

Teams for :	6/4	13/4	20/4	27/4	4/5	11/5	18/5
Children lit.	tbc	tbc	tbc	tbc	tbc	tbc	tbc
Coffee 9am (11)	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Coffee 11am (9)	5	6	7	8	9	1	2
Flowers	none	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.

A PASTORAL LETTER for the Fifth Sunday of Lent (5/6 April 2025) will be read at all masses and is available on the websites. An audio recording is also available on the Archdiocesan website.

LENTEN PENANCE SERVICE: Will be held this coming Monday, 7th April at 7pm. Please make every effort to come to the penance service where a number of priests will be available to hear confessions.

RCIA Next session: Wednesday, 9th April at 7.30pm in the Centre. Topic: The Paschal Triduum. All welcome—Catholics and non Catholics.

URSULINE LAY ASSOCIATES. The Associates Annual Retreat will be held on Thursday, 10th April from 10.30am-3pm in the Convent. 4-6 Kings End. All Welcome.

PALM SUNDAY 13TH April We will gather just outside the Ursuline Convent for a 10.50am start to process down the Causeway to church. The road will hopefully be clear of road works by then.

OXFORD LEG PILGRIM CROSS The Pilgrim Cross Team will join us for the Vigil Mass on Saturday, 11th April. Any donations towards their Sunday breakfast can be left at the back of church for them. Thank you.

EASTER OFFERINGS Envelopes are attached with the bulletin for our traditional Easter offerings to our Parish Priest. Offerings can also be made by card under 'Easter Offerings' option.

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 The Procession of Witness will take place from our church this year on Good Friday at 11am. If you are able to steward the procession that will go via Market Square, along Sheep St and finish at the Methodist Church, please contact Deacon Nick.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS Every Friday at 7pm and Sunday at 6pm during Lent here at the Immaculate Conception. **Multi Lingual** stations will be held on Good Friday. 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 follow the Monday 9.30am Mass at Hethe.

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 Sunday, April 13th.

100 CLUB STARTS IN APRIL We have these numbers 49, 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.

EASTER RAFFLE Raffle tickets are still available. £1 each or £10 a book. The draw will take place on Palm Sunday after the 11am Mass. Please return all counterfoils with correct amount by Friday, 11th April. Thank you to everyone who has donated super prizes.

TIPS FROM OUR ENVIRONMENTAL GROUP Plastic free toiletries & cleaning items. Bicester Green stock a wide range of plastic free dishcloths, sponges and scourers. Invest in a reusable deodorant which can be refilled over and over again. Use bamboo cotton buds and biodegradable dental floss.



JUBILEE YEAR 2025
"Pilgrims of Hope"
To find out more, visit: 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

DIARY DATES:

Coffee Mornings Every first Friday of the month from 10-11.45am.

Easter Raffle Draw: Palm Sunday, 13th April after 11am Mass.

1st Holy Communions: Saturday 11 am, 10th May & 17th May.

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



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

6th & 13th April: Parish Maintenance

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. details to ga.tic.bicester@rcaob.org.uk

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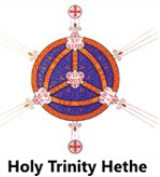


This church live streams Mass and other events. Parish YouTube 'Bicester Catholic Church' Channel Go to the website or follow this link <https://camstreamer.com/redirect/SFORcspHizNr8niFC4s5oJQBgoc37B8YBCjKvPC>



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

The Catholic Parishes of
Immaculate Conception @BICESTER



Holy Trinity Hethe

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

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

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Fifth Sunday in Lent
6th April 2025


Month of April is dedicated to The Holy Spirit- Sunday Cycle C - Psalter Week 1

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 5th	4.00pm@Hethe	People of the Parish		Volunteer		
Vigil Mass	6.00pm	Catenian Mass for Vocations		B & K McFall	L & D Jiminez	M & S Doherty
SUN 6th	9.00am	Private Intentions	Fifth Sunday in Lent	M Brown/E Penhallow	C Drew/C St John	A Mutton/C St John
	11.00am 6.00pm	In Birthday Thanksgiving (Dan) Stations of the Cross		C Tett/ F Nyonyoozi	J & M Franta	R Elgado & Friends
MON 7th	9.30am @ Hethe 12 noon 7.00 pm	Holy Souls Krysia Gazur (RIP) Lenten Penance Service	Lent Feria	M Daniel		
TUE 8th	9.30am	Deceased Cawley Family Members (RIP)	Lent Feria	L Cleeve		
WED 9th	9.30am	Eucharistic Service	Lent Feria	Deacon Nick		
THU 10th	9.30am 10.00am-3.00pm	In Thanksgiving - Swanson family Ursuline Association Retreat Day	Lent Feria	J Kokore Ursuline Convent		
FRI 11th	12 noon 7.00pm	Ints of Mary Lynch's Family followed by Lenten Lunch Stations of the Cross	Lent Feria	E King Deacon Nick		
SAT 12th	10.00am 10.30-11.30am 12 noon	Rita De Sousa (RIP) Holy Hour for Vocations/Confessions Interment of Ashes - Ken Babington (RIP)	Lent Feria	Volunteer		
	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)	Palm Sunday of	C Moysse/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	The Passion of The Lord	R Evans/J Hurst	J & J Kokore	Kokore Family

LENTEN LUNCH Friday, 11th April there will be a simple Lent Lunch of soup after 12 noon mass in the JPIT Centre. All welcome!



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	£609.60	£301.01	£1122	435
Hethe	£45	-	£185	26

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Rev Mr Nick St John: 01869 246 787 /**Parish Youth:** yth.tic.bicester@rcaob.org.uk
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
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Go to contacts page on website for parish group contacts .

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Fifth Sunday in Lent - 9am Mass readings from Year A

Entrance Antiphon: Give me justice, O God, and plead my cause against a nation that is faithless. From the deceitful and cunning rescue me, for you, O God, are my strength.

First reading

Isaiah 43:16-21

Thus says the LORD, who makes a way in the sea, a path in the mighty waters, who brings forth chariot and horse, army and warrior; they lie down, they cannot rise, they are extinguished, quenched like a wick: 'Remember not the former things, nor consider the things of old. Behold, I am doing a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it? I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert. The wild beasts will honour me, the jackals and the ostriches, for I give water in the wilderness, rivers in the desert, to give drink to my chosen people, the people whom I formed for myself that they might declare my praise.'

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

Second reading

Philippians 3:8-14

Brothers and Sisters: I count everything as loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things and count them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but that which comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God that depends on faith — that I may know him and the power of his resurrection, and may share his sufferings, becoming like him in his death, that by any means possible I may attain the resurrection from the dead.

Not that I have already obtained this or am already perfect, but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. Brothers and sisters, I do not consider that I have made it my own. But one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on towards the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.

The word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God

Gospel Acclamation Glory to you, O Christ, Son of the living God. Even now, says the Lord, return to me with all your heart, for I am gracious and merciful. Glory to you, O Christ, Son of the living God.

Gospel

John 8:1-11

At that time: Jesus went to the Mount of Olives. Early in the morning he came again to the temple. All the people came to him, and he sat down and taught them. The scribes and the Pharisees brought a woman who had been caught in adultery, and placing her in the midst they said to him, 'Teacher, this woman has been caught in the act of adultery. Now in the Law, Moses commanded us to stone such women. So what do you say?' This they said to test him, that they might have some charge to bring against him. Jesus bent down and wrote with his finger on the ground. And as they continued to ask him, he stood up and said to them, 'Let him who is without sin among you be the first to throw a stone at her.' And once more he bent down and wrote on the ground. But when they heard it, they went away one by one, beginning with the older ones, and Jesus was left alone with the woman standing before him. Jesus stood up and said to her, 'Woman, where are they? Has no one condemned you?' She said, 'No one, Lord.' And Jesus said, 'Neither do I condemn you; go, and from now on sin no more.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

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.

