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YEAR A	ST JOHN'S	ST JOSEPH'S	INTENTION
Sunday 5 TH April EASTER SUNDAY	8.30pm Easter Vigil (Saturday)		Jim Mulroy RIP
	8.30am Mass		Edward Nosal RIP
		10.00am Mass	People of the Parish
<i>White</i>	11.30am Mass		David Stainsby
Monday 6 th <i>Easter Monday</i>	<u>NO MASS</u>		
Tuesday 7 th <i>Easter Tuesday</i>		9.30am Mass	Lucy Mannion RIP
Wednesday 8th April <i>Easter Wednesday</i>	5.00pm Reception of body	9.30am Morning Prayer	Nora Brown RIP
Thursday 9 th <i>Easter Thursday</i>	11.00am Funeral Mass 6.30pm Mass		Nora Brown RIP Des Harding RIP
Friday 10 th <i>Easter Friday</i>	9.30am Mass		Adam Mawle RIP
Saturday 11 th <i>Holy Saturday</i>	10.00am Mass		Jesus Youth Jubilee Year
Sunday 12 TH April SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER <i>Divine Mercy Sunday</i>	4.00pm Vigil Mass (Saturday)		Priesthood & Clergy
	8.30am Mass		Jose Hernandez-Mendiola
		10.00am Mass	Lynda Solomon RIP
<i>White</i>	11.30am Mass		Carole Cooper RIP

Alleluia – Christ is risen! He is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Welcome to Mass on this Easter Day – the Queen of Feasts! For those visiting the parish today you are most welcome. Since the beginning of Lent we have journeyed with Our Lord, and each other, to this Paschal celebration. After the 40 days of giving things up –this is followed by 50 days of rejoicing at which the Paschal Candle will stand in our midst by the altar as a sign of the risen Christ, pierced with the wounds of love, who makes himself known to us in the scriptures and the Eucharist.

Some years ago Pope Benedict reflected on the importance of this feast – and spoke of Easter as being the: 'feast of the new creation. He (the Risen Christ) has opened the door to a new life, one that no longer knows illness and death. He has taken mankind up into God himself. On the subject of Christ's resurrection and our resurrection, the Church writer Tertullian in the third century was bold enough to write: "Rest assured, flesh and blood, through Christ you have gained your place in heaven and in the kingdom. Of God." A new dimension has opened up for mankind. Creation has become greater and bolder.'

Today is the first day of the Easter Octave – for each day of this week is held as a Solemnity of The Resurrection. The Easter season itself lasts until the Solemnity of Pentecost.

Please note any changes in the schedule this week.

There will be no confessions on Friday evening.

Next Sunday – the Octave Day of Easter - is also the Feast of Divine Mercy. Confessions will be available on Saturday from 10.30am.

The indulgence for Divine Mercy can be gained within 20 days of the feast under the usual conditions, and includes: Sacramental Confession, Holy Communion, Prayers for the Pope's intentions (Our Father and the Creed); Eucharistic Adoration or the Divine Mercy chaplet.

Bicentenary Book - The bicentenary of the parish will be celebrated in 2028.....but time flies!

As part of the celebration a new history of the parish is being written by Garry O'Connor, a published author, and attends Mass at St John's. Gary writes that he is: seeking colourful, off-beat, even sometimes humorous accounts of the people (of the parish) who were there and involved – stories of a more personal character which will serve to bring alive this whole remarkable story and endow it with depth and quality.'

He will also be interested in photos which will bring alive the history of the parish.

The bicentenary actually predates both the building of St John's and St Joseph's and their separation into distinct parishes, and so the bicentenary celebrates the roots of what would become Catholic Banbury.

If you have any information for Garry, or photos, then please email him on garry@theunexaminedlife7.co.uk

Congratulations to those who received the Easter Sacraments at the Easter vigil. It is a great joy to welcome new Catholics into the communion of Holy Church. We pray that the graces received on that day may strengthen them in their lives as disciples of the crucified and Risen Lord Jesus.

The Easter Offering - In this diocese this is the Easter collection given to the Parish Priest to support him in his ministry. It helps with general living expenses – and with more expensive things like a car and its running costs. There are envelopes you can use for this, as well as the card reader at the back of church.

POPE LEO'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR APRIL 2026 FOR PRIESTS IN CRISIS

Let us pray for priests going through moments of crisis in their vocation, that they may find the accompaniment they need and that communities may support them with understanding and prayer.

Please remember in your prayers Sister Thérèse O'Neill, our parish Sister from 2014 -2023. Sr. Thérèse was a great support to many in the parish, visiting the sick, housebound and lonely. She was loved by all and worked tirelessly during covid to ensure the vulnerable weren't forgotten. She was missed very much when ill health forced her to return to Selly Park, the Mother House of the Sisters of Charity of St Paul and so ending her service in Banbury. We pray that The Lord may grant her rest and peace, and the reward of a good and faithful servant.

SR. THÉRÈSE'S REQUIEM MASS – The funeral will take place at St. Paul's Convent, Selly Park, Birmingham, B29 7LL. There will also be a live stream, the link for this is <http://chapel.sellypark.org> The password is **dupuis**

LUNCH CLUB – April 13th. please contact Marilena 07891 178920 if you wish to attend or are no longer able to.

PATRICIANS - A friendly discussion group for all Catholics, aimed at building knowledge and confidence in talking about our Faith with others. Refreshments provided. Next Meeting: Friday 17th April 7pm. TOPIC: The Divine Mercy Revelations. The Intentions of Jesus revealed to St. Faustina.

PADRE PIO PRAYER GROUP – Next meeting will be on Monday 20th April in the Dupuis Centre at 10am.

INDIAN EVENING – Saturday 15th May, 7pm – 10pm. Come and enjoy authentic Indian cuisine in the Dupuis Centre. Tickets £25pp and can be purchased through the parish office or by contacting sajusacaria@outlook.com All proceeds from these events will go to your local SVP, supporting those in our community who are in need of some help.

BGN VACANCY – The school are currently recruiting for a Student Engagement Lead and an Asst. subject leader of Religious Education (Maternity Cover) For more information, please see noticeboard.

REGINA CAELI, SIMPLE TONE:



Ant. 6.
R E-gi-na caeli * lae-ta-re, alle-lu-ia : Qui-a quem me-
ru-isti portá-re, alle-lu-ia : Re-surréx-it, si-cut dix-it, alle-
lu-ia : Ora pro no-bis De-um, alle-lu-ia.
1. Gaude et laetare, Virgo Maria, allelúia.
2. Ouia surréxit Dóminus vére. allelúia.

Please pray for the dead ...

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

Particularly Marianne Balazs, Sr. Thérèse O’ Neill & Nora Brown.

Pray also for those whose anniversaries occur this coming week:

- 05 Enid Mackenzie 1998
- 06 Colin Goodall 2024; Keith Rhodes 2023; Carole Cooper 2021; Peter Durkin 2020; Kitty Willis 2016; Douglas Barnfield 2009; Mary O’Dowd 2006; George Leatherdale 2000; Victor Bateman 1996
- 07 Eileen Jordan 2025; Shelagh Gardner 2010; Joan Beak 2002; Susan Ellis 2001; Violet Haynis 1999; Mary Blackman 1990; Veronica Sheehan 1983
- 08 Helen Cregan 2022; John Scales 2021; Doreen Powell 2013; Elizabeth Chappell 2011; Vera Tower 2007; Hester Baldwin 1998; Ethel Moreby 1987; Joan Honer 1985
- 09 Desmond Harding 2025; Margaret McHale 2023; Adam Mawle 2020; Brigid Tohill 2011; Roger Mochan 1994; Edward Flower 1983
- 10 Theresa Whitman 2018; Joanna Ciaputa 2018; Joan O’Connell 2015; Raffaele Lella 2006; Terry Bletchly 1995; Yvonne Plant 1995
- 11 Patrick Monaghan 2020; Barbara McGurk 2012; Maureen Swift 2004; Sally Boss 1998; Sybil Lickorish 1991; Francis McCarthy 1986

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, Ruth Aris, Cora Barnard, Peter Barton, Marianne Balazs, Douglas Bond, Brenda Brennan, Eileen Bristoll, Christopher Browne, Clifford Browne, Sue Davis, Nick Davies, Oliver Davies, Michael Evans, 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, Eileen Shea, Nicky Smith, Elaine Steer.

PARISH FINANCIAL MATTERS

Weekly Income: 29 th March 2026	<u>ST JOHN’S</u>	<u>ST JOSEPH’S</u>
Gift Aid	£ 93.00	£ 55.00
Non-Gift Aid	£ 729.20	£ 214.59
Contactless Card	£ 00.00	£ 00.00
Standing Orders – January	£ 3014.00	£ 789.00

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 donated, we will receive another 25p

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 9.30am – 10.30am
	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 Saturday, 6.30 – 8pm for children Yr 6 & 7 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**Cf. Ps 138: 18, 5-6**

I have risen, and I am with you still, alleluia.
 You have laid your hand upon me, alleluia.
 Too wonderful for me, this knowledge, alleluia, alleluia.

Collect

O God, who on this day,
 through your Only Begotten Son,
 have conquered death
 and unlocked for us the path to eternity,
 grant, we pray, that we who keep
 the solemnity of the Lord's Resurrection
 may, through the renewal brought by your Spirit,
 rise up in the light of life.
 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**Acts 10:34a, 37-43**

In those days: Peter opened his mouth and said: 'You yourselves know what happened throughout all Judea, beginning from Galilee after the baptism that John proclaimed: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power. He went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. And we are witnesses of all that he did both in the country of the Jews and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree, but God raised him on the third day and caused him to appear, not to all the people but to us who had been chosen by God as witnesses, who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. And he commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one appointed by God to be judge of the living and the dead. To him all the prophets bear witness that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.'

Responsorial Psalm**Ps 118(117):1-2. 16-17. 22-23. 24**

***This is the day the LORD has made;
 let us rejoice in it and be glad. R/.***

Give praise to the LORD, for he is good;
 his mercy endures for ever.
 Let the house of Israel say,
 'His mercy endures for ever.' **R/.**

The LORD's right hand is exalted.
 The LORD's right hand has done mighty deeds.
 I shall not die, I shall live
 and recount the deeds of the LORD. **R/.**

The stone that the builders rejected
 has become the cornerstone.
 By the LORD has this been done,
 a marvel in our eyes. **R/.**

Second reading**Colossians 3:1-4**

Brothers and Sisters: If you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth. For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ who is your life appears, then you also will appear with him in glory.

Sequence**Victimae Paschali Laudes**

Christians, to the Paschal Victim
 offer sacrifice and praise.
 The sheep are ransomed by the Lamb;
 and Christ, the undefiled,
 hath sinners to his Father reconciled.

Death with life contended:
 combat strangely ended!

Life's own Champion, slain,
 yet lives to reign.

Tell us, Mary:
 say what thou didst see
 upon the way.

The tomb the Living did enclose;
 I saw Christ's glory as he rose!

The angels there attesting;
 shroud with grave-clothes resting.

Christ, my hope, has risen:
 he goes before you into Galilee.

That Christ is truly risen
 from the dead we know.
 Victorious king, thy mercy show!

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia.
 Christ, our Passover lamb, has been sacrificed;
 let us therefore celebrate the festival in the Lord.
 Alleluia.

Gospel**John 20:1-9**

On the first day of the week Mary Magdalene came to the tomb early, while it was still dark, and saw that the stone had been taken away from the tomb. So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, 'They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him.' So Peter went out with the other disciple, and they were going towards the tomb. Both of them were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. And stooping to look in, he saw the linen cloths lying there, but he did not go in. Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen cloths lying there, and the face cloth, which had been on the head of Jesus, not lying with the linen cloths but folded up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple, who had reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; for as yet they did not understand the Scripture, that he must rise from the dead.

Prayer over the Offerings

Exultant with paschal gladness, O Lord,
 we offer the sacrifice
 by which your Church
 is wondrously reborn and nourished.
 Through Christ our Lord.

Communion Antiphon

Christ our Passover has been sacrificed, alleluia;
 therefore let us keep the feast with the unleavened bread
 of purity and truth, alleluia, alleluia.

Prayer after Communion

Look upon your Church, O God,
 with unfailing love and favour,
 so that, renewed by the paschal mysteries,
 she may come to the glory of the resurrection.
 Through Christ our Lord.

Solemn Blessing

May almighty God bless you
 through today's Easter Solemnity
 and, in his compassion,
 defend you from every assault of sin.

Amen.

And may he, who restores you to eternal life
 in the Resurrection of his Only Begotten,
 endow you with the prize of immortality.

Amen.

Now that the days of the Lord's Passion have drawn to a close,
 may you who celebrate the gladness of the Paschal Feast
 come with Christ's help, and exulting in spirit,
 to those feasts that are celebrated in eternal joy.

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.