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DAY	ST JOHN'S	ST JOSEPH'S	INTENTION
Year B	4.00 pm Vigil Mass		Anne Mulroy RIP
Sunday, 4th February FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME <i>Green</i>		8.30am Mass At St Thomas, Wroxton	Tommy Joe Ryan RIP
	8.45 am Mass		Eileen O' Shea (Kidlington)
		10.00 am Mass	K J Kochukalam RIP
	11.15 am Mass <i>12.30 pm Baptism</i>		People of the Parish <i>Amelia Eleanor Riley</i>
		<i>5.00 pm Confessions</i> 5.30 pm Mass	Douglas Tallon Ints.
Monday 5 th <i>St Agatha</i>		9.30 am Mass	Andrew Fern Ints.
Tuesday 6 th <i>St Paul Miki & Companions</i>	9.30 am Mass		James Kelly RIP
Wednesday 7 th <i>Feria in Ordinary Time</i>		9.30 am Mass <i>10.00 am Exposition</i>	Daniel-Special Intention
Thursday 8 th <i>Feria in Ordinary Time</i>	9.30 am Mass <i>10.30 am Mass at School</i>		Jamie Oliver RIP <i>Tony Rush</i>
Friday 9 th <i>Feria in Ordinary Time</i>		9.30 am Mass	Jean-Claude Peissel RIP
Saturday 10 th <i>St Scholastica</i>	10.00 am Mass <i>Confessions</i> <i>10.30-11.00 am</i>		Gwendoline Newton RIP
Year B	4.00 pm Vigil Mass		Trevor Mold RIP
Sunday, 11th February <i>Day for the Unemployed</i> <i>World Day of Prayer for the Sick</i> SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME <i>Green</i>	8.45 am Mass		Dan, Franklin & Marie Roberts
		10.00 am Mass	Sonia Leonard RIP
	11.15 am Mass		Anna Bala RIP
		<i>5.00 pm Confessions</i> 5.30 pm Mass	Gerald McAvoy RIP

ARCHBISHOP'S VISITATION - Many thanks to all those who helped in welcoming His Grace the Archbishop during his visitation weekend. Especially for those of you who provided food and organised and set up and cleared up the Bring and Share lunch. Thanks also to our sterling groups of altar servers and musicians who animated the liturgy, and to our sacristan and flower arrangers. All these valuable contributions only work if people come, so it was great to see so many at Mass to welcome Archbishop Bernard, and to those who came to the lunch and the Saturday meeting where the Archbishop was grateful that your concerns, hopes, consolations and joys were shared.

The Visitation of parishes helps the Archbishop to build up a picture of the whole diocese and of its needs as we move forward into the future.

ASH WEDNESDAY and the season of Lent will begin a week on Wednesday. It's always a good idea to 'have a plan' about how you are going to make Lent special. In the parish there will be a Lent Group (details below), a weekly early morning Mass on Fridays at 6.45am, and Stations of the Cross. But it is a great idea to choose a book to read that will feed our lives of faith – maybe a book to help us in our prayer in this 'Year of Prayer.' There will also be new Catholic Truth Society pamphlets to help our understanding of the faith.

NB: For the romantics among us you might not have realised that Ash Wednesday this year falls on St Valentine's Day - one of the two days we have each year of fasting and abstinence – not exactly conducive to wining and dining! Maybe compromise....and woo your loved one on Carnivàle or Shrove Tuesday instead??

CAR PARKING AT ST. JOHN'S PRESBYTERY. Spaces in front of the presbytery are very limited. Occasionally the priest's cars have been blocked in when there has been a need to leave the site during Mass. Please consider using the church car park on Dashwood Road if space is tight. If parking on Dashwood Road, please be considerate of our neighbours.

WELCOMERS AT SUNDAY MASS - We have had one or two volunteers so far, but we could do with more, so if you want to volunteer for this simple but important ministry - turning up for Mass a little earlier, giving out a hymn book and welcoming visitors, do let one of the clergy, Nicola or the office know – preferably by email.

BAPTISM COURSES - The next course will be on Tues 6 Feb, 7.00-9.00pm in the Brabazon Room, Dupuis Centre. Please contact the office with your details to register your attendance.

FUNERAL SERVICE - of Gwendoline Newton is on Wednesday 7th February at Banbury Crematorium.

LUNCH CLUB – The next lunch is on Mon 12 Feb at 12.30pm in the Dupuis Centre. Please contact Marilena to confirm your attendance.

LENT SYCAMORE PRAYER COURSE – Fr. Sean warmly invites you to six sessions about Christian prayer and the adventure of the spiritual life, each Wednesday of Lent at 7.00pm in the Dupuis Centre. Lent 2024 is during the 'Year of Prayer', called by Pope Francis to help us prepare for the Jubilee year in 2025. The Sycamore prayer course will be of great benefit to those who are just beginning or struggling in their life of prayer, as well as those who have been praying happily for a long time!

ST JOHN'S QUIZ NIGHT – Fri 23 Feb, 7.00pm for 7.30pm start. Tickets now available from Marilena. Always a great night; bring your own nibbles & drinks. Ticket price £5 per person, maximum team numbers 8 max. Raffle.

MARY'S MEALS – Thank you to everyone who supported us last month. A total of £758.38 was raised. This figure will be doubled to £1016.60, which will feed 79 children for a year.

SALE OF UNWANTED CHRISTMAS GIFTS – This will be held on a date to be confirmed in February. Please bring any unwanted gifts to the parish office or give to Sue Allen at St. Joseph's on a Sunday morning. *Please note that we are not looking for jumble items.*

CAFOD are looking for people to join them in their mission. See cafod.org.uk/Volunteer for more information.

VACANCIES – BGN School has several vacancies. See our noticeboard for further details. Contact www.eteach.com/careers/bgn-oxon.

PARISH OFFICE HOURS – Please note that the parish office is currently open on a Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday between 9.00am and 3.00pm. Please can any notices for the Newsletter be received by Wednesday evening.

Please pray for the dead ...

Of your charity, pray for the repose of the souls of those who have died recently, particularly Gwendoline Newton, Fr. Chris Greeny and Fr. Sandy Brown. Pray also for those whose anniversaries occur this coming week:

- 04 Mick O’Driscoll 2022; Anne Mulroy 2022; Carmela Webster 2020; Julie Cronin 2014; Ruth Bonner 2003; William Humphries 2000; William Kent 1999; Kathleen O’Sullivan 1994
- 05 Fred Humphries 2015; Brendan McLoughlin 2003; Maurice Cregan 2001; Peter Quinn 1993; Thomas Connor 1989; Florence Brain 1987
- 06 John Kelly 2020; Marley Wallace 2005; James Nolan 2001; Antonis Solka 1997; Noel Carson 1997; Cecile Adam 1991; Harriet (Nellie) Cronin 1987
- 07 John Downey 2008; Catherine Stratton 2007; Irene Walleth 2006; Keith Hopkins 2006; Teresa Marti-Moncous 2001; Kathleen Wagstaff 1996; Elizabeth Manning 1994; Ruth D’Arcy 1993; Guiseppa Crognale 1992; Piotr Zadziorski 1991
- 08 Jean-Claude Peissel 2016; Hedwig Pinther 1994; Mabel Henry 1991
- 09 Tim O’Mahoney 2020; Henry Walton 2016; Julia Griffin 1989; Elsie Bennett 1985
- 10 Trevor Mold 2022; Wieslaw Krupski 2006; Doreen Harrison 2004; Terrie Cadd 2001; Verdun Burke 1999; Gladys Vale 1991; Harold Goodway 1988

***Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them.
May they rest in peace. Amen.***

Please pray for the sick of our Parishes ...

Julie Aikenhead, Vicky Aikenhead, Deacon Henry Allen, Edward Andrews, Audrey Anthistle, Cora Barnard, Douglas Bond, Brenda Brennan, Eileen Bristoll, Christopher Browne, Clifford Browne, Ann Dagger, Mary Dant, Oliver Davies, Michael Evans, Alan Fitchett, Barbara Fleming, Carl Gill, Diane Greenwood, Pat Heritage, Roger Johnson, Eileen & Michael Jordan, Teresa Kurszewska, Catherine Ley, Iris Jean Lloyd, Liam Malone, Tom Mannion, Christine Napier, Anne Nolan, Costanza Pannozzo, Trish Rossenrode, Eileen Shea, Nicky Smith, Elaine Steer.

PARISH FINANCIAL MATTERS

Weekly Income:	<u>28 January</u>	<u>ST JOHN’S</u>	<u>ST JOSEPH’S</u>
Gift Aid:	£ 31.00	£ 44.00	
Non-Gift Aid:	£ 704.00	£ 197.90	
Contactless Card:	£ 69.00	-----	
QR code	£ ---	-----	
Standing Orders for December	£ 2901.00	£ 1311.00	

CRIB OFFERINGS – the offerings this year will go to the ***Aid to the Church in Need***; this will help Catholics in Gaza, Ukraine and Nigeria. Thank you for your support.

Thank you for all your support.

GENERAL TIMES FOR SACRAMENTS AND OTHER CELEBRATIONS

St. John’s:	Reconciliation	Friday, 6.00-7.00 pm; Saturday, 10.30-11.00 am
	Adoration	Friday at 6.00-7.00 pm
	Baptisms	Sunday from 12.30 pm
	Weddings	A minimum of six months’ notice is required
	Legion of Mary	Saturday at 10.45 am (Wall Room, Dupuis Centre)
St. Joseph’s:	Adoration	Wednesday at 10.00-11.00 am
	Baptisms	Sunday at 11.30 am
	Weddings	A minimum of six months’ notice is required
	Legion of Mary	Wednesday at 6.30 pm
	Youth Group	3 rd Sunday, 6.30-8.30pm, for children Yr 7 & above.

DONA CARD READER:

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



PARISH OFFICE [The office is situated at St John’s Presbytery; office hours Tuesday – Thursday, 9.00am – 3.00pm]

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SAFEGUARDING: The Parish operates in accordance with Statutory Safeguarding Guidance and the National and Archdioceses policies & procedures at all times. Our Parish Safeguarding Representative for St John’s is Nicola Mollard; for St Joseph’s, 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 concern.

Entrance Antiphon

O come, let us worship God
and bow low before the God who made us,
for he is the Lord our God.

Collect

Keep your family safe, O Lord, with unfailing care,
that, relying solely on the hope of heavenly grace,
they may be defended always by your protection.
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

Job 7:1-4,6-7

Job began to speak:

Is not man's life on earth nothing more than pressed service,
his time no better than hired drudgery?
Like the slave, sighing for the shade,
or the workman with no thought but his wages,
months of delusion I have assigned to me,
nothing for my own but nights of grief.
Lying in bed I wonder, 'When will it be day?'
Risen I think, 'How slowly evening comes!'
Restlessly I fret till twilight falls.
Swifter than a weaver's shuttle my days have passed,
and vanished, leaving no hope behind.
Remember that my life is but a breath,
and that my eyes will never again see joy.

Responsorial Psalm

Praise the Lord who heals the broken-hearted. R/.

Praise the Lord for he is good;
sing to our God for he is loving:
to him our praise is due. **R/.**

The Lord builds up Jerusalem
and brings back Israel's exiles,
he heals the broken-hearted, **R/.**
he binds up all their wounds.
He fixes the number of the stars;
he calls each one by its name. **R/.**

Our Lord is great and almighty;
his wisdom can never be measured.
The Lord raises the lowly;
he humbles the wicked to the dust. **R/.**

Second reading

1 Corinthians 9:16-19,22-23

I do not boast of preaching the gospel, since it is a duty which
has been laid on me; I should be punished if I did not preach it!
If I had chosen this work myself, I might have been paid for it,
but as I have not, it is a responsibility which has been put into my
hands. Do you know what my reward is? It is this: in my
preaching, to be able to offer the Good News free, and not insist
on the rights which the gospel gives me.

So though I am not a slave of any man I have made myself the
slave of everyone so as to win as many as I could. For the weak
I made myself weak: I made myself all things to all men in order
to save some at any cost; and I still do this, for the sake of the
gospel, to have a share in its blessings.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!
I am the light of the world, says the Lord;
anyone who follows me will have the light of life.
Alleluia!

Gospel

Mark 1:29-39

On leaving the synagogue, Jesus went with James and John
straight to the house of Simon and Andrew. Now Simon's
mother-in-law had gone to bed with fever, and they told him
about her straightaway. He went to her, took her by the hand and
helped her up. And the fever left her and she began to wait on
them.

That evening, after sunset, they brought to him all who were
sick and those who were possessed by devils. The whole town
came crowding round the door, and he cured many who were
suffering from diseases of one kind or another; he also cast out
many devils, but he would not allow them to speak, because they
knew who he was.

In the morning, long before dawn, he got up and left the house,
and went off to a lonely place and prayed there. Simon and his
companions set out in search of him, and when they found him
they said, 'Everybody is looking for you.' He answered, 'Let us
go elsewhere, to the neighbouring country towns, so that I can
preach there too, because that is why I came.' And he went all
through Galilee, preaching in their synagogues and casting out
devils.

Prayer over the Offerings

O Lord, our God,
who once established these created things
to sustain us in our frailty,
grant, we pray,
that they may become for us now
the Sacrament of eternal life.
Through Christ our Lord.

Communion Antiphon

Let them thank the Lord for his mercy,
his wonders for the children of men,
for he satisfies the thirsty soul,
and the hungry he fills with good things.

Prayer after Communion

O God, who have willed that we be partakers
in the one Bread and the one Chalice,
grant us, we pray, so to live
that, made one in Christ,
we may joyfully bear fruit
for the salvation of the world.
Through Christ our Lord.