

<b>Teams for :</b>	13/4	20/4	27/4	4/5	11/5	18/5
Children lit.	tbc	tbc	tbc	tbc	tbc	tbc
Coffee 9am (11)	3	4	5	6	7	8
Coffee 11am (9)	6	7	8	9	1	2
Flowers	Sr Rose	All	All	Sally & Jan	Sally & Jan	Anita

**LET US PRAY FOR THE SICK AND HOUSEBOUND:**

Mary Lynch, K Cashman, Jean McIntosh, Gerry Wright, Marie Oke, Fred Thornley, Patrick Hughes.

**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 (Sacristy)**

**URSULINE LAY ASSOCIATION:** Every 2nd Wednesday of the month @ 2pm Ursuline Convent.

**EAST TIMOR COMMUNITY PRAYER:** First Sunday of the month at 5.00pm @ Ursuline Convent

**PARISH OUTREACH GROUP:** Please contact the Office if you need some form of practical help.

**PIETY SHOP:** Open Friday, Saturday and Sunday around Masses.

**ASSISTED SUICIDE - PASTORAL LETTERS** from Bishops across England and Wales were read out at Masses over the weekend (5/6 April). The letters focused on the Terminally Ill Adults (End of Life) Bill. Catholics are asked to contact their MPs, even if they have done so already, and urge them to oppose the Bill that seeks to legalise assisted suicide. The Bill's Third Reading and vote are likely the end of April or start of May. Go to <https://righttolife.org.uk/33ab> to vote against. For the Pastoral letter go to <https://www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk>

**EASTER RAFFLE** The draw will take place this weekend after the 11am Mass. Thank you to everyone who has donated super prizes and bought tickets.

**HOLY THURSDAY-WASHING OF FEET** The liturgy commemorates the Washing of the Feet and Last Supper of Jesus Christ with the Apostles. After the homily, the priest – in imitation of and representing Christ ceremonially washes the feet of 12 others. If you would like to be one of the '12' please add your name to the list at the back of church.

**GOOD FRIDAY COLLECTION** There will be a retiring collection for Holy Places in the Holy Land after the Passion of the Lord. Card donations under 'Holy Places' please.

**PROCESSION OF WITNESS** Come and remember the events of Good Friday with ecumenical church ministers and friends from the Bicester area. The Procession of Witness will take place and start from our church at 11am and finish at the Methodist Church, Sheep St.

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS—Multi Lingual Stations** will be held at the Immaculate Conception on Good Friday at 7pm. If you would like to read a station in your native language. Please add your name to the list at the back of church and come prepared with a translation.

**HETHE:** During Lent at 9.30am Stations of the Cross will be celebrated at Holy Trinity, Hethe, on each Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. Also on Good Friday at 7pm.

**FILMS AND COFFEE MORNING** follow the Monday 9.30am Mass at Hethe on 14th April, all welcome!

**LILIES IN REMEMBRANCE** Forms to buy lilies for loved ones are available at £2.50 each. All funds raised will go towards all the flowers for Easter arrangements. Please return all completed forms to the welcomers or piety shop/office by this Sunday, April 13th.

**100 CLUB STARTS IN APRIL** We have these numbers 50, 69 & 81, left to compete our 100 for the start of the new 100 club year. The first draw will take place on April 27th after 9am mass at coffee time and we encourage all parishioners, especially new ones, to subscribe to this parish fundraiser. Thank you to the many new parishioners who have already signed up!

**100 CLUB MARCH WINNERS** £100 T Lane - 65, £50 Conlon Family - 29, £25 S Jacob - 30. Please see Sr Sani for your winnings.

**ST MARY'S PRIMARY SCHOOL** St Mary's of Bicester is looking for a new Foundation Governor. St Mary's is a flourishing school with a strong Catholic ethos and has recently joined the Pope Francis MAC. School Governors, supported by a strong central team, work together as a local governing body to deliver its core purpose to uphold the Catholic nature of the school and ensure clarity of vision and strategic direction. If you are interested in this opportunity to serve your local community and would like to know more about the role (time commitment, role description etc.) please contact Father Craig or the current Chair of Governors - Sean Taylor, [staylor@st-marys-bicester.oxon.sch.uk](mailto:staylor@st-marys-bicester.oxon.sch.uk). Opportunities also exist for other more senior roles within the Governing Body.

**TIP FROM OUR ENVIROMENTAL GROUP** Buy Easter eggs which are packaged in cardboard rather than plastic.



**JUBILEE YEAR 2025**  
**"Pilgrims of Hope"**  
 To find out more, visit: [www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk/jubilee-year](http://www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk/jubilee-year) or scan:



**Holy (Maundy) Thursday, 17th April**  
 9.00 am Morning Prayer  
 7.30 pm Mass of the Lord's Supper – Bicester followed by Watch and Pray before the Blessed Sacrament until midnight in Our Lady's Chapel.

**Good Friday, 18th April**  
 9.00 am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer  
 11.00 am Procession of Witness from Immaculate Conception  
 3.00 pm Liturgy of the Lord's Passion – Bicester & Hethe  
 7.00 pm Multi-lingual Stations of The Cross – Bicester  
 7.00 pm Stations of The Cross – Hethe

**Holy Saturday, 19th April**  
 9.00 am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer  
 4.00 pm Blessing of Food for Polish Community – Bicester  
 8.00 pm Easter Vigil - Bicester  
**NO CONFESSIONS ON SATURDAY 19TH APRIL**

**DIARY DATES:**

**Coffee Mornings** Every first Friday of the month from 10-11.45am.  
**1st Holy Communions:** Saturday 11 am, 10th May & 17th May.  
**Pentecost International Bring and Share Lunch:** Sunday 8th June after 11am Mass.

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**FINANCIAL INFORMATION**

**CANDLE MONEY** Please place money into wall collection box at the back of church near the piety shop. Alternatively pay by card 'Sanctuary lamps & votives.'

**SECOND COLLECTIONS**

13th & 27th April: Parish Maintenance  
 20th April: Traditional offerings to Parish Priest

**PARISH GIVING**

**BICESTER LINK TO DONATE:**

<https://portal.mydona.com/assets/webPay/index.php?cid=528>

**Standing Orders/Donations/Payments/100 Club**

**Bicester:** Sort Code: 51 70 15 Acc. No: 02342731

**Hethe:** Sort Code: 51 70 15 Acc. No: 02301466

**Mass intentions offerings:** By cash in offering envelopes from the back of church or option 'mass offerings' on card machine, please enter surname when prompted.

**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.

**HETHE BICESTER**



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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

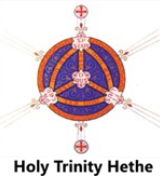
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Follow the readings at Mass: <https://universalis.com/mass.htm>



The Catholic Parishes of  
**Immaculate Conception @ BICESTER**



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

Henley House, 12 Causeway, Bicester, OX26 6AW

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

Archdiocesan: <https://www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk> Deanery: <https://banburyandwarwick-catholicdeanery.org.uk>

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**PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD**


**13th April 2025**

Month of April is dedicated to The Holy Spirit- Sunday Cycle C - Psalter Week 2

**Pope's Prayer Intention for April:** For the use of the new technologies: Let us pray that the use of the new technologies will not replace human relationships, will respect the dignity of the person and will help us face the crises of our times.



DATE	TIME	INTENTIONS	FEASTS	LECTORS	E O MINISTERS	WELCOMERS
SAT 12th	4.00pm@Hethe	People of the Parish		Volunteer		
Vigil Mass	6.00pm	Maureen Sheehan (RIP)		R John/Sr Molly	Visiting Clergy/M Kelly	B & K McFall
SUN 13th	9.00am	Sr Andrea Pozholiparambil (RIP)	<b>Palm Sunday of</b>	C Moyses/A Jiminez	M & A Brown	A Mutton/volunteer
	10.50 @ Convent 11.00am 6.00pm	Palm Procession to Church Jose Magleo & Crisostomo Ramos (RIP) Stations of the Cross	<b>The Passion of The Lord</b>	R Evans/J Hurst	J & J Kokore	Kokore Family
MON 14th		No Masses today	<i>Of Holy Week</i>			
TUE 15th	9.30am	Private Intentions	<i>Of Holy Week</i>	L Cleeve		
WED 16th	7.00 pm	Jose Magleo (RIP)	<i>Of Holy Week</i>	J Kokore		
THU 17th	9.00 am 7.30pm- 12 midnight	Morning Prayer Mass of the Lord's Supper Watch and Pray (Our Lady's Chapel)	<i>Of Holy Week</i>	H King/ J Franta	J Kokore	L & C Cleeve
FRI 18th	9.00 am 11.00am IC 3.00pm IC & Hethe 7.00pm IC 7.00pm Hethe	Office of Readings & Morning Prayer Procession of Witness <b>Liturgy of the Passion</b> Multi-Lingual Stations of the Cross Stations of the Cross	<b>Good Friday</b>	S McCarthy/R Evans Deacon Nick Deacon Michael		Kokore Family
SAT 19th	9.00am-10.00am	Office of Readings & Morning Prayer (No Confessions) Blessing of Food Ints of Jane, Guy, Susan & Dale	<b>Holy Saturday</b>	For Vigil: P & P Kallay, R & L Weaver & J Marshall	A Mutton	For Vigil: M Marrs, McArdle family & S & M Doherty
Vigil Mass	4.00pm 8.00pm					
SUN 20th	9.00am 10.00am Hethe 11.00am 1.00pm 4.00pm	Jaime Da Costa Tilman (RIP) People of the Parish William Swanson (RIP) Burmese Mass & Baptisms Baptism - Anthony Carlo Gerard Joyce	<b>Solemnity of the Resurrection of the Lord</b>	L & S Taylor J Li/A Kearsley	P Capretta/J Li Sr Rose/ Sr Sani	Brown Family Jiminez Family
MON 21st	9.30am Hethe 12 noon IC	Holy Souls In Thanksgiving—Castillo Family	<i>Easter Monday</i>	A Fitzpatrick		



Tea & coffee in the centre after the 9am and 11am masses every weekend - come along for a chat and meet your fellow parishioners.

**This week we pray for...**

**SANCTUARY LIGHT:**  
**OUR LADY'S CHAPEL:**

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.

**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](mailto:sg.tic.bicester@rcaob.org.uk) &  
**Les Cleeve:** [sg.holytrinity.hethe@rcaob.org.uk](mailto:sg.holytrinity.hethe@rcaob.org.uk)  
**Diocesan Safeguarding Team** 0121 2306240 or [safeguarding@rcaob.org.uk](mailto:safeguarding@rcaob.org.uk) if you have any concerns.

Church	First Collection	Second Collection	Standing Orders	Mass Attendance
Bicester	£724.49	£234.34	£1122	481
Hethe	£43.60	-	£185	18

**Coffee Morning raised £179. Thank you to all!**

**Parish Priest:** Father Craig Davies BA (hons) STB [fr.craig.davies@rcaob.org.uk](mailto:fr.craig.davies@rcaob.org.uk)  
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**Retired Priest:** Rev. Fr. Pat Armstrong  
**Parish Sisters:** Ursuline Convent - Sr Rose Mathew - 01869 327 689  
**Parish Office/Secretary:** Lucia Hattam Wednesday & Friday 9am-4pm 01869 253277 / [tic.bicester@rcaob.org.uk](mailto:tic.bicester@rcaob.org.uk)  
**St John Paul II Centre Bookings:** Srs Sani & Molly Monday-Friday 10am-4pm 01869 324 307 / [office@johnpaulcentre.co.uk](mailto:office@johnpaulcentre.co.uk)  
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# Palm Sunday of the Passion of The Lord

**Entrance Antiphon:** Six days before the Passover, when the Lord came into the city of Jerusalem, the children ran to meet him; in their hands they carried palm branches and with a loud voice cried out: *Hosanna in the highest! Blessed are you, who have come in your abundant mercy!* O gates, lift high your heads; grow higher, ancient doors. Let him enter, the king of glory! Who is this king of glory? He, the Lord of hosts, he is the king of glory. *Hosanna in the highest! Blessed are you, who have come in your abundant mercy!*

## First reading

Isaiah 50:4-7

The Lord GOD has given me  
the tongue of those who are taught,  
that I may know how to sustain with a word him who is weary.  
Morning by morning he awakens;  
he awakens my ear  
to hear as those who are taught.  
The Lord GOD has opened my ear,  
and I was not rebellious;  
I turned not backwards.  
I gave my back to those who strike,  
and my cheeks to those who pull out the beard;  
I hid not my face from disgrace and spitting.  
But the Lord GOD helps me;  
therefore I have not been disgraced;  
therefore I have set my face like a flint,  
and I know that I shall not be put to shame.  
The word of the Lord  
**All: Thanks be to God**

**Responsorial Psalm** *My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?*

## Second reading

Philippians 2:6-11

Christ Jesus, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.  
The word of the Lord  
**All: Thanks be to God**

## Gospel Acclamation

Praise to you, O Christ, King of eternal glory.  
Christ became for us obedient to the point of death,  
even death on a cross.  
Therefore God has highly exalted him  
and bestowed on him the name that is above every name.  
Praise to you, O Christ, King of eternal glory.

**Please refer to small booklet for The Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke 22:14-23:56**

## 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** Glory and praise to you, O Christ ... (a few words)

**People** Glory and praise to you , O 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.**

## Homily

### 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, (*all bow*) 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

**All: Thanks be to God.**