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YEAR A	*ST JOHN'S*	*ST JOSEPH'S*	*INTENTION*
Sunday 1st November	4.00pm Vigil Mass (Saturday)		The Sullivan Family RIP
	8.30am Holy Mass		Xavier Marshall RIP
SOLEMNITY of ALL SAINTS		10.00am Holy Mass	Gerhild Osborne RIP
White	11.30am Holy Mass		Robert Light RIP
Monday 2nd November ***All Souls' Day***	9.30am Holy Mass 6.30pm Requiem Mass for the faithful departed		Pio Santiago RIP
Tuesday 3rd November *Feria in Ordinary Time*		9.30am Holy Mass	Nina Malone
Wednesday 4th November ***Memorial of St Charles Borromeo, Bishop***		9.30 Morning Prayer *Holy Hour and Benediction*	
Thursday 5th November *Feria in Ordinary Time*	6.30pm Holy Mass		Catenian brothers RIP
Friday 6th November *Feria in Ordinary Time*	9.30am Holy Mass *6.00 – 7.00pm Adoration, Vespers & Benediction with Confessions*	12.00 Holy Mass at St Thomas'	Dale & Woodthorpe Families Celebrants' intentions
Saturday 7th November *Our Lady on Saturday*	10.00am Holy Mass & Confessions		Father Paul Johnson RIP
Sunday 8th November	4.00pm Vigil Mass (Saturday)		Norah Finnegan RIP
THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	8.30am Holy Mass		Sheila Mangan RIP
Remembrance Sunday		10.00am Holy Mass	People of the parish
Green	11.30am Holy Mass 6.30pm *Sung Vespers & Benediction*		Bernadette Mellet RIP

Welcome to Mass.
Today is the Solemnity of All Saints. The celebration of a feast in honour of all the saints goes back to at least the 4th century, though not in November. The Church in both East and West had a profound sense of the Church as being a communion spanning both space and time. The letter to the Hebrews speaks of 'the great cloud of witnesses' that surrounds us as we run the race set before us. It's natural, therefore, that we invoke the prayers and support of these Holy Ones who have gone before us so that where they now are, we will one day be. Saints of God, come to our aid!

Next weekend we welcome the Sisters of Our Lady of Walsingham to the parish. The Sisters will be leading a retreat day this Saturday from 10.30am- 3.30pm in the Dupuis Centre on the theme 'Called to the Fullness of Joy'. There will also be sessions for children in the smaller room in the Dupuis. If there is a parishioner with a DBS and would like to assist the sisters with the children's activities, could you please let Fr Philip know, or email the office. Please bring a packed lunch, and stay for as much One of the sisters will also give an address at the service of Vespers and Benediction on Sunday at 6.30pm.

How can you help?

- Save the date and give time to feed your soul.
- Host a sister – the Sisters would love to stay with parish families from Friday 6th to Tuesday 10th. If you could accommodate a Sister, please email the parish office.
- Help with the preparation of tea and coffee in the Dupuis Centre.
- Pray for the visit and all who will meet the sisters.

Today we begin the Month of the Holy Souls – a month especially dedicated to prayers for the dead. To pray for the dead is both an act of faith – that we are people who believe in the resurrection, and the life of the world to come. It is also an act of hope – that the God who created us did so that we will learn to love him, serve him, and to enjoy him for eternity. It is also a spiritual work of mercy – that people rarely die free from sin and that they need pardon and healing, or as a hymn for the holy souls says:

Often they were wounded in the deadly strife;
heal them, Good Physician, with the balm of life.
Every taint of evil, frailty and decay,
good and gracious Saviour , cleanse and purge away.

As God, in his loving mercy wills it, our prayers for the faithful departed help them in ways that we will never know this side of heaven.

All Souls Day – the special annual day of prayer for the faithful departed – falls tomorrow. There will be Mass both at 9.30am and 6.30pm. A the 6.30pm Mass we invite families and friends of those whose departed loved ones had their funeral rites in the parish over this last year.

The Blessing of the Graves will take place on Sunday15th November at 2pm at Southam Road cemetery and 3pm at Hardwick Hill.

St Joseph's Food Bank is an important element of our parish outreach to those in need. They have been running down on stock and need donations of tea/coffee, long life fruit juice, tinned meat, chocolate, snacks, tinned vegetables. If you can leave them at St Joseph's or the porch of St John's presbytery. Much appreciation to those who have recently given donations and money for the foodbank.

Children's Liturgy Team: Volunteers wanted Any adult parishioners keen to support our church community are warmly invited to join the Children's Liturgy of the Word team. Help the little ones hear the Gospel and grow in faith. Parents of attending children especially welcome. Full training and support are given.

Today the second collection is for the Johnson Clergy Association.
This fund was established in1710 to provide grants to support sick and retired priests. Unlike many other professions there isn't a pension provision for Catholic priests in this country, and most retire without a home of their own. The Johnson Fund provides grants to priests in financial need at the end of the ministries.

It is an act of charity and gratitude to support these priests in their last years who haven't got private means. You can contribute in today's second collection. There is an information sheet you can take with you which gives information, and other ways of contributing: a QR code, wills and legacies, or the offering of Mass intentions that support these clergy. Please be generous in what you offer.

200 CLUB Congratulations to the winners of the 200 Club for June, July and August and September. *Apologies that there was an error in the previous entry.* Full information below:

Winning Numbers & Prizes

Month	1st		2nd		3rd	
June	103	£122	116	£73	124	£43
July	36	£117	19	£70	98	£47
August	131	£117	29	£70	112	£47
Sept	139	£107	120	£64	85	£43

FRIDAY NIGHT FAITH - Especially for those wishing to learn more about the Catholic faith, or who wish to become Catholics. We meet on Fridays in term time in the upper room of the Dupuis Centre (the room up the steps by the church). Info: *stjohn.banbury@rcaob.org.uk*

St Joseph's Flower Arrangers Would you like to help beautify our church for Mass? **Join the volunteer flower arranging team at St Joseph's**. No experience necessary- just a love of flowers and a willingness to serve. If you would like to be part of the team, please speak with Fr. Philip or email the parish office *stjohn.banbury@rcaob.org.uk*

SVP- Community Breakfast Cafe 10am-12noon every Thursday at St. Joseph's Church Hall. We welcome everyone in our community who might enjoy some company or are struggling in any way. Bacon rolls, toast and hot drinks are free of charge. You will be welcomed by our warm and friendly volunteers.

SVP Christmas Hampers for the Community
WEEK 2 - SATURDAY 7TH & SUNDAY 8th NOVEMBER: DRINKS including wine, prosecco, sherry, beer, soft drinks, tea, coffee, hot chocolate, Ovaltine. During November we we're asking for donations to contribute to our Christmas Hampers which will be distributed to those in need in time for Christmas Collection boxes will be available at the back of the Church with members of the SVP team available to collect donations after Mass. Contact details 07395 471662

GOOD GRIEF CAFÉ - Meets first Saturday of the month, 10am–12pm, at the Dupuis Centre. A welcoming space to chat over a cup of tea with others who understand. Part of The Good Grief Trust (run by the bereaved for the bereaved).www.thegoodgrieftrust.org
Next Café date is Saturday 7th November

MONDAY LUNCH CLUB - The next lunch club date is Monday 9th November - places are limited and we are now full to capacity. If you cannot attend a certain date, please let Marilena know.

SVP - Quiz Night 13th December- only a few tickets! Please contact Marilena to get yours. 07891 178920 quiznight@svpbanbury.org.uk

Please pray for those who have died recently: Shiela Mangan, Jenny Noll and Joseph O'Reilly

Of your charity, pray for the repose of the souls of all those who have died recently

Pray also for those whose anniversaries occur this coming week

25 Bridget Taylor 1992; Thomas Walsh 1982; Gwen Porter

26 John Koenig 2019; Arthur Boss 2012; Henrietta Cardenas 2002; Bridget (Ida) Reilly 2002; Jack Sharpe 1999; Christopher Byrne 1993; Mary Walsh 1989; Justin Burrow 1983

27 Vanessa Sawers 2024, Margaret Purves 2014; Joan Evans 2007; Cecilia Butler 1996; Mary Lannigan 1994; Andrew Delaney 1994; William Murphy 1993; Joseph Scales 1987; Thomas Adkin 1985

28 Mary Sloane Lawton 2016; Reginald Laville 2007; Stephen McKenna 2006; Phyllis Boraman 2000; Mikolaj Luraszuk 1994

29 Mary Willett 1991

30 Marie-Jeanne Andrews-Serpe 2011; June McNaughton 2007; Eric Tomalin 1999; Andrew C.G. Lim 1998

31 Patrick McCorkindale 2005; Joseph O'Neil 1989; Louis Hancox 1983

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them.

Please pray for the sick of our Parishes…

Beryl Burns, Julie Aikenhead, Vicky Aikenhead, Deacon Henry Allen, Edward Andrews, Audrey Anthistle, Ruth Aris, Cora Barnard, Peter Barton, Douglas Bond ,John Breen, Brenda Brennan, Eileen Bristoll, Christopher Browne, Clifford Browne, Sue Davis, Nick Davies, Oliver Davies, Michael Evans, Genevieve Freedman, Alan Fitchett, Barbara Fleming, Carl Gill, Diane Greenwood, Pat Heritage, Anita Higham, Gwen Ingham, Roger Johnson, Michael Jordan, Teresa Kurszewska, Catherine Ley, Iris Jean Lloyd, Liam Malone, Anne Nolan, Harry Rhodes, Nicky Smith, Elaine Steer, Maria Harding, Kazimierz Kleista

PARISH FINANCIAL MATTERS

Weekly Income:	ST JOHN'S	ST JOSEPH'S
Gift Aid	£100.00	£ 44.00
Non-Gift Aid	£ 685.33	£ 216.35
Contactless Card	£ N/A	£ N/A

Standing orders for August: St John's £3912	St Joseph's £1093

Thank you for all your support.

GIFT AID – If you pay tax on your income, please consider completing a Gift Aid form and the church can claim the tax you have paid. It does not cost you anything extra. For every £1 donation, we will receive another 25p

DONA CARD READER

Remember to use our contactless card reader. Donations can also be made by scanning the QR code.

CONFESSION TIMES

St John's on Friday 6.00-7.00 pm and Saturday 10.30-11.00 am

Parish Groups and Meetings

St John's	Church Cleaning	Monday 10.00am (following Mass)
St John's	Grounds	Most Monday mornings after Mass
St John's	Legion of Mary	Saturday at 10.45 am (Wall Room, Dupuis Centre)
St John's	Padre Pio Prayer Group	1st Monday of the month. 10am Dupuis Centre
St Joseph's	Family & Youth Adoration	3rd Sunday 6pm - 6.30pm
	Legion of Mary	Wednesday at 5.00 pm
	Youth Group	Junior Group Y6 - Y8 3rd Saturday 6.30pm - 8.30pm
		Senior Group Y9 - Y13 3rd Sunday 6.30pm - 8.30pm
	St Vincent De Paul Society	Further information: 07761 643449 info@svpbanbury.org.uk

PARISH OFFICE The office is situated at St John's Presbytery. Please see the first page of this newsletter for the contact details

SAFEGUARDING: The Parish operates in accordance with Statutory Safeguarding Guidance and the National and Archdioceses policies & procedures at all times. The Parish Safeguarding Representative for St John's is Deborah Picking and for St Joseph's it is Eileen Bristoll. They can be contacted at: sg.stjohn.banbury@rcaob.org.uk or alternatively the Diocesan Safeguarding team can be contacted on 0121 230 6240/ safeguarding@rcaob.org.uk if you have any concerns.

Entrance Antiphon
Let us all rejoice in the Lord,
as we celebrate the feast day in honour of all the Saints,
at whose festival the Angels rejoice
and praise the Son of God.

Collect
Almighty ever-living God,
by whose gift we venerate in one celebration
the merits of all the Saints,
bestow on us, we pray,
through the prayers of so many intercessors,
an abundance of the reconciliation with you
for which we earnestly long.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
God, for ever and ever.

First reading

Revelation 7:2-4, 9-14

I, John, saw another angel ascending from the rising of the sun, with the seal of the living God, and he called with a loud voice to the four angels who had been given power to harm earth and sea, saying, 'Do not harm the earth or the sea or the trees, until we have sealed the servants of our God on their foreheads.' And I heard the number of the sealed, one hundred and forty-four thousand, sealed from every tribe of the sons of Israel. After this I looked, and behold, a great multitude that no one could number, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed in white robes, with palm branches in their hands, and crying out with a loud voice, 'Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!' And all the angels were standing round the throne and round the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshipped God, saying, 'Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honour and power and might be to our God for ever and ever! Amen.' Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, 'Who are these, clothed in white robes, and from where have they come?' I said to him, 'Sir, you know.' And he said to me, 'These are the ones coming out of the great tribulation. They have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.'

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 24(23):1-2. 3-4b. 5-6. ℟ cf. 6

Such are the people who seek your face, O Lord.

The Lord's is the earth and its fullness,
the world, and those who dwell in it.
It is he who set it on the seas;
on the rivers he made it firm.
Such are the people who seek your face, O Lord.

Who shall climb the mountain of the Lord?
Who shall stand in his holy place?
The clean of hands and pure of heart,
whose soul is not set on vain things.
Such are the people who seek your face, O Lord.

Blessings from the Lord shall he receive,
and right reward from the God who saves him.
Such are the people who seek him,
who seek the face of the God of Jacob.
Such are the people who seek your face, O Lord.

Second reading

1 John 3:1-3

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. And everyone who thus hopes in him purifies himself as he is pure.

Gospel Acclamation

Matthew 11:28

Alleluia, alleluia.
Come to me, all who labour and are heavy laden, says the Lord,
and I will give you rest.
Alleluia.

Gospel

Matthew 5:1-12a

At that time: Seeing the crowds, Jesus went up on the mountain, and when he sat down, his disciples came to him. And he opened his mouth and taught them, saying: 'Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted. Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth. Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied. Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy. Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God. Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God. Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are you when others revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven.'

Prayer over the Offerings
May these offerings we bring in honour of all the Saints
be pleasing to you, O Lord,
and grant that, just as we believe the Saints
to be already assured of immortality,
so we may experience their concern for our salvation.
Through Christ our Lord.

Communion Antiphon

Mt 5: 8-10

Blessed are the clean of heart, for they shall see God.
Blessed are the peacemakers,
for they shall be called children of God.
Blessed are they who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness,
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Prayer after Communion
As we adore you, O God, who alone are holy
and wonderful in all your Saints,
we implore your grace,
so that, coming to perfect holiness in the fullness of your love,
we may pass from this pilgrim table
to the banquet of our heavenly homeland.
Through Christ our Lord.

Solemn Blessing
May God, the glory and joy of the Saints,
who has caused you to be strengthened
by means of their outstanding prayers, bless you with unending blessings.
Amen.
Freed through their intercession from present ills
and formed by the example of their holy way of life,
may you be ever devoted
to serving God and your neighbour.
Amen.
So that, together with all,
you may possess the joys of the homeland,
where Holy Church rejoices
that her children are admitted in perpetual peace
to the company of the citizens of heaven.
Amen.
And may the blessing of almighty God,
the Father, and the Son, ✠ and the Holy Spirit,
come down on you and remain with you for ever.
Amen.