
	11.00am	Ints of Anne Kearsley - Special Birthday		S Joseph/R Silvy	Sr Rose/Sr Sani	Kokore Family
MON 9th	10.00 am	Ints of Fr Craig Davies	<i>Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i>	M Daniel/ A Fitzpatrick		
TUE 10th		No Mass	<i>Advent FERIA</i>			
WED 11th		No Mass	<i>Advent FERIA</i>			
THU 12th		Church in use 9am-2pm	<i>Advent FERIA</i>			
FRI 13th	12 noon	Eucharistic Service	<i>Mem of St Lucy, V M</i>	J Kokore		
SAT 14th	4.00pm@Hethe	People of the Parish				R Deane & S Wilde
Vigil Mass	6.00pm	Glenn Pagette & Family (for recovery)	Third Sunday in Advent	P & K Kallay	L & D Jiminez	L Hattam/A Mutton
SUN 15th	9.00am	Pat & Alice Beggs (RIP)		P Cousins/ S McCarthy	C St John/ C Drew	Brown family
	11.00am	Crisostomo Ramos (RIP)		C Tett/ H King	J & M Franta	R Elegado & Friends



On Monday, 9th December we shall celebrate our patronal feast of the Immaculate Conception.

The principal celebrant at 10am will be the Bishop William Kenney.

St Mary's School pupils and staff will be attending.

Please note that there will be no Mass at Hethe on Monday.

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

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Les Cleeve: sg.holytrinity.hethe@rcaob.org.uk
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Second Sunday of Advent

First Reading

'God will show your splendour.'

Baruch 5:1-9

Take off the garment of your sorrow and affliction, O Jerusalem, and put on for ever the beauty of the glory from God. Put on the robe of the righteousness from God; put on your head the crown of the glory of the Everlasting. For God will show your splendour everywhere under heaven. For your name will for ever be called by God: 'Peace of righteousness and glory of godliness'. Arise, O Jerusalem, stand upon the height and look towards the east and see your children gathered from west and east, at the word of the Holy One, rejoicing that God has remembered them. For they went forth from you on foot, led away by their enemies; but God will bring them back to you, carried in glory, as on a royal throne. For God has ordered that every high mountain and the everlasting hills be made low and the valleys filled up to make level ground, so that Israel may walk safely in the glory of God. The woods and every fragrant tree have shaded Israel at God's command. For God will lead Israel with joy in the light of his glory, with the mercy and righteousness that come from him.

The word of the Lord
All: Thanks be to God

Responsorial Psalm

What great deeds the LORD worked for us! Indeed, we were glad.

Second Reading

'Be pure and blameless for the day of Christ.'

Philippians 1:3-6, 8-11

Brothers and sisters: I thank my God in all my remembrance of you, always in every prayer of mine for you all, making my prayer with joy, because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now. And I am sure of this, that he who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ.

For God is my witness, how I yearn for you all with the affection of Christ Jesus. And it is my prayer that your love may abound more and more, with knowledge and all discernment, so that you may approve what is excellent, and so be pure and blameless for the day of Christ, filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ, to the glory and praise of God.

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

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia. Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight; all flesh shall see the salvation of God. Alleluia

Gospel

'All flesh shall see the salvation of God.'

Luke 3:1-6

In the fifteenth year of the reign of Tiberius Caesar, Pontius Pilate being governor of Judea, and Herod being tetrarch of Galilee, and his brother Philip tetrarch of the region of Ituraea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias tetrarch of Abilene, during the high priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John the son of Zechariah in the wilderness. And he went into all the region around the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. As it is written in the book of the words of Isaiah the prophet, 'The voice of one crying in the wilderness: "Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight. Every valley shall be filled, and every mountain and hill shall be made low, and the crooked shall become straight, and the rough places shall become level ways, and all flesh shall see the salvation of God."

The Gospel of the Lord
All: Thanks be to God

HOLY MASS DURING ADVENT

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.

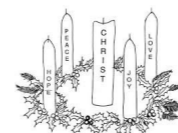
Creed - The Nicene Creed

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