

Teams for :	2/8	10/8	17/8	24/8	31/8	7/9	14/9
Children lit.	none	none	none	none	none	tbc	tbc
Coffee 9am (11)	9	10	11	1	2	3	4
Coffee 11am (9)	4	5	6	7	8	9	1
Flowers	Portia	Sr Rose	Sr Rose	Anita	Anita		

LET US PRAY FOR THE SICK AND HOUSEBOUND. We include those in hospitals, nursing homes and their own homes. Mary Lynch, K Cashman, Jean McIntosh, Gerry Wright, Fred Thornley.

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. Various locations.
PARISH OUTREACH GROUP: Contact the Office if you need some form of practical help.
PIETY SHOP: Open Friday, Saturday and Sunday around Masses.

SYMPATHY Please pray for the repose of the soul of Bernadette James who died recently. A Requiem Mass will be celebrated for Bernadette on Monday, 4th August at 12 noon followed by cremation at North Oxford Crematorium. May she rest in peace.

BAPTISMS Our next Baptism course will be held on Saturday, 20th September at 10am, (please note change of date). Please contact the parish office to register if you intend to arrange a baptism for your child/ren in the coming months. Baptism application forms are available at the back of church.

MARRIAGES Please pray for all couples preparing to marry in the coming weeks. We pray that God will bless your marriage and guide you in your new journey together. May the One who brought you together bless your marriage, enrich your lives and deepen your love throughout the years. Congratulations!

JULY 100 CLUB WINNERS £100 c McArdle – 88, £50 J Nelson – 8, £25 E King – 70. If you would like to subscribe to the 100 Club fundraiser please contact the office, there are a few numbers still available.

REFUGEE SUPPORT GROUP: URGENT NEEDS A laptop to help with job applications and English language improvement. Also, a large dry storage space, garage or similar, to help the Afghan families being forced to move out of their accommodation as the three year period for 'resettlement' is up. These families are facing enormous disruption to their lives and need somewhere to store their goods whilst being rehoused in temporary accommodation, otherwise they will lose everything again. Please contact the parish office if you can help.

TESCO BLUE TOKENS St Mary's School are taking part in the Tesco Stronger Starts programme to help fund a new sensory room and they would be grateful if parishioners could support them by simply popping a blue token in the box for **ST MARY'S** next time you shop at Tesco.

SPONSORING SANCTUARY LAMPS These lamps burn perpetually on the sanctuary (Blessed Sacrament) and in the Lady Chapel. Would you like one of these to burn in memory of a loved one, or for a particular intention? (Please note: one person/couple/intention per candle) If so, we are asking for a donation of £10 per week, which will go towards the costs of running the sacristy: candles, hosts, wine and other necessities for the celebration of Mass. Please hand completed slip to the Parish Clergy, Sisters or office. The intentions will be placed in order as they are received and published in the weekly bulletin. Payments by card option: Sanctuary Lamps.

MASS OFFERINGS /CARD MACHINE Please note that if you are paying on the card machine for a Mass Offering then it is essential that you add the name for whom mass will be said, or your name, when the machine prompts you to add a message, this is **as well as** completing a Mass Offering envelope which needs to be handed to the Clergy/Welcomers or office. Thank you.

OUR WHATS APP FAMILY IS GROWING.

JOIN US ON THE WHATS APP COMMUNITY CATHOLIC BICESTER GROUP FOR TO KEEP IN TOUCH WITH PARISH INFORMATION & NEWS. THERE ARE ALSO SEPARATE GROUPS FOR CHURCH GROUPS CREATED WITHIN THE APP. SCAN THE QR CODE AND FOLLOW INSTRUCTIONS.

NEW GROUPS JUST ADDED FOR RECONCILIATION /1ST HOLY COMMUNION & CONFIRMATION SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMME 2025-26.



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

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION 2025-2026 ENROLMENT SESSION

The Enrolment Session for children wishing to receive the Sacraments of Reconciliation, 1st Holy Communion and Confirmation will be held on **Monday, 22nd September 2025** in the St John Paul II Centre. Please bring along a copy of your child's baptism certificate if your child does not attend St Mary's School to the Enrolment session. Please do not send any details to the parish office. Sacramental Coordinator is Clare St John: psc.tic.bicester@rcaob.org.uk Join our Reconciliation/1stHC and Confirmation Groups on our Catholic Bicester What's App Group for up to date news.

RCIA Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults Are you a non-Catholic who has been accompanying your family to church and feel drawn to join this community of faith? Or perhaps you are a Baptised Catholic but not received the Sacrament of Confirmation? This course is for anyone who wishes to explore the faith as adults with a view to becoming a Baptised and Confirmed member of the Catholic church next Easter. The course will run from Oct/Nov 2025 – April 2026. Please email your interest to the parish office.

MARCH FOR LIFE UK LONDON SATURDAY 6TH SEPTEMBER 2025 For more information go to MARCHFORLIFE.CO.UK

DIARY DATES:

Coffee Mornings Every first Friday of the month from 10-11.45am.
Beetle Drive with Fish 'n Chip Dinner: Family fun Saturday 20th September after 6pm Mass. Details on this event coming out soon!



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

3rd/17th/24th/31st August: Parish Maintenance
 10th August: Missionaries of St Paul Appeal

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. For details email: ga.tic.bicester@rcaob.org.uk

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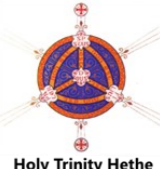
This church live streams Mass and other events. Parish YouTube 'Bicester Catholic Church' Channel Go to the website or follow this link

<https://camstreamer.com/redirect/SfORcspHjzNr8niFC4Is5oJQBgoc37B8YBCjKvPc>

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.



The Catholic Parishes of Immaculate Conception @ BICESTER



Holy Trinity Hethe

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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Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

3rd August 2025

Month of August is dedicated to The Immaculate Heart of Mary - Sunday Cycle C - Psalter Week 2

Holy Father's Prayer Intention: Let us pray that we learn how to discern, how to choose the right paths in life, and how to reject everything that leads us away from Christ and the Gospel.



DATE	TIME	INTENTIONS	FEASTS	LECTORS	E O MINISTERS	WELCOMERS
SAT 2nd Vigil Mass	4.00pm Hethe 6.00pm	People of the Parish Kitty Hornby (RIP)	Memorial of Our Lady	B & K McFall	O Panejko	P Behan
SUN 3rd	9.00am 11.00am 1.00pm	Mike Gosling (RIP) Daniel & Lizeal Jimenez - Wedding Anniversary Baptism—Matteo Ricci Martins	Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time	S McCarthy H King	R & L Weaver J & J Kokore	L & C Cleeve Timorean Community
MON 4th	9.30 @ Hethe 12 noon	Jane Bone Requiem Mass—Bernadette James (RIP)	Mem of St John Mary Vianney, P	A Fitzpatrick		
TUE 5th	9.30am	Herbert & Andrew Jeanne (RIP)	Mem of the Dedication of the Basilica of St Mary Major	L Cleeve		
WED 6th	9.30am	No Mass	Feast of the Transfiguration of the Lord			
THU 7th	9.30am	Roy Abbott (RIP) - Birthday in Heaven	Feria in Ordinary time	J Kokore		
FRI 8th	12 noon 1.30pm	Patrick Hughes (RIP) Interment of ashes of the late Bernadette James (Upper Heyford Cemetery)	Mem of St Dominic, P	E King		
SAT 9th Vigil Mass	10.00am 10.30am-11.30am 4.00pm Hethe 6.00pm	In Thanksgiving to all Staff at the JR hospital Exposition, Benediction & Confessions Jill & Breff Kelly - Wedding Anniversary Agnieszka Nowak (RIP)	Feast of St Teresa Benedicta of the Cross, V M, Patron of Europe	Volunteer H Gerrow	B Santiago	S & M Doherty
SUN 10th	9.00am 11.00am 1.00pm	People of the Parish Ints of Matt & Bekah - Wedding Congratulations Baptism—Alexander Janusz Sinicki	Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time	C Moyses F Nyonyoozi	A Hall/ A Mutton J Marshall/ Sr Sani	C St John/volunteer Franta Family

Recommissioning of Extraordinary Ministers- for ministers yet to be recommissioned will take place next weekend on Saturday, 9th August at 6pm Mass.

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

This week we pray for...

SANCTUARY LIGHT: Eileen Parker (RIP)
OUR LADY'S CHAPEL: Sruthi, Nithin & Noah

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 &
Les Cleeve: sg.holytrinity.hethe@rcaob.org.uk
Diocesan Safeguarding Team 0121 2306240 or safeguarding@rcaob.org.uk if you have any concerns.

Church	First Collection	Second Collection	Standing Orders	Mass Attendance
Bicester	£835.15	£172.89	£1122	507
Hethe	£61		£185	37

Parish Priest: Father Craig Davies BA (hons) STB fr.craig.davies@rcaob.org.uk
Parish Deacons:

Rev Mr Michael Panejko MA 01869 246 459
Altar Servers: dce.michael.panejko@rcaob.org.uk
 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
St John Paul II Centre Bookings: Srs Sani & Molly Monday-Friday 10am-4pm
 01869 324 307 / office@johnpaulcentre.co.uk

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

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".

EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Entrance Antiphon: O God, come to my assistance; O Lord, make haste to help me! You are my rescuer, my help; O Lord, do not delay.

First reading

Ecclesiastes 1:2; 2:21-23

‘What has a man from all his toil?’

Vanity of vanities, says the Preacher, vanity of vanities! All is vanity.

Sometimes a person who has toiled with wisdom and knowledge and skill must leave everything to be enjoyed by someone who did not toil for it. This also is vanity and a great evil. What has a man from all the toil and striving of heart with which he toils beneath the sun? For all his days are full of sorrow, and his work is a vexation. Even in the night his heart does not rest. This also is vanity.

The word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God

Responsorial Psalm *O Lord, you have been our refuge, from generation to generation.*

Second reading

Colossians 3:1-5, 9-11

‘Seek the things that are above, where Christ is.’

Brothers and Sisters: If you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth. For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ who is your life appears, then you also will appear with him in glory. Put to death, therefore, what is earthly in you: sexual immorality, impurity, passion, evil desire, and covetousness, which is idolatry. Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have put off the old self with its practices and have put on the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge after the image of its creator. Here there is not Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave, free; but Christ is all, and in all.

The word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God

Gospel Acclamation Alleluia, alleluia.

Blessed are the poor in spirit,
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
Alleluia.

Gospel

Luke 12:13-21

‘The things you have prepared, whose will they be?’

At that time: Someone in the crowd said to Jesus, ‘Teacher, tell my brother to divide the inheritance with me.’ But he said to him, ‘Man, who made me a judge or arbitrator over you?’ And he said to them, ‘Take care, and be on your guard against all covetousness, for one’s life does not consist in the abundance of one’s possessions.’ And he told them a parable, saying, ‘The land of a rich man produced plentifully, and he thought to himself, “What shall I do, for I have nowhere to store my crops?” And he said, “I will do this: I will tear down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. And I will say to my soul, ‘Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry.’ ” But God said to him, “Fool! This night your soul is required of you, and the things you have prepared, whose will they be?” So is the one who lays up treasure for himself, and is not rich towards God.’

The Gospel of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God.

ORDER OF 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.

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.**