

| Teams for : | 1/12 | 8/12 | 15/12 | 22/12 | 29/12 | 5/1 | 12/1 |
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| Children lit. (4) | 4 | 1 | 2 | none | none | none | tbc |
| Coffee 9am (11) | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 1 |
| Coffee 11am (9) | 4 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 1 | 2 |
| Flowers | Anita | Anne | none | All | All | All | All |

LET US PRAY FOR THE SICK AND HOUSEBOUND:
Mary Lynch, K Cashman, Tim Charles, Jean McIntosh.

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: Hethe: **Saturday from 3.15pm - 3.50 pm (in the Sacristy)** Bicester: 5.15 pm - 5.45pm
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 -252 277.
PIETY SHOP: Open Friday, Saturday and Sunday around Masses.
URSULINE LAY ASSOCIATES MEETING: 2nd Wednesday of every month at 2pm @ Ursuline Convent.

THE JUBILEE YEAR The Jubilee of Hope begins in December with Pope Francis opening the 'Holy Door' in St Peter's Basilica, offering the world's 1.3 billion Catholic the possibility of obtaining a plenary indulgence and a year of special graces. The Jubilee of Hope will end on the feast of the Epiphany in 2026. A 'Jubilee Companion' Booklet has been produced and is now available from the welcomers for donations of £1.50 a copy.
INDUCTION OF FR CRAIG Fr Craig will be inducted as Parish Priest of The Immaculate Conception, Bicester and Holy Trinity, Hethe by Bishop Richard Walker at 6.30pm on Thursday, 5th December, followed by a buffet reception in the St John Paul II Centre. All parishioners are warmly invited. Please keep a special place for him in your prayers during the coming week. For catering reasons please add your names to the list at the back of church if you wish to attend by this Sunday 1st Dec.

THE NEW LECTIONARY The new translation of the readings at Mass will begin this weekend. For those with iPhones there is the wonderful and useful 'Universalis' App available which has all the readings for Mass, and much more. Orders for new missals can still be taken. Weekday missals can also be preordered, but delivery date as yet unknown.

RCIA Rite of Christian Initiation The next session will be on Wednesday, 4th December at 7.30pm at the Centre. Topic: The Liturgical Year.

COFFEE MORNING The next and last Coffee Morning of 2024 will take place on Friday, 6th December 2024 from 10am. All Welcome!

CHRISTMAS BAZAAR Thank you to all the stall holders, helpers, for all donations and to everyone who came along on a very wet Sunday to support this fundraiser. An amazing £1636.46 was raised for parish funds.

FUNDRAISING - RAFFLE TICKETS Christmas raffle tickets are available to purchase, please take and sell to friends and family. £1 each or £5 per book. Please return counterfoils with payments by Sunday 15th Dec. The draw will take place on Sunday 22nd December.

PIETY SHOP Christmas stock now in along with a delightful selection of hand made cards by Fr Craig's mother (fundraising for our church) Advent candles & calendars, cards, gifts, 2025 calendars & more. If anyone would like to pre order a beautiful olive wood crib, medium or large via the Friends of the Holy Land please speak to Lucia. There are only a limited number of these this year due to the conflict in Gaza.

CHRISTMAS TREE STARS Forms to buy stars in memory of family members and friends are available at the back of church. These stars will decorate our Christmas trees. Please complete and return asap. £3 each, £5 for 2, £10 for 5. Card payments under 'STARS' option.

ENVIRONMENTAL TIP OF THE WEEK—PLANNING FOR CHRISTMAS Consider the source, miles travelled & packaging. Source locally from farm shops & markets. Donate to the food bank.

BICESTER FOOD BANK—CHRISTMAS REQUEST New toys, wrapping paper, toiletries, cakes, mince pies, selection boxes. Please consider other extra food. Place in the container at the back of the church or deliver directly to the Food Bank, The Beacon, Wesley Lane. 10am-12

CHRISTMAS SACKS FOOD DONATIONS We have kindly been offered a number of food sacks for anyone who may be struggling financially at the moment. These will be delivered on Wednesday, 11th December and need to be collected by the Friday 13th. Non perishables, fruit and veg items only. Please contact the office or Fr Craig.

THE CHOSEN Episodes 7 & 8 from series 4 will be shown on the Thursdays of 7th and 14th December at 7pm at the Centre. All welcome.

SYMPATHY Please pray for the repose of the soul of Ken Babington aged 84yrs of Bicester House who died during the week. We extend our very deepest sympathy to his family. A funeral service for Ken will be held at North Oxfordshire Crematorium on Thursday, 19th December at 1pm. *May he rest in peace.*
BGN CAROL SERVICE A service of readings and Christmas carols sung by the BGN school choir will be held at St John's Church, Banbury on Tuesday, 17th December at 7 pm. All welcome.



The Catholic Parishes of Immaculate Conception @BICESTER



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

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CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES

Penance Service Monday 16th December at 7pm

Christmas Eve

2.00 pm - Bicester

6.00 pm - Bicester

8.00 pm - Hethe

11.30 pm - Carols followed by

Midnight Mass - Bicester

Christmas Day

9 am & 11 am - Bicester

St Stephen's Day

12 noon - Bicester



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FINANCIAL INFORMATION

SECOND COLLECTIONS

1st & 15th December: Parish Maintenance

8th December: Poor Parishes

PARISH GIVING

BICESTER LINK TO DONATE:

<https://portal.mydona.com/assets/webPay/index.php?cid=528>

Standing Orders/Donations/Payments

Bicester: Sort Code: 51 70 15 Acc. No: 02342731

Hethe: Sort Code: 51 70 15 Acc. No: 02301466

Mass intentions offerings currently by cash in offering envelopes from the back of church please.

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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| Church | First Collection | Second Collection Youth Sun | Standing Orders | Card (Dona) | Mass Attendance |
|----------|------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------|-------------|-----------------|
| Bicester | £335.79 | £285.01 | £1157 | £103 | 380 |
| Hethe | £38 | £17 | £185 | — | 30 |



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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/SfORcspHjzNr8niFC4ls5oIQBgoc37B8YBCjKvPC> Follow the readings at Mass: <https://universalis.com/mass.htm>



FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT Sunday Cycle C - Weekdays - Year II - Psalter Week 1 30th November - 8th December 2024

Pope's Prayer Intention for December: For pilgrims of hope: we pray that this Jubilee Year strengthens our faith, helping us to recognise the Risen Christ in our daily lives, and that it may transform us into pilgrims of Christian hope.



| | TIME | INTENTIONS | FEASTS | LECTORS | E O MINISTERS | WELCOMERS |
|------------|----------------|---|-----------------------------|-----------------------|-------------------------|---------------------|
| SAT 30th | 4.00pm@Hethe | Melanie Mulheran (RIP) | Season of Advent | | | R Deane & S Wilde |
| Vigil Mass | 6.00pm | Catherine French (RIP) | | Sr Sani & P Cousins | M Kelly/ B Santiago | McArdle Family |
| SUN 1st | 9.00am | People of the Parish | First Sunday in Advent | A Mutton/T Yarker | P Capretta/ F Ostrowski | Brown family |
| December | 11.00am | Melvin & Julie — Good Health | | J Franta/ A Kearsley | J Kokore/ M Franta | Timorean Community |
| MON 2nd | 9.30am @ Hethe | Holy Souls | Advent Feria | | | |
| | 12 noon | Our Grandchildren - Kerton & Summons | | M Daniel | | |
| TUE 3rd | | No Mass | Mem of St Francis Xavier, P | | | |
| WED 4th | 9.30am | Michael Bray (RIP) | Advent Feria | Sr Rose | | |
| THU 5th | 8am (Sch) | Advent Mass - John Hackett (RIP) | Feast of St Birinus, B | | | |
| | 6.30pm | Fr Craig's Induction Mass & Buffet Reception | | | | |
| FRI 6th | 9.30am | Patrick McCartan (RIP) | Advent Feria | J Kokore | | |
| | 10am-11.45am | Coffee Morning @ St JPII Centre | | | | |
| | 12 noon | Ordinatee Mass | | | | |
| SAT 7th | 4.00pm@Hethe | People of the Parish | | | | R Deane & S Wilde |
| Vigil Mass | 6.00pm | John Latham (RIP) | Second Sunday in Advent | J Marshall/Sr Rose | O Panejko/B Santiago | M Marrs/ P Behan |
| SUN 8th | 9.00am | Lucia Ostrowska (RIP) | | P Cousins/ S McCarthy | C St John / C Drew | Brown Family |
| | 11.00am | Ints of Anne Kearsley - Special Birthday | | C Tett/H King | J & M Franta | R Elegado & Friends |

On Monday, 9th December we shall celebrate our patronal feast of the Immaculate Conception. The principal celebrant at 10am will be the Bishop William Kenney. St Mary's School pupils and staff will be attending.

This week we pray for...

SANCTUARY LIGHT: John Dunn (RIP)

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

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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:
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First Sunday of Advent

Entrance Antiphon: To you, I lift up my soul, O my God. In you, I have trusted; let me not be put to shame, nor my enemies exult over me; and let none who hope in you be part to shame.

First reading 'I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David.' Jeremiah 33:14-16

Behold, the days are coming, declares the *Lord*, when I will fulfil the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David, and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In those days Judah will be saved, and Jerusalem will dwell securely. And this is the name by which it will be called: 'The *Lord* is our righteousness.'

The word of the Lord
All: Thanks be to God

Responsorial Psalm

To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul. 3xV

Second Reading 'May the Lord establish your hearts for the coming of Christ.' 1 Thessalonians 3:12-4:2

Brothers and sisters: May the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, as we do for you, so that he may establish your hearts blameless in holiness before our God and Father, at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints. Finally, then, brothers and sisters, we ask and urge you in the Lord Jesus, that as you received from us how you ought to walk and to please God, just as you are doing, that you do so more and more. For you know what instructions we gave you through the Lord Jesus.

The word of the Lord.
All: Thanks be to God

Gospel acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia. Show us, O Lord, your mercy, and grant us your salvation. **Alleluia.**

Gospel 'Your redemption is drawing near.' Luke 21:25-28, 34-36

At that time: Jesus said to his disciples: 'There will be signs in sun and moon and stars, and on the earth distress of nations in perplexity because of the roaring of the sea and the waves, people fainting with fear and with foreboding of what is coming on the world. For the powers of the heavens will be shaken. And then they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. Now when these things begin to take place, straighten up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near.

'But watch yourselves lest your hearts be weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and cares of this life, and that day come upon you suddenly like a trap. For it will come upon all who dwell on the face of the whole earth. But stay awake at all times, praying that you may have strength to escape all these things that are going to take place, and to stand before the Son of Man.'

The Gospel of the Lord
All: Thanks be to God

HOLY MASS DURING ADVENT

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 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.**

Creed - **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....**
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