

Teams for :	27/4	4/5	11/5	18/5	25/5	1/6	8/6
Children lit.	3	none	4	1	none	none	3
Coffee 9am (11)	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
Coffee 11am (9)	8	9	1	2	3	4	5
Flowers	All	Sally & Jan	Sally & Jan	Anita	Anita	K & A	K & A

**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.

**CONGRATULATIONS** Congratulations to Chris West who was received into the Catholic Church and to Celia Decoudu who was confirmed at the Easter Vigil mass last weekend. Many thanks to the RCIA catechists who have guided them on the journey to become full members of the Catholic Church.

**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>

**100 CLUB** The first draw will take place this weekend, after 9am mass at coffee time. Thank you to all who have signed up and good luck in the draws! Prizes to be collected from Sr Sani.

**EASTER RAFFLE** Please see list of winners on the church notice board. £740 was raised for parish funds. Please collect prizes from the JP11 hall.

**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.

**PENTECOST INTERNATIONAL BRING AND SHARE LUNCH** Sunday 8th June after 11am Mass. All are invited to join together as an international community in the JP2 centre for a Bring and Share lunch to celebrate Pentecost. Wherever you originate from we would love you to bring along some traditional food to a collective meal celebrating our cultures and traditions. This is a lovely way to meet new people with our parish community that you may see but never chat with. Let us bring our community closer to each other. For more information contact Jan Hartley 07718006645 or Claire St John 01869246787. Please see Diary Dates section for more events planned. More details on these in due course.

**JOB OPPORTUNITY** Blessed George Napier School requires an English Teacher from Sept 2025. Go to <https://mynewterm.com/school/Blessed-George-Napier-Catholic-School-and-Sixth-Form/141146> for more details.

**MISSIO RED BOX 2024 In 2024** Our parish raised £573 through the Red Boxes, including individuals giving directly to Missio and the Mill Hill Missionaries. Thank you! We are part of a world wide network of people supporting missionaries overseas through prayer and financial assistance. Your support enables people to come together to celebrate the Eucharist and to work together to improve the lives of the whole community.

**LIVE SIMPLY** The Parish Environmental Group invite members of our church to join with us litter picking with St Mary's children at 10am on Monday, May 19<sup>th</sup> around the school grounds. Please contact Janet Marshall on 07934940710 if you can join in.

**JOIN OUR WHATS APP COMMUNITY CATHOLIC BICESTER GROUP FOR TO KEEP IN TOUCH WITH PARISH INFORMATION & NEWS. SCAN THE QR CODE AND FOLLOW INSTRUCTIONS**



**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:

**HIS HOLINESS POPE FRANCIS**

It was with great sadness that we learnt of the death of the Holy Father Pope Francis on Easter Monday, 21st April. His entire life was dedicated to the service of the Lord and of His Church. He taught us to live the values of the Gospel with fidelity, courage, and universal love, especially in favour of the poorest and most marginalized.

**Prayer for Francis**

O God, faithful rewarder of souls, grant that your departed servant Pope Francis, whom you made successor of Peter and shepherd of your Church, may happily enjoy for ever in your presence in heaven the mysteries of your grace and compassion, which he faithfully ministered on earth. rough our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever.

Amen.

Eternal rest, grant unto him O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him. May Pope Francis, beloved of so many, **rest in peace.**

**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.  
**Family Picnic** with Presentation of Sacramental Certificates at St Mary's - Sunday July 6th.  
**Beetle Drive with Fish 'n Chip Dinner:** Family fun Saturday 20th September after 6pm Mass.

**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**  
 27th April/ 4th /18th /25th May: Parish Maintenance  
 11th May: Clergy Training Fund

**PARISH GIVING**

**BICESTER LINK TO DONATE:**  
<https://portal.myдона.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**

**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/>  
[SFORcspHizNr8niFC4Is5oJQBgoc37B8YBCjKvPc](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCF4Is5oJQBgoc37B8YBCjKvPc)  
 Follow the readings at Mass: <https://universalis.com/mass.htm>  
 A CCTV System operates 24 hours a day. This is in place for the safety of people, protection of property and crime prevention.

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# Immaculate Conception @BICESTER

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

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**SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER—DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY**  
 27th 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 26th	10.00am–11.30am	Fiona Mary Beasley & Eithne McDonagh (RIP) Exposition & Benediction (No Confessions)	Easter Saturday	J Kokore		
Vigil Mass	4.00pm Hethe 6.00pm	MaryAnn Rudolph (RIP) People of the Parish		R John/K Kallay	D Gunaratra/ Sr Sani	L Hattam/A Mutton
SUN 27th	9.00am 11.00am 1.00pm 3.00pm	Crisostomo Ramos (RIP) Luck & Wellbeing for Our Family Baptism—Oscar Michael John Emblow Divine Mercy Devotions	Second Sunday of Easter & Divine Mercy Sunday	M Daniel/L Cleeve T Lane/N Ward	P Capretta/J Li J & M Franta	C St John/Sr Molly Timorean Community
MON 28th	9.30am Hethe 12 noon	No Masses	Solemnity of St George, M			
TUE 29th	9.30am	No Mass	Feast of St Catherine of Siena, V, Dr,			
WED 30th	9.30am	No Mass	Easter Feria			
MAY THU 1st	9.30am	No Mass	Easter Feria			
FRI 2nd	10am-12 noon	Coffee Morning - No Mass	Mem of St Athanasius, B, Dr			
SAT 3rd	10.00am 11.00am 4.00pm Hethe 6.00pm	Anita Magleo(RIP) Nuptial Mass - Inacio Lopas & Erfina Da Silva People of the Parish Ints Of Agapito Da Costa Dias (Belated b'day)	Feast of Ss Philip & James, A	J Kokore		
Vigil Mass				P Sims/K Kallay	S & M Doherty	L & B Hattam
SUN 5th	9.00am 11.00am 1.00pm	Holy Souls Luza Sundaria (RIP) Baptism—Mia Harper Scarlett Gavrila	Third Sunday of Easter	L & R Weaver S Joseph/R Silvy	A Mutton/A Hall J & J Kokore	L & C Cleeve Jiminez Family

**The CAFOD Lenten Lunch raised £152 towards the earthquake appeal. Thank you to all!**

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

Church	First Collection	Second Collection	Standing Orders	Mass Attendance
Bicester	£N/A	£N/A	£1122	909
Hethe	£N/A	-	£185	

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

**SANCTUARY LIGHT: Repose of the Soul of Pope Francis**  
**OUR LADY'S CHAPEL: The Election of a new Pope**

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 are 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.

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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)  
**Gift Aid - Sr Sani Vijayan** [ga.tic.bicester@rcaob.org.uk](mailto:ga.tic.bicester@rcaob.org.uk)  
**Parish Sacramental Programme - Clare St John** [psc.tic.bicester@rcaob.org.uk](mailto:psc.tic.bicester@rcaob.org.uk)  
 Go to contacts page on website for parish group contacts .

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# Second Sunday in Easter

Entrance Antiphon: Like newborn infants, you must long for the pure, spiritual milk, that in him you may grow to salvation, alleluia.

## First reading

Acts 5:12-16

More than ever believers were added to the Lord, multitudes of both men and women.

Many signs and wonders were regularly done among the people by the hands of the Apostles. And they were all together in the Solomon's Portico. None of the rest dared join them, but the people held them in high esteem. And more than ever believers were added to the Lord, multitudes of both men and women, so that they even carried out the sick into the streets and laid them on cots and mats, that as Peter came by at least his shadow might fall on some of them. The people also gathered from the towns round Jerusalem, bringing the sick and those afflicted with unclean spirits, and they were all healed.

The word of the Lord  
All: Thanks be to God

## Responsorial Psalm

Give praise to the LORD for he is good, his mercy endures for ever.  
or: Alleluia.

## Second reading

Revelation 1:9-11a, 12-13, 17-19

'I died, and behold I am alive for evermore.'

I, John, your brother and partner in the tribulation and the kingdom and the patient endurance that are in Jesus, was on the island called Patmos on account of the word of God and the testimony of Jesus. I was in the Spirit on the Lord's day, and I heard behind me a loud voice like a trumpet saying, 'Write what you see in a book and send it to the seven churches.'

Then I turned to see the voice that was speaking to me, and on turning I saw seven golden lampstands, and in the midst of the lampstands one like a son of man, clothed with a long robe and with a golden sash round his chest. When I saw him, I fell at his feet as though dead. But he laid his right hand on me, saying, 'Fear not, I am the first and the last, and the living one. I died, and behold I am alive for evermore, and I have the keys of Death and Hades. Write therefore the things that you have seen, those that are and those that are to take place after this.'

The word of the Lord  
All: Thanks be to God

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia. You believed, Thomas, because you have seen me, says the Lord.  
Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed. Alleluia.

## Gospel

John 20:19-31

Eight days later, Jesus came.

On the evening of that day, the first day of the week, the doors being locked where the disciples were for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said to them, 'Peace be with you.' When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, 'Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, even so I am sending you.' And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, 'Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you withhold forgiveness from any, it is withheld.'

Now Thomas, one of the Twelve, called the Twin, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, 'We have seen the Lord'. But he said to them, 'Unless I see in his hands the mark of the nails, and place my finger into the mark of the nails, and place my hand into his side, I will never believe.'

Eight days later, his disciples were inside again, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.' Then he said to Thomas, 'Put your finger here, and see my hands; and put out your hand, and place it in my side. Do not disbelieve, but believe.' Thomas answered him, 'My Lord and my God!' Jesus said to him, 'Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed.'

Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book; but these are written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.

The Gospel of the Lord.  
All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

## EASTER SEASON

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/Choir: 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: 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.

## 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 or Lord, graciously hear us.

## 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 forth the Mass is ended.

All: Thanks be to God.