

Teams for :	16/2	23/2	2/3	9/3	16/3	23/3	30/3
Children lit.	none	none	3	none	4	none	1
Coffee 9am (11)	6	7	8	9	10	11	1
Coffee 11am (9)	7	8	9	1	2	3	4
Flowers	Anne &	Kirsten	A & K	none	Jo/Sally	none	none

**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)

**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.

**PIETY SHOP:** Open Friday, Saturday and Sunday around Masses.

**NEWMANS CHAPEL, LITTLEMORE** 40 hours of Eucharistic Adoration will be held in Newman's chapel at Littlemore. The chapel has been designated a Jubilee Shire in this Jubilee Year 2025 where an indulgence can be obtained. Friday, 28th February to Sunday, 2nd March from 9am-9pm daily. For more information go to [littlemore@newman-friends.org](mailto:littlemore@newman-friends.org)  
**DEANERY DAY PILGRIMAGE TO LITTLEMORE - SATURDAY 22<sup>ND</sup> 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, coffee and a talk, guided visit of the College, BYO packed lunch, Exposition with Indulgence prayers and ending with tea at 3pm. Ample car parking at church. No charge but a collection will be taken for the Sisters and the Parish. To assist Sisters, please confirm attendance to [peter.rand@btinternet.com](mailto:peter.rand@btinternet.com) as soon as you know or by 17 March latest.

**HETHE** Volunteers are required to join the small team of Hethe parishioners who look after flowers, church cleaning, and altar linen laundry. For more information please telephone Jill Kelly on 01280 702500 ([jillbeatricekelly@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:jillbeatricekelly@yahoo.co.uk)).

**PARISH FINANCE MEETING** Will be held on Monday, 17th February at 7pm in the presbytery.

**RCIA** Correction to last week's notice. Next session will be held on Wed, 19th February at 7.30pm in the Centre. Topic: The Sacraments of Service.  
**100 CLUB JANUARY WINNERS:** £100- 67 J Hartley, £50-18 D Gilbert, £25 -9 anon. Please collect your winnings from Sr Sani.

**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. Forms are available at the back of church, please complete and return to the office or piety shop. The easiest way to pay is by annual subscription of £60 by bank transfer or monthly direct debit of £5. Bank details in the Financial information section on the right. If you currently have a subscription and have set up annual or monthly payments you need to do nothing! Thank you for your ongoing support. If you usually pay annually by cash or cheque, please consider changing your payment method to bank transfers, prompt payments would be appreciated by Sunday, April 13th for your number/s to be entered into the first draw in April.  
**IMPORTANT**—When setting up bank payments please reference your payment by adding '100 club' so that it can be identified. This is our main ongoing fundraiser for the parish, there is no limit as to how many numbers you can have, more numbers increase your chances of winning and subscriptions can also be bought for friends and family as gifts. This is a great way to support the parish. Contact the parish office or Paul Cousins for any details if needed.

**CONTACTLESS CARD MACHINE** Some of you may have noticed that we now have a DONA contactless card machine situated in the Centre. There is a further category added to this machine, 'Coffee Mornings' for donations for your coffee on a Sunday or for the monthly Friday coffee mornings.

**COFFEE MORNING** Last week's coffee morning raised £193.40 for parish funds. Thank you to the organisers and supporters.

**CHILDREN'S LITURGY** The Children's Liturgy teams at 9am mass are urgently looking for new volunteers. Please contact Elspeth Morgan, our Parish Children's Liturgy Coordinator, on [pclt.tic.bicester@rcaob.org.uk](mailto:pclt.tic.bicester@rcaob.org.uk)  
 All volunteers will need to go through a DBS check.



**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:

**CRIB COLLECTION** Friends of the Holy Land would like to thank all parishioners for £63.50 raised for Christians in the Holy Land, at a time when they desperately need our help. Please continue to remember their work in your prayers, giving our brothers and sisters strength to continue.

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

**JOB OPPORTUNITIES** The Archdiocese is recruiting for the following four positions: Operations Director, IT Manager, Finance Manager and Gift Aid Officer. Full details and closing dates can be found at [www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk/jobs](http://www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk/jobs). If you think you have the skills, please do apply.

**DIARY DATES:**

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

Saturday 1st March: Confirmation Retreat

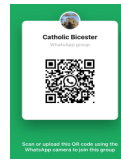
**Ash Wednesday** 5th March: Masses @ 10am, 12 noon & 7pm

Saturday, 8th March at 6pm: **Confirmation Mass**

**Lenten School Masses:** Fridays at 8am: 7th, 14th, 21st, 28th March, 4th April in the school hall

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

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**

16th/23rd February: 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.

**HETHE BICESTER**



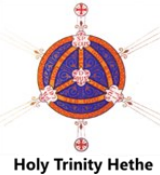
Church	First Collection	Second Collections	Standing Orders	Mass Attendance
Bicester	£633.86	£238.08	£1157	517
Hethe	£33	N/A	£185	27

**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/SfORcspHjzNr8niFC4ls5oJQBgoc37B8YBCIKVpC>  
 Follow the readings at Mass: <https://universalis.com/mass.htm>



The Catholic Parishes of  
**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 website: <https://www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk>

Deanery website: <https://banburyandwarwick-catholicdeanery.org.uk>

**Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**16th February 2025**

**Sunday Cycle C - Psalter Week 2**

Pope's Prayer Intention for February: For vocations to the priest hood and religious life. Let us pray that the ecclesial community may welcome the desires and doubts of those young people who feel a call to serve Christ's mission in the priesthood and religious life.

DATE	TIME	INTENTIONS	FEASTS	LECTORS	E O MINISTERS	WELCOMERS
SAT 15th	10.00am	Roy Frederick Abbott (RIP)	Feria in Ordinary Time	G Jimenez		
	10.30am-11.30am	Confessions and Benediction				
	4.00pm@Hethe	People of the Parish				R Deane & S Wilde
Vigil Mass	6.00pm	Mark MacKenzie (RIP)	<b>Racial Justice Sunday</b>	P Sims/C McArdle	D Gunaratna/Sr Sani	L Hattam/L O'Flynn
SUN 16th	9.00am	In Thanksgiving—Piedade Barreto	6th Sunday in Ordinary Time	L & S Taylor	C Drew/C St John	A Mutton/C St John
	11.00am	Ints of the Parish Choir Members				
	1.00pm	Baptism - Brady Harris			J & M Franta	Timorean Community
MON 17th	9.30am @ Hethe	Holy Souls	Seven Holy Founders of the Order			
	12 noon	Joan Barreto (RIP)	of Servants of the Blessed V. M	M Daniel		
TUE 18th	9.30am	Mr & Mrs Romao Fernandes (RIP)	Feria in Ordinary Time	J Kokore		
WED 19th		No Mass	Feria in Ordinary Time			
THU 20th	9.30am	Mr & Mrs Pidu Fernandes (RIP)	Feria in Ordinary Time	H King		
FRI 21st	12 noon	Brian Wheeler (RIP)	St Peter Damian B, Dr	E King		
SAT 22nd	10.00am	In thanksgiving—Oliveira Family	Feast of the chair of St Peter, A	Volunteer		
	11.00am	Baptism - Harley Ann Jordan				
	5.20pm	Confessions				
	4.00pm@Hethe	People of the Parish				R Deane & S Wilde
Vigil Mass	6.00pm	Felipe Teng (RIP)		P & K Kallay	O Panejko/B Santiago	McArdle family
SUN 23rd	9.00am	Richard Evans ( for recovery)	7th Sunday in Ordinary Time	M Daniel/L Cleeve	M & A Brown	Sr Molly /volunteer
	11.00am	Ints of Adrienne & Richard Evans				
	1.00pm	Baptism - Liam Michael Warr		R Evans/J Hurst	J Marshall/Sr Sani	Jimenez Family

**Racial Justice Sunday** The theme for Racial Justice Sunday is: "Pilgrims of Hope: Our Journey Together Towards Racial Justice". The theme invites Catholics across England and Wales to reflect on the collective journey towards racial justice in our schools, parishes and wider society. Follow link: [Racial Justice Sunday - Catholic Bishops' Conference](#)

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

**SANCTUARY LIGHT: OUR LADY'S LIGHT:**

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.

**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".

**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](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 can be contacted on 0121 2306240 or [safeguarding@rcaob.org.uk](mailto:safeguarding@rcaob.org.uk) if you have any concerns.

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[fr.craig.davies@rcaob.org.uk](mailto:fr.craig.davies@rcaob.org.uk)

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Rev Mr Nick St John: 01869 246 787

**Retired Priest:** Rev. Fr. Pat Armstrong

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# Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

**Entrance Antiphon:** Be my protector, O God, a mighty stronghold to save me. For you are my rock, my stronghold! Lead me, guide me, for the sake of your name.

## First reading

Jeremiah 17:5-8

**‘Cursed is the man who trusts in man; blessed is the man who trusts in the Lord.’**

Thus says the LORD: ‘Cursed is the man who trusts in man and makes flesh his strength, whose heart turns away from the LORD. He is like a shrub in the desert, and shall not see any good come. He shall dwell in the parched places of the wilderness, in an uninhabited salt land.

‘Blessed is the man who trusts in the LORD, whose trust is the LORD. He is like a tree planted by water, that sends out its roots by the stream, and does not fear when heat comes, for its leaves remain green, and is not anxious in the year of drought, for it does not cease to bear fruit.’

## The word of the Lord

**All: Thanks be to God**

**Responsorial Psalm** *Blessed the man who has placed his trust in the LORD.*

## Second reading

1 Corinthians 15:12, 16-20

**‘If Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile.’**

Brothers and Sisters: If Christ is proclaimed as raised from the dead, how can some of you say that there is no resurrection of the dead? For if the dead are not raised, not even Christ has been raised. And if Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile and you are still in your sins. Then those also who have fallen asleep in Christ have perished. If in Christ we have hope in this life only, we are of all people most to be pitied. But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep.

## The word of the Lord

**All: Thanks be to God**

**Gospel Acclamation:** Alleluia, alleluia. Rejoice and leap for joy, says the Lord, for behold, your reward is great in heaven. Alleluia.

## Gospel

Luke 6:17, 20-26

**‘Blessed are you who are poor. Woe to you who are rich.’**

At that time: Jesus came down with the Twelve and stood on a level place, with a great crowd of his disciples and a great multitude of people from all Judea and Jerusalem and the sea coast of Tyre and Sidon. And he lifted up his eyes on his disciples, and said: ‘Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God. Blessed are you who are hungry now, for you shall be satisfied. Blessed are you who weep now, for you shall laugh. Blessed are you when people hate you, and when they exclude you, and revile you, and spurn your name as evil on account of the Son of Man! Rejoice in that day, and leap for joy, for behold, your reward is great in heaven; for so their fathers did to the prophets. But woe to you who are rich, for you have received your consolation. Woe to you who are full now, for you shall be hungry. Woe to you who laugh now, for you shall mourn and weep. Woe to you, when all people speak well of you, for so their fathers did to the false prophets.’

## 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.

**Gloria:** Glory to God in the highest, 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, 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, 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.**