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YEAR A	*ST JOHN'S*	*ST JOSEPH'S*	*INTENTION*
Sunday 4th October	4.00pm Vigil Mass (Saturday)		Special Intention
TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	8.30am Holy Mass		James and Family
		10.00am Holy Mass	In Thanksgiving
Green	11.30am Holy Mass		People of the Parish
Monday 5th October *Feria in Ordinary Time*	9.30am Holy Mass		Patricia & Trevor
Tuesday 6th October *Feria in Ordinary Time*		9.30am Holy Mass	Andy Murphy & Family
Wednesday 7th October *Memoria of Our Lady of the Rosary*		9.30 Morning Prayer	
Thursday 8th October *Feria in ordinary Time*	6.30pm Holy Mass		Titto Thomas
Friday 9th October **Feast of St John Henry Newman**	*9.30am Holy Mass* *6.00 – 7.00pm Adoration, Vespers & Benediction with Confessions*		The Breen Family
Saturday 10th October *Feria in Ordinary Time*	10.00am Holy Mass & Confessions		Pope Leo XIV
Sunday 11th October	4.00pm Vigil Mass (Saturday)		Queen Elizabeth II RIP
TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	8.30am Holy Mass		People of the Parish
		10.00am Holy Mass	Eileen Shea RIP
Green	11.30am Holy Mass		Norah Finnegan RIP

Welcome to Mass on this Twenty-Seventh Sunday of Ordinary Time. There are refreshments after the 10am Mass at St Joseph's for tea/coffee/cake and chat. There will be a second collection for Father Hudson's Society. I'm sure you will be generous.

There is a children's Liturgy at the 10am and 11.30am Masses

For those at Mass who are not Catholics, when it comes to the time of Holy Communion you can either stay in your seat or come forward for a blessing, as you wish. If you wish to receive a blessing, then simply place you right hand on your left shoulder to indicate this. For those receiving Holy Communion in the hand please do so carefully, and only move away once you have consumed the Sacred Host. Those receiving Holy Communion can also receive the Sacred Host on the tongue, standing or kneeling.

First Holy Communion 2027: The forms for admission to Holy Communion for children in Year 3 or above are available after Mass from Fr Philip at the end of the Sunday Masses today and next Sunday. Please return the form to church or the presbytery by October 25th with an attached COPY of their baptismal certificate. This year, following the recent school curriculum changes, the parish and schools will be working together to prepare the children for holy communion, and will be doing their preparation on Sunday mornings at St John's between the two morning Masses. A big thank you for the commitment of those from the parish and the schools who are going to help with this preparation. **The meeting for all parents who wish their child to receive first holy communion will be on Saturday 14th November at 5pm.**

FRIDAY NIGHT FAITH - For adults wanting to know more about the Catholic faith – will meet this Friday in the upper room of the Dupuis Centre (the room up the steps by the church). It is especially for those wishing to learn more about the Catholic faith, or who wish to become Catholics.

5th October at 10am in the Dupuis Centre - Padre Pio Prayer Group – meets every first Monday of the month – an opportunity for parishioners to come together to pray for the needs of our Parish and world. St Padre Pio was an Italian Capuchin friar, priest and mystic. New members are always welcome. No sign up. Just turn up!

Shepherds Pause Café Tuesday 6th October this Tuesday 2pm at St Joseph's School. at 2.00pm - a venture involving both our primary schools, led by their chaplaincy teams, and is open to all parents, carers, families and parishioners. It's a wonderful opportunity to pause, pray, connect with one another and reflect on the current liturgical season over refreshments. Last year, these events became a truly special way of bringing our school and parish communities together, and we are looking forward to welcoming both familiar and new faces as we continue this shared journey of faith.

Confirmation Classes. Thursday 8th October Those children who are registered for the Parish Confirmation Programme, lessons will commence on Thursday 8th October 4.30pm - 6pm. Location: Dupuis Centre, St.John's. This is for children who are not in a Catholic Primary School, or for older children who missed their Confirmation in Y6.

ADORARE. Saturday 10th October 6-8pm We are privileged that the Kenelm Youth Trust(KYT) are leading a time of prayer and adoration of the Blessed Sacrament for young people here at St John's this coming Saturday between 6-8pm. Do come and support this.

10th- International Rosary Saturday, October 10.45am in St John's Church *'One Faith, Many Voices': An International Rosary.* The Legion of Mary invites our entire parish community to a morning of prayer and unity, where each decade will be prayed in a different language. *Fellowship, light refreshments and international pastries to follow in the Dupuis Centre.*

St. John's Catholic Primary School Open Mornings 6th and 10th October– September 2027 Admissions. We are delighted to invite parents and carers of children who will be starting primary school in September 2027 to come and visit St John's Primary School. Our open mornings are Tuesday 6th October and Tuesday 10th November at 10.00am If you would like to attend one of these mornings, please contact the school office on 01295 263740. If you would like to visit the school but are unable to attend either of these dates, please do get in touch with us.

October CHORAL CONCERT OF CHURCH MUSIC 11th 6 - 7.30pm. We have a beautiful programme for this event under the direction of Dylan McCaig - details on the posters. Do come along and support this event in aid of organ repairs. Refreshments afterwards in the Dupuis Centre. Entrance £8 (concessions £5) on the door

Monday Lunch Club 12th October -please ensure you have booked your place to attend.

SVP Quiz Night - Friday 13th November tickets available from Marilena or any of the SVP team - £6pp - teams of 6 - bring your own refreshments - all proceeds to the local SVP.

SVP Christmas Hampers for our Community - during November we will be asking for specific items to put into Christmas Hampers which will be distributed in December to those in our Parish who might need support. If there is anyone you might think will appreciate receiving a Hamper then please email us on the SVP email address on the newsletter in the strictest of confidence.

The Food Bank at St Joseph's are in need of donations of tea/coffee, long life fruit juice, tinned meat, chocolate, snacks, tinned vegetables.

Wine Tasting Evening is being planned on Saturday 4th December – Theme: *Christmas Wines.* It will be led by a member of the Majestic Team and has been suggested as a fund-raising event for the Bicentenary Fund by one of the parishioners, and sounds a fun night! The cost would be £35 per head - but it is necessary to establish whether there is sufficient interest for it to go ahead. If you feel you would definitely be interested, please email Bicentenary@stjohn.banbury@rcaob.org.uk to indicate your interest as there is a minimum number to make the event viable.

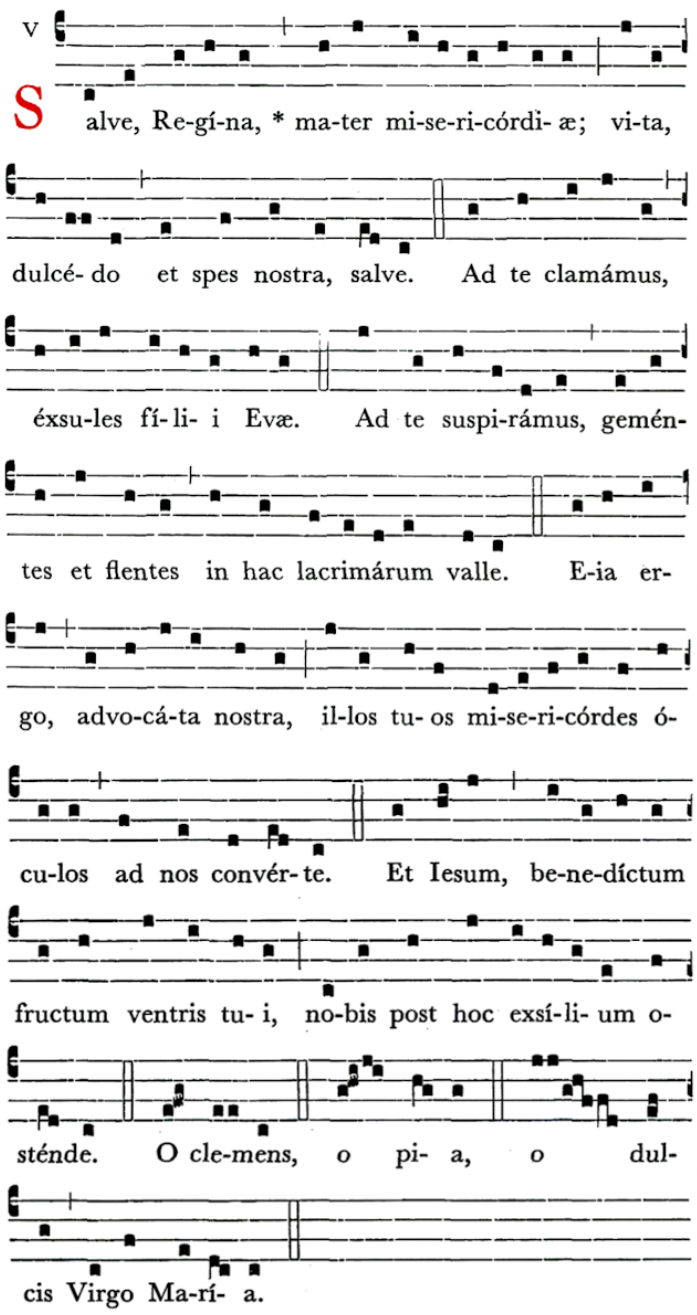
SVP Christmas Hampers for the Community - during November we will be asking for donations to contribute to our Christmas Hampers which will be distributed to those in need in time for Christmas. If there is anyone you feel might benefit from receiving one of the Hampers, then please let us know, in total confidence and we will ensure this happens. Contact details at the back of the Newsletter.

Breakfast Club every Thursday from 10am-12noon held in St Joseph's Parish Hall - if you would welcome some company over a cup of tea and a bit of breakfast ... then please come along. No charge.

Mary's Meals We made £428-88 including £170 gift aid which will feed 22 children for one year. Thanks to all our supporters, volunteers and team of ladies. Well done!

Last Sunday's Youth Bake Sale

Raised £725.56! Thank you to our Parish community for your huge support - both baking and buying! A tremendous effort!



Please pray for those who have died recently: Richard Bortkiewicz, Nora McGloin, Nancy Brooks, Eileen McGonagle, Jenny Noll

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

Pray also for those whose anniversaries occur this coming week

04 Christine Green 2025; Peter Yik 2023; Mary Parris 2011; Richard Smith 1998; James Brown 1985
05 Rita Pinfold 2016; Bridget Bauckham 2011; Bertha Craik 1998; Olive Jacob 1997
06 Ruth Frame 2000; Katica Stadfeld 1985; Reginald Bloice 1985
07 Rosemarie Grabowska 2016; Joy Oxlade 2011; Rosario Oya 2010; Denise Thomas 1993; Doreen Cooney 1988; Catherine Barraclough 1987; Maud Parkinson 1987; Aaron Lowe 1985
08 Paul Kelly 2020; James Byrne 2000; Brenda Gardiner 1996
09 Mariusz Wrotniak 2024, Paddy Breen 2016; Margaret Van Averbeke 2014; Giovanni Malvatani 2006; Hilda (Pat) Murphy 2005; Hanoria (Nora) Hayes 2004
10 Rick Gilroy 2015; Lionel (Tony) Wright 2008; John Loughlan 1983

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

Please pray for the sick of our Parishes…

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, John Breen.

PARISH FINANCIAL MATTERS

Weekly Income:	ST JOHN'S	ST JOSEPH'S
Gift Aid	£115.00	£57.00
Non-Gift Aid	£630.09	£196.26
Contactless Card	£272	£35

Standing orders for August: St John's £3912	St Joseph's £1093
Second Collection today for Fr Hudson's Society	

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 Joseph's	Legion of Mary	Wednesday at 6.30 pm
	Youth Group	3rd Saturday, 6.30 – 8pm for children Yr 6 & 7
		3rd Sunday, 6.30-8.30pm, for children Yr 7 & above

St Vincent De Paul Society – Contact and help - Phone: 07761 643449 Email: info@svpbanbury.org.uk

PARISH OFFICE The office is situated at St John's Presbytery and can also be contacted by telephone or email using the details above.

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 concern.

Entrance Antiphon

Cf. Est 4: 17

Within your will, O Lord, all things are established,
and there is none that can resist your will.
For you have made all things, the heaven and the earth,
and all that is held within the circle of heaven;
you are the Lord of all.

Collect

Almighty ever-living God,
who in the abundance of your kindness
surpass the merits and the desires of those who entreat you,
pour out your mercy upon us
to pardon what conscience dreads
and to give what prayer does not dare to ask.
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

Isaiah 5:1-7

Let me sing for my beloved
my love song concerning his vineyard:
My beloved had a vineyard on a very fertile hill.
He dug it and cleared it of stones,
and planted it with choice vines;
he built a watchtower in the midst of it,
and hewed out a wine vat in it;
and he looked for it to yield grapes,
but it yielded wild grapes.
And now, O inhabitants of Jerusalem and men of Judah,
judge between me and my vineyard.
What more was there to do for my vineyard,
that I have not done in it?
When I looked for it to yield grapes,
why did it yield wild grapes?
And now I will tell you
what I will do to my vineyard.
I will remove its hedge,
and it shall be devoured;
I will break down its wall,
and it shall be trampled down.
I will make it a waste;
it shall not be pruned or hoed,
and briers and thorns shall grow up;
I will also command the clouds
that they rain no rain upon it.
For the vineyard of the Lord of hosts
is the house of Israel,
and the men of Judah
are his pleasant planting;
and he looked for justice, but behold, bloodshed;
for righteousness, but behold, an outcry!

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 80(79):9, 12. 13-14. 15-16. 19-20. ℟ Isaiah 5:7a

The vineyard of the Lord is the house of Israel.
You brought a vine out of Egypt;
you drove out the nations and planted it.
It stretched out its branches to the sea;
to the River it stretched out its shoots.
The vineyard of the Lord is the house of Israel.

Then why have you broken down its walls?
It is plucked by all who pass by the way.
It is ravaged by the boar of the forest,
devoured by the beasts of the field.
The vineyard of the Lord is the house of Israel.

God of hosts, turn again, we implore;
look down from heaven and see.
Visit this vine and protect it,
the stock your right hand has planted,
the son you have claimed for yourself.
The vineyard of the Lord is the house of Israel.

And we shall never forsake you again;
give us life that we may call upon your name.
Bring us back, O Lord God of hosts;
let your face shine forth, and we shall be saved.
The vineyard of the Lord is the house of Israel.

Second reading

Philippians 4:6-9

Brothers and Sisters: Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is honourable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence, if there is anything worthy of praise: think about these things. What you have learned and received and heard and seen in me — practise these things, and the God of peace will be with you.

Gospel Acclamation

Cf. John 15:16

Alleluia, alleluia.
I chose you out of the world, says the Lord,
that you should go and bear fruit, and that your fruit should abide.
Alleluia.

Gospel

Matthew 21:33-43

At that time: Jesus said to the chief priests and the elders of the people, ‘Hear another parable. There was a master of a house who planted a vineyard and put a fence round it and dug a wine press in it and built a tower and leased it to tenants, and went into another country. When the season for fruit drew near, he sent his servants to the tenants to get his fruit. And the tenants took his servants and beat one, killed another, and stoned another. Again he sent other servants, more than at first. And they did the same to them. Finally he sent his son to them, saying, “They will respect my son.” But when the tenants saw the son, they said to themselves, “This is the heir. Come, let us kill him and have his inheritance.” And they took him and threw him out of the vineyard and killed him. When therefore the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?’ They said to him, ‘He will put those wretches to a miserable death and let out the vineyard to other tenants who will give him the fruits in their seasons.’ Jesus said to them, ‘Have you never read in the Scriptures: “The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone; this was the Lord’s doing, and it is marvellous in our eyes”? Therefore I tell you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people producing its fruits.’

Prayer over the Offerings

Accept, O Lord, we pray,
the sacrifices instituted by your commands
and, through the sacred mysteries,
which we celebrate with dutiful service,
graciously complete the sanctifying work
by which you are pleased to redeem us.
Through Christ our Lord.

Communion Antiphon

Lam 3: 25

The Lord is good to those who hope in him,
to the soul that seeks him.
for we all partake of the one Bread and one Chalice.

Prayer after Communion

Grant us, almighty God,
that we may be refreshed and nourished
by the Sacrament which we have received,
so as to be transformed into what we consume.
Through Christ our Lord.