

Teams for :	9/3	16/3	23/3	30/3	6/4	13/4
Children lit.	none	4	none	1	tbc	tbc
Coffee 9am (11)	9	10	11	1	2	3
Coffee 11am (9)	1	2	3	4	5	6
Flowers	none	Jo/Sally	none	none	none	Sr Rose

LET US PRAY FOR THE SICK AND HOUSEBOUND:

Mary Lynch, K Cashman, Jean McIntosh, Gerry Wright, Marie Oke, 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. In the convent.

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

HOLY HOUR: Every First Friday from 6.00pm to 7.00pm (Not during Lent)

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



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

DEANERY DAY PILGRIMAGE TO LITTLEMORE - SATURDAY 22ND MARCH

A pilgrimage to one of our Diocesan Jubilee churches in Oxford, the College of St John Henry Newman and Blessed Dominic Barberi Church, OX4 4JX. 10.30am arrival and Mass. To assist Sisters, please confirm attendance to peter.rand@btinternet.com as soon as you know or by 17 March latest.

RCIA Next session: Wednesday, 12th March at 7.30pm in the Centre. Topic: The Commandments 4-10. All welcome!

VOCATIONS Holy Hour will be held on every Saturday after morning Mass for Vocations. We ask you for your prayers and support. For more information go to www.vocations.org.uk

PIETY SHOP We have the following in stock: St Patricks, Mothering Sunday, Easter cards & cards for all occasions. Come have a browse.

MASS OFFERINGS Please be sure to request masses in good time if a specific date is to be requested. Thank you.

100 CLUB FUNDRAISER The next 100 club year will soon be upon us and we are now taking subscriptions for the forthcoming year, April 1st 2025 – March 31st 2026. 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.

CAFOD BIG LENT WALK Anna Fitzpatrick is taking on the CAFOD BIG Lent Walk Challenge, walking at least 100 km in 40 days to help fight global poverty. Please sign up on the sheet at the back of church if you are able to sponsor her or go to her Just Giving page to donate. <https://walk.cafod.org.uk/fundraising/annas-cafod-lent-walk-2025>

CAFOD Lent Appeal – Family Fast Day collection Please donate to our Family Fast Day (Friday 14th March) parish collection and be a pilgrim of hope with CAFOD this Jubilee Year. You'll be supporting communities experiencing the impacts of war, poverty and climate change to find solutions and hope. Use the CAFOD envelope in church, donate online at cafod.org.uk/envelope or call us on 0303 303 3030. You can also text CAFODLENT to 70085 to donate £10 or use this QR code to go straight to CAFOD's virtual envelope to make your donation.



EASTER RAFFLE Any donations of prizes for the Easter Raffle will be gratefully received. Please deliver to the centre or piety shop. Thank you. Raffle tickets available from this weekend. £1 each or £10 a book.

MISSION/APF Please can all red box holders deliver their boxes to the piety shop /office. Empty boxes can be found at the back of church. Please remember to add your names on the labels.

THE BICESTER REFUGEE SUPPORT GROUP have requested a representative from the Catholic Community. This would require attendance at evening meetings held approximately every other month. For more details contact Sue Wilde on 07502 281776 or email sue.4wilde@btinternet.com.

LENTEN MASSES Additional masses will be held in St Mary's School on the following dates: Fridays at 8am on the 14th, 21st, 28th March and 4th April in the school hall during Lent. All parishioners are warmly invited to come along.

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

STATIONS OF THE CROSS Will take place every Friday at 7pm and Sunday at 6pm during Lent here at the Immaculate Conception & on Good Friday, and also on the 18th April (Good Friday) at Hethe at 7pm.

LENTEN PENANCE SERVICE: FRIDAY 11th April at 7pm. Please make every effort to come to the penance service where a number of priests will be available to hear confessions.



OXFORD LEG PILGRIM CROSS The Pilgrim Cross Team would like to invite you to join them on their Easter pilgrimage from Oxford to Walsingham, the team join us annually at the Vigil of Palm Sunday weekend. Email studentcross.oxfordleg@gmail.com to register or for more information. Poster at the back of church also.

Refreshments: The Mass of Confirmation takes place on Saturday 8th March at 6pm. Refreshments will be served after Mass in the JP II Centre. All are welcome.

Lenten Lunch: On Friday 11th April there will be a simple Lent lunch of Soup after 12 pm. mass in the JP II Centre.

DIARY DATES:

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

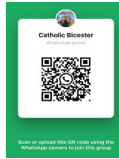
Lenten School Masses: Fridays at 8am: 14th, 21st, 28th March, 4th April in the school hall.

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

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

JOIN OUR WHATS APP COMMUNITY GROUP FOR TO KEEP IN TOUCH WITH PARISH INFORMATION & NEWS.

SCAN THE QR CODE AND FOLLOW INSTRUCTIONS.



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
 9th/23rd/30th March: Parish Maintenance
 16th March : CAFOD—Family Fast Day.

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.

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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/>

[SFORcspHizNr8niFC4ls5oJQBgoc37B8YBCjKvPC](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SFORcspHizNr8niFC4ls5oJQBgoc37B8YBCjKvPC)

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

Henley House, 12 Causeway, Bicester, OX26 6AW

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

Archdiocesan website: <https://www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk>

First Sunday of Lent

9th March 2025

Month of St Joseph - Sunday Cycle C - Psalter Week 1

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.



Saint Joseph

DATE	TIME	INTENTIONS	FEASTS	LECTORS	E O MINISTERS	WELCOMERS
SAT 8th	10.00am	Dr Jack Coughlan (RIP) 7th Ann. Benediction & Confessions	After Ash Wednesday	A Jiminez		
	10.30-11.30am					
	4.00pm@Hethe	Holy Souls		Volunteer		R Deane & S Wilde
Vigil Mass	6.00pm	Confirmation Mass (People of the Parish)	First Sunday of Lent	Confirmandi	S & M Doherty	B & K McFall/ Confirmandi
SUN 9th	9.00am	Eileen Parker (RIP)		A Kirby Hall/ P Cousins	L & R Weaver	L & C Cleeve
	11.00am					
MON 10th	9.30 am	Jean Withers (RIP)	Lent Feria			
	12 noon					
TUE 11th	9.30am	Private Intentions	Lent Feria	H King		
WED 12th		No Mass	Dementia Prayer Week			
	2.00 pm.	Ursuline Lay Association Prayer				
THU 13th	9.30am	Ints of Maureen Wilde	Lent Feria	J Kokore		
FRI 14th	8.00 am (Sch)	Hanna Przybylowicz (RIP)	Lent Feria			
	12 noon					
SAT 15th	10.00am	Anita Magleo (RIP) Benediction & Confessions	Lent Feria	A Jiminez		
	10.30-11.30am					
Vigil Mass	6.00pm	Helena Nowak (RIP)		R John/ T Nugent	M Kelly/B Santiago	M Marrs & P Behan
SUN 16th	9.00am	Catherine Flynn (RIP)	Second Sunday of Lent	A Mutton/T Yarker	A Hall/ A Mutton	C St John/ Sr Molly
	11.00am					
	6.00pm					



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



This week we pray for...

SANCTUARY LIGHT: The Light of Christ to shine on us this year and always.

If you wish to sponsor one of the sanctuary lamps which perpetually burn in the Church, please complete and return

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	£ 540.46	£ 289.79	£1122	489
Hethe	£ 32	N/A	£185	27

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
Parish Children's Liturgy - Elspeth Morgan plc.tic.bicester@rcaob.org.uk
Parish Health & Safety - Les Cleeve hs.tic.bicester@rcaob.org.uk
Parish Environmental & Peace and Justice Group - J Marshall peg.tic.bicester@rcaob.org.uk
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Blessed George Napier Secondary School 01295 264216 / office.4600@bgn.oxon.sch.uk

First Sunday in Lent

Entrance Antiphon When he calls on me, I will answer him; I will deliver him and give him glory, I will grant him length of days.

First reading

Deuteronomy 26:4-10

Moses spoke to the people: 'The priest shall take the basket from your hand and set it down before the altar of the LORD your God. And you shall make response before the LORD your God, "A wandering Aramean was my father. And he went down into Egypt and sojourned there, few in number, and there he became a nation, great, mighty, and populous. And the Egyptians treated us harshly and humiliated us and laid on us hard labour. Then we cried to the LORD, the God of our fathers, and the LORD heard our voice and saw our affliction, our toil, and our oppression. And the LORD brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, with great deeds of terror, with signs and wonders. And he brought us into this place and gave us this land, a land flowing with milk and honey. And behold, now I bring the first of the fruit of the ground, which you, O LORD, have given me." And you shall set it down before the LORD your God and worship before the LORD your God.'

The word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God

Responsorial Psalm Be with me, O Lord, in my distress.

Second reading

Romans 10:8-13

Brothers and Sisters: What does Scripture say? 'The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart' (that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); because, if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For with the heart one believes and is justified, and with the mouth one confesses and is saved. For the Scripture says, 'Everyone who believes in him will not be put to shame.' For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; for the same Lord is Lord of all, bestowing his riches on all who call on him. For, 'everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.'

The word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God

Gospel Acclamation Glory and praise to you, O Christ. One does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes forth from the mouth of God. Glory and praise to you, O Christ.

Gospel

Luke 4:1-13

At that time: Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the wilderness for forty days, being tempted by the devil. And he ate nothing during those days. And when they were over, he was hungry.

The devil said to him, 'If you are the Son of God, command this stone to become bread.' And Jesus answered him, 'It is written, "Man shall not live by bread alone."'

And the devil took him up and showed him all the kingdoms of the world in a moment of time, and said to him, 'To you I will give all this authority and their glory, for it has been delivered to me, and I give it to whom I will. If you, then, will worship me, it will all be yours.' And Jesus answered him, 'It is written, "You shall worship the Lord your God, and him only shall you serve."'

And he took him to Jerusalem and set him on the pinnacle of the temple and said to him, 'If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down from here, for it is written, "He will command his angels concerning you, to guard you", and "On their hands they will bear you up, lest you strike your foot against a stone." ' And Jesus answered him, 'It is said, "You shall not put the Lord your God to the test."'

And when the devil had ended every temptation, he departed from him until an opportune time.

The Gospel of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God.

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, 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.

