

Teams for :	30/3	6/4	13/4	20/4	27/4	4/5
Children lit.	1	tbc	tbc	tbc	tbc	tbc
Coffee 9am (11)	1	2	3	4	5	6
Coffee 11am (9)	4	5	6	7	8	9
Flowers	none	none	Sr Rose	All	All	Sally & Jan

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.

JERUSALEM JOY Pupils and staff of St Mary's School would like to invite parishioners to their production of 'Jerusalem Joy' which will take place on Thursday, 3rd April at 9.05am in the school hall.

LENTEN MASSES The last Lenten Mass will be held in St Mary's School on Friday, 4th April at 8am in the school hall with refreshments afterwards. All parishioners are warmly invited to come along.

LENTEN PENANCE SERVICE: 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.

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 would like to invite you to join them on their Easter: pilgrimage oxfordleg@gmail.com to register or for more information. The group will join us for the Vigil Mass on Saturday, 11th April.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS Will take place 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.

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.

RCIA Next session: Wednesday, 2nd April at 7.30pm in the Centre. Topic: Christian Prayer. All welcome—Catholics and non Catholics.

100 CLUB STARTS IN APRIL We have these numbers 45, 49, 50, 69, 74 & 81, left to compete our 100 for the start of the new 100 club year from April 1st 2025. There are monthly prizes of £100, £50 & £25 and a Christmas bonus draw of £100. The draws take place on the last Sunday of the month after 9am mass at coffee time and we encourage all parishioners, especially new ones, to subscribe to this parish fundraiser. It costs £60 per year or £5 monthly by direct debit payments, with ref: surname/100 club. Forms are available at the back of church, please complete and return to the office or piety shop. Thank you to the many new parishioners who have already signed up!

PIETY SHOP Easter & Holy Communion cards and gifts now on sale.

FILMS AND COFFEE follow the Monday 9.30am Mass at Hethe.

EASTER RAFFLE Raffle tickets are now 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.

BULLINGDON PRISON Official Prisoner Visitors are volunteers who visit individual prisoners. If anyone is interested in receiving more information about becoming an Official Prison Visitor, please contact the Managing Chaplain, HMP Bullingdon, Patrick Haugh Road, Arncott, OX25 1PZ or email james.brannan@justice.gov.uk

CAFOD BIG LENT WALK UPDATE Anna has now walked more than half the total distance of the walk and would like to thank the sponsors; their pledges and donations that inspire her when the going gets tough.



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.

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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

30th March, 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



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



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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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Fourth Sunday of Lent
30th March 2025


Month of March is dedicated to St Joseph - Sunday Cycle C - Psalter Week 4

Pope's Prayer Intention for March: For families in crisis. Let us pray that broken families might discover the cure for their wounds through forgiveness, rediscovering each other's gifts, even in their differences.



DATE	TIME	INTENTIONS	FEASTS	LECTORS	E O MINISTERS	WELCOMERS
SAT 29th	4.00pm@Hethe	Holy Souls		Volunteer		
Vigil Mass	6.00pm	Bill & Kitty Hornby, Angela Nelson (RIP)		P & K Kallay	O Panejko/B Santiago	McArdle Family
SUN 30th	9.00am	People of the Parish	Fourth Sunday in Lent	P Cousins/S McCarthy	J Li/A Mutton	L & C Cleeve
	11.00am 6.00pm	Eileen Parker (RIP) Stations of the Cross	Mothers Sunday	T Lane/H King	Sr Rose/Sr Sani	Jiminez Family
MON 31st	9.30am @ Hethe 12 noon	Holy Souls Ivy Marie (RIP)	Lent Feria	A Fitzpatrick		
APRIL TUE 1st	10.00am (Chu)	Private Intentions Whole School Mass	Lent Feria	Dan? L Cleeve		
WED 2nd	9.30am	Eucharistic Service	Lent Feria	Deacon Nick		
THU 3rd	9.30am	Mike Gosling (RIP)	Lent Feria	J Kokore		
FRI 4th	8.00 am (Sch) 10am-11.45am 12 noon 7.00pm	Holy Souls Coffee Morning Ints of Jan Bore (RIP) Stations of the Cross	Lent Feria	E King		
SAT 5th	10.00am 10.30-11.30am	Desmond Patton (RIP) Holy Hour for Vocations/Confessions	Lent Feria	Volunteer		
	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

LENTEN LUNCH Friday, 11th April there will be a simple Lent Lunch of soup after 12 noon mass in the JPPI 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.

This week we pray for...
SANCTUARY LIGHT: Helena Nowak (RIP)
OUR LADY'S CHAPEL: Elsbeth Hatwood (RIP)
 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	£682.19	£315.38	£1122	459
Hethe	£51.50	-	£185	37

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

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

Entrance Antiphon: Rejoice, Jerusalem, and all who love her. Be joyful, all who were in mourning; exult and be satisfied at her consoling breast.

First reading

Joshua 5:9a, 10-12

In those days: The LORD said to Joshua, 'Today I have rolled away the reproach of Egypt from you.' While the people of Israel were encamped at Gilgal, they kept the Passover on the fourteenth day of the month in the evening on the plains of Jericho. And the day after the Passover, on that very day, they ate of the produce of the land, unleavened cakes and parched grain. And the manna ceased the day after they ate of the produce of the land. And there was no longer manna for the people of Israel, but they ate of the fruit of the land of Canaan that year.

The word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God

Responsorial Psalm *Taste and see that the LORD is good.*

Second reading

2 Corinthians 5:17-21

Brothers and Sisters: If anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come. All this is from God, who through Christ reconciled us to himself and gave us the ministry of reconciliation; that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting to us the message of reconciliation. Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ; God making his appeal through us. We implore you on behalf of Christ: be reconciled to God. For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

The word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God

Gospel Acclamation **Praise and honour to you, Lord Jesus. I will arise and go to my father, and I will say to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you'. Praise and honour to you, Lord Jesus.**

Gospel

Luke 15:1-3, 11-32

At that time: The tax collectors and sinners were all drawing near to hear Jesus. And the Pharisees and the scribes grumbled, saying, 'This man receives sinners and eats with them.'

So he told them this parable: 'There was a man who had two sons. And the younger of them said to his father, "Father, give me the share of property that is coming to me." And he divided his property between them. Not many days later, the younger son gathered all he had and took a journey into a far country, and there he squandered his property in reckless living. And when he had spent everything, a severe famine arose in that country, and he began to be in need. So he went and hired himself out to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him into his fields to feed pigs. And he was longing to be fed with the pods that the pigs ate, and no one gave him anything.

'But when he came to himself, he said, "How many of my father's hired servants have more than enough bread, but I perish here with hunger! I will arise and go to my father, and I will say to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son. Treat me as one of your hired servants.'"

'And he arose and came to his father. But while he was still a long way off, his father saw him and felt compassion, and ran and embraced him and kissed him. And the son said to him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son." But the father said to his servants, "Bring quickly the best robe, and put it on him, and put a ring on his hand, and shoes on his feet. And bring the fattened calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate. For this my son was dead, and is alive again; he was lost, and is found." And they began to celebrate.

'Now his older son was in the field, and as he came and drew near to the house, he heard music and dancing. And he called one of the servants and asked what these things meant. And he said to him, "Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fattened calf, because he has received him back safe and sound." But he was angry and refused to go in. His father came out and entreated him, but he answered his father, "Look, these many years I have served you, and I never disobeyed your command, yet you never gave me a young goat, that I might celebrate with my friends. But when this son of yours came, who has devoured your property with prostitutes, you killed the fattened calf for him!" And he said to him, "Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. It was fitting to celebrate and be glad, for this your brother was dead, and is alive; he was lost, and is found.'"

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.