Teams for:	29/12	5/1	12/1	19/1	26/1
Children lit. (4)	none	none	tbc	tbc	tbc
Coffee 9am (11)	10	11	1	2	3
Coffee 11am (9)	9	1	2	3	4
Flowers	All	All	All	Sally &	Jan

# **LET US PRAY FOR THE SICK AND HOUSEBOUND:**

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

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 Cor 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.

SATURDAY MORNING MASS From Saturday, 11th January 2025 there will be a 10am Saturday morning mass celebrated here at the Immaculate Conception followed by Benediction. Confessions will also take place from 10.30am-11.30am every Saturday instead of 5.30pm. If any parish readers would like to read at this mass please contact the parish office.

OFFERINGS Any further Christmas offerings can be placed into the collections at weekends or given by card: option Christmas-Parish Priest. Thank you.

FUNDRAISING - RAFFLE TICKETS The raffle draw took place last weekend and the winners are on display at the back of church. Please collect your prizes form the centre. Thank you to all who generously donated items and bought and sold tickets. £ 531 was raised for parish funds.

ST MARY'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL FAMILY IN NEED Mrs Driver (SENCO and Safeguarding Lead) at St Mary's Catholic Primary School, Bicester, is reaching out to the community for assistance on behalf of a family in need. This family is currently homeless and in temporary accommodation. They are searching for an affordable twobedroom property to rent in Bicester, where they can establish a stable home environment. If you believe you could provide support in this matter, please get in touch with Mrs Driver directly via email at kdriver@stmarys-bicester.oxon.sch.uk or by calling the school on 01869 252035. Thank you for your kindness.

BICESTER FOOD BANK Please continue to donate. Place in the container at the back of the church or deliver directly to the Food Bank, The Beacon, Wesley Lane. 10am-12.

**RCIA** Rite of Christian Initiation The group will now have a break for Christmas and the next session will be on Thursday, 15th January at 7.30pm at the Centre. Topic: The Creed.

**COFFEE MORNING** The team will have a well deserved rest in January and look forward to seeing you all in February.

**CHURCH CLEANING** More help on the cleaning teams is needed for next year. If you can spare a few hours every 6-7 weeks please contact the parish office or speak to Sr Rose.

PARISH OFFICE The Parish Office will be closed from 25th December and reopen on Wednesday, 15th January.

ST JOHN PAUL II CENTRE The centre office will be closed from 25th December and reopen on Monday, January 6th.

BAPTISMS 2025 If you are considering having your child baptised in the first few months of the new year, please contact the office to register onto the first Baptism Course that will be held on Saturday, 15th February from 10am-12 noon in the St John Paul II Centre. Baptisms will be held on Sundays at 1pm in the new year.

**BAPTISMS CATECHISTS** We are looking for parishioners who may like to become involved as catechists for Baptisms and help run Baptism courses 3/4 times a year, full training will be given. A training session for this will be held on Monday, 27th January at 7pm for anyone who may be interested. If you are not sure but would like to find out more info come along, no commitment needed.

TIPS FROM OUR ENVIRONMENTAL TEAM: Avoid disposable items, use reusables. Plan for food and travel. Make sustainable resolutions.

**DIRECTORIES** Archdiocesan Directories 2025 are now available from the piety shop. £5 each.

PARISH FINANCE MEETING Will be held on Monday, 20th January at 7pm in the Centre.

#### Thank you from Fr. Craig

I would like to take this opportunity to say thank you to all who made our Christmas Celebrations so beautiful this year. For all who worked so hard to prepare, & decorate the church, serve, read, sing and play for all of the Masses. I would also like to say a huge thank you for the many cards, gifts, and the Christmas Offering that I have received over the past few days. I am always humbled and astonished by peoples generosity. I pray that God will grant his blessings to us, and our families, throughout the coming

ST STEPHEN'S DAY Congratulations to Massimo, Kingsley, Kingston & Franciszek who were enrolled in the Guild of St. Stephen on Thursday. We offer our congratulation also to Jan and Austin, who having served for 10 years, received their silver medals. Mention must also be made of the service that Frankie has given; and whilst his Gold medal did not arrive in time for our celebration on Thursday, we offer our con-

gratulations to him on 50 years of serving.

The CRIB collection this year will go towards

Aid to the Church in Need.



Charity number:1097984

Church will be open daily from 9am-3pm.



#### FINANCIAL INFORMATION

SECOND COLLECTIONS

29th December: Parish Maintenance:

# **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.







Church	First Collection	Second Collection s	Standing Orders	Card ( Dona)	Mass Attendance
Bicester	£434.34	£138.12	£1157	£ 159	414
Hethe	£ 55	N/A	£185		28



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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

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

https://camstreamer.com/redirect/ SfORcspHizNr8niFC4ls5oIOBgoc37B8YBCiKVpC





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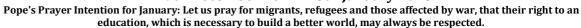
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# FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY

Sunday Cycle C - Psalter Week 1

29th December 2024—5th January 2025





	TIME	INTENTIONS	FEASTS	LECTORS	E O MINISTERS	WELCOMERS
SAT 28th	4.00pm@Hethe	People of the Parish				R Deane & S Wilde
Vigil Mass	6.00pm	Deceased of the Vettikkattil Family (RIP)	Feast of the Holy Innocents, M	Sr Sani/P Cousins	M Kelly/volunteer	Volunteers
SUN 29th	9.00am	Lucia Ostrowska (RIP)	Feast of the Holy Family	L & S Taylor	M & A Brown	L & C Cleeve
	11.00am	Abilio Soares (RIP)	of Jesus, Mary & Joseph	H King/T Lane	Sr Sani/Sr Rose	Franta Family
MON 30th	9.30am@ Hethe	No Mass	Octave of Christmas			
	12 noon	No Mass				
TUE 31st	9.30 am	No Mass	Octave of Christmas			
WED 1st	9.30am	No Mass	Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God			
THU 2nd	9.00am	No Mass	Mem of St Basil the Great & St Gregory Nazianzen, B, Drs			
FRI 3rd	12 noon	No Mass	Christmas Feria			
SAT 4th	4.00pm@Hethe	People of the Parish	Christmas Feria			R Deane & S Wilde
Vigil Mass	6.00pm	Bridget McDermott (RIP)		R John/Sr Sani	D Gunaratra/Sr Rose	S & M Doherty
SUN 5th	9.00am	Ints of John O'Neill	Solemnity of the Epiphany	A Kirby Hall/ P Cousins	L & R Weaver	C St John/volunteer
	11.00am	William Swanson (RIP)	Of the Lord	T Lane/N Ward	J & J Kokore	Jiminez Family
	4.00pm	Polish Carol Service				

# Dear Members of the Parish

### PFMAC Celebration

On 1 January 2025, St Mary's Catholic Primary School will convert to an academy and join the Pope Francis Multi Academy Company. By joining the Pope Francis Multi Academy Company, we will benefit from enhanced resources, support structures, and professional development for our staff. All of which will ultimately improve the educational experience for children in our care. We would like to invite you to mark this special occasion by joining us for celebration of Mass with the whole school community on Friday 17 January at 9.15am. It would be wonderful to see you there. Mr D O'Connor -Headteacher

# This week we pray for... **SANCTUARY LIGHT:**

**OUR LADY'S LIGHT:** 

fl 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 a 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 can be contacted on 0121 2306240 or safeguarding@rcaob.org.uk if you have any concerns.

#### Parish Priest: Father Craig Davies BA (hons) STB

fr.craig.davies@rcaob.org.uk Parish Deacons: Rev Mr Michael Panejko MA 01869 246 459

> Rev Mr Nick St John: 01869 246 787 Retired Priest: Rev. Fr. Pat Armstrong

Parish Sisters: Ursuline Convent - Sr Rose Mathew - 01869 327 689 Parish Office: Wednesday & Friday 9am-4pm

Parish Secretary: Lucia Hattam 01869 253277 / tic.bicester@rcaob.org.uk St John Paul II Centre Bookings: Sr Sani Vijayan,

Monday-Friday 10am-4pm 01869 324 307 / office@johnpaulcentre.co.uk Gift Aid: Sr Sani Vijayan email: ga.tic.bicester@rcaob.org.uk St Mary's Catholic School Head Teacher: Mr Daniel O'Connor o1869 252035 / office.3824@st-marys-bicester.oxon.sch.uk

Blessed George Napier Catholic School Headteacher: Mrs Niamh Dolan 01295 264216 / office.4600@bgn.oxon.sch.uk

Parish Sacramental Programme - Clare St John psc.tic.bicester@rcaob.org.uk Parish Children's Liturgy - Elspeth Morgan pclc.tic.bicester@rcaob.org.uk Parish Health & Safety - Les Cleeve hs.tic.bicester@rcaob.org.uk Parish Altar Servers - Deacon Michael Panejko dce.michael.panejko@rcaob.org.uk

Parish Youth - Deacon Nick St John yth.tic.bicester@rcaob.org.uk







# The Holy Family

**Entrance Antiphon:** The shepherds went in haste, and found Mary and Joseph and the infant lying in a manger.

First Reading 'Samuel, as long as he lives, is lent to the Lord.'

1 Samuel 1:20-22, 24-28

In due time Hannah conceived and bore a son, and she called his name Samuel, for she said, 'I have asked for him from the LORD.'

The man Elkanah and all his house went up to offer to the LORD the yearly sacrifice and to pay his vow. But Hannah did not go up, for she said to her husband, 'As soon as the child is weaned, I will bring him, so that he may appear in the presence of the LORD and dwell there for ever.'

And when she had weaned him, she took him up with her, along with a three-year-old bull, an ephah of flour, and a skin of wine, and she brought him to the house of the LORD at Shiloh. And the child was young. Then they slaughtered the bull, and they brought the child to Eli. And she said, 'Oh, my lord! As you live, my lord, I am the woman who was standing here in your presence, praying to the LORD. For this child I prayed, and the LORD has granted me my petition that I made to him. Therefore I have lent him to the LORD. As long as he lives, he is lent to the LORD.' And he worshipped the LORD there.

The word of the Lord All: Thanks be to God

Responsorial Psalm

Blessed are they who dwell in your house, O Lord.

Second Reading

'We are called children of God; and so we are.'

1 John 3:1-2, 21-24

Beloved: See what kind of love the Father has given to us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are. The reason why the world does not know us is that it did not know him. Beloved, we are God's children now, and what we will be has not yet appeared; but we know that when he appears we shall be like him, because we shall see him as he is.

Beloved, if our heart does not condemn us, we have confidence before God; and whatever we ask we receive from him, because we keep his commandments and do what pleases him. And this is his commandment, that we believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and love one another, just as he has commanded us. Whoever keeps his commandments abides in God, and God in him. And by this we know that he abides in us, by the Spirit whom he has given us.

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

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia. Open our hearts, O Lord, that we may pay attention to the words of your Son. Alleluia.

Gospel

Jesus is found by his parents sitting among the teachers.

Luke 2:41-52

The parents of Jesus went to Jerusalem every year at the Feast of the Passover. And when he was twelve years old, they went up according to custom. And when the feast was ended, as they were returning, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem. His parents did not know it, but supposing him to be in the group they went a day's journey, but then they began to search for him among their relatives and acquaintances, and when they did not find him, they returned to Jerusalem, searching for him. After three days they found him in the Temple, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions. And all who heard him were amazed at his understanding and his answers. And when his parents saw him, they were astonished. And his mother said to him, 'Son, why have you treated us so? Behold, your father and I have been searching for you in great distress.' And he said to them, 'Why were you looking for me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?' And they did not understand the saying that he spoke to them. And he went down with them and came to Nazareth and was submissive to them. And his mother treasured up all these things in her heart. And Jesus increased in wisdom and in stature and in favour with God and man.

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 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:

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

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.

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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.