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This parish is part of the Archdiocese of Birmingham: Registered charity number 234216

YEAR A	*ST JOHN'S*	*ST JOSEPH'S*	*INTENTION*
Sunday 5th July **FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME** ***Green***	4.00pm Vigil Mass (Saturday)		Blessing upon the wedding of Jis Maria and Athul
	8.30am Holy Mass		Liz Guntrip
		10.00am Holy Mass	Deacon Henry Allen
	11.30am Holy Mass		People of the Parish
Monday 6th July *Feria in Ordinary Time*	9.30am Holy Mass		Michael and Mary Manion RIP
Tuesday 7th July *Feria in Ordinary Time*	6.30pm First Holy Mass of Fr Jithin Titto	9.30am Holy Mass	Gilroy Correia
Wednesday 8th July *Feria in Ordinary Time*		9.30 - 10.30am Morning Prayer Adoration & Benediction	
Thursday 9th July *Feria in Ordinary Time*	6.30 pm Holy Mass		John Breen
Friday 10th July *Feria in Ordinary Time*	9.30am Holy Mass *6.00 – 7.00pm Adoration, Vespers & Benediction with Confessions*		Ava-Grace Marshall
Saturday 11th July *Feast of St Benedict*	10.00am Holy Mass		Private Intention
Sunday 12th July **FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME** ***Green***	4.00pm Vigil Mass (Saturday)		Sr Maria Benedicta DaCosta
	8.30am Holy Mass		People of the Parish
		10.00am Holy Mass	William, Robert & Mary Linden RIP
	11.30am Holy Mass		Holy Souls

Rev Jithin Titto

Monday's Ordination at St Chad's Cathedral, and Tuesday's First Holy Mass by a new priest, will be important moments not only in Jithin's life, but a moment of rejoicing for our parish, and for the diocese.

The ordination Mass is on Monday at 2pm will be celebrated by Cardinal Cleemis of the Syro-Malankara Church – one of the Oriental Rite churches in full -communion with the Catholic Church.

The First Holy Mass offered by a new priest is always a special moment – a moment of thanksgiving for the new priest who has spent years preparing for this moment, and a moment of thanksgiving for the Church who receives the blessing of a new priest. From his hands many will receive the grace of baptism and be born again as God's children. Many will receive God's forgiveness through absolution. The sick will be strengthened through anointing, the Gospel will be preached to a new generation, and above all, the Sacrifice of the Cross will be renewed on our altars and we receive from his hands the Bread of Life. Do pray for Jithin in these days that he will be a good and holy priest, modelling himself on Christ whose priesthood he will be privileged to share.

One of the traditions that follow the ordination of a new priest is first blessings. Those at the ordination will have the chance then. The new priest will also offer first blessings after the first Mass. Following each blessing it is customary for the recipient to kiss the palm of each hand. This is the place where the ordaining bishop will have anointed with sacred chrism the new priest's hands at the ordination with the words:

The Lord Jesus Christ,
whom the Father anointed with the Holy Spirit and power,
guard and preserve you
that you may sanctify the Christian people and offer sacrifice to God.

Arrangements/Times for the First Mass Celebration

Thanks to the many volunteers who signed up to help on Tuesday.

- The Setting Up volunteers – meet in the Rachel Smith Hall of BGN at 5pm (Laurence Todd to coordinate). This will leave good time to get to the Mass.
- Those serving please make your way up to the Rachel Smith Hall immediately after Mass (Lijo, Vincent, Jeevan to coordinate)
- Clearing up team to be directed by Mary Hope

In addition to Deacon Jithin's ordination, we are blessed with two more ordinations to the priesthood in this diocese: Father Jonathan Henry was ordained yesterday at the Cathedral, and the Rev Tenny Antony will ordained this Friday. Please remember all our new priests in your prayers

O Jesus, our great High Priest, hear our humble prayers on behalf of your newly ordained priests. Give them a deep faith and a burning love. In their loneliness, comfort them; in their sorrows, strengthen them. Show them that they are deeply needed by the Church and for the work of redemption.
May Mary, Mother of Priests, always be their joy and their guide.

Confirmation 2027 – For young people Year 6 and above.

If you are not at a Catholic school and wish to make your Confirmation next year and not collected a form, please do so today. This is for those who will be in Year 6 from September (top year of primary school) or above.

Would parents please complete the application form and bring completed to the meeting on Saturday 11th July at 5pm. At this meeting there will be an outline of the preparation that the young people will need to engage with, and that parents will need to support. There is also an expectation that the candidates will engage with that basic ingredient of Catholic life – Holy Mass on Sundays – as well as with catechesis and prayer. **Please note: This is for those not in year 6 in St John's and St Joseph's schools.**

For adults. If you see yourself as any of the following:

- **wanting to learn more about the Catholic faith;**
- **a desire to become a Catholic;**
- **are a baptized Catholic, but haven't made first communion and/or Confirmation.**
- **a Catholic already, but desire a refresher in the basics of the faith**

then it is hoped that we will form a group together in the coming weeks. If you could let Fr Philip know if you might be interested in this, or send an email to stjohn.banbury@rcaob.org.uk

The Next Baptism Meeting for parents wishing for their children to be baptized will be on Tuesday 14th July at 7pm in the Dupuis Centre.

There will be a parish open meeting on Monday 20th July at 7pm in the Dupuis Centre. This is for both for those who attend Mass at St Joseph's or at St John's.
It will be an opportunity to look at Parish finances, parish buildings, catechesis, mission and the bi-centenary celebrations.

Congratulations to the Senior Youth Group who were winners of the recent diocesan *It's a knockout!*

Padre Pio Prayer Group – next meeting tomorrow Monday(6th July) 10am in the Dupuis Centre in the Brabazon Room.

Monday Lunch Club
The next date for the Monday Lunch Club will be on the 13th July starting at 12.30pm. If you wish to book your place, please let Marilena know on 07891 178920. The Monday Lunch Club meets every second Monday of the month except August.

Going into hospital? If you would like the sacrament of the sick before surgery please have a word with Fr Philip or email the presbytery. The Horton Hospital doesn't have resident chaplains or issue lists of Catholic patients, so if you or family members or friends would like a visit/ the sacraments whilst in hospital please notify the presbytery.

Mary's Meals The most recent event generated £290-08 including £70 gift aid which will feed 15 children for one year. Thank you to all who made that possible.

Safeguarding. If anyone is involved with either children or vulnerable adults on behalf of the parish and hasn't completed a DBS could you please contact Debs Picking at the email: sg.stjohn.banbury@rcaob.org.uk

Lourdes *Jumbulance* Pilgrimage - have received a request from a person in the area who hopes to go on pilgrimage 20th September – 2nd October. The group are asking for anyone with nursing/carer skills who might accompany her. She will require two helpers. At present volunteers fundraise or cover their own expenses– however the charity may be able to explore funding possibilities if this would otherwise be a barrier. If interested please get in touch with Sarah Withington on 01702419128 or 07398518780.

Please pray for the dead … Vincent Fitzgerald

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

05 Arthur Shea 2018; Margaret Tompkins 2013; Andrew Busby 2008; Theresa Ryan 2004; Mary Black 2003; Maureen French 1995; Walter Sycz 1987; Mary White 1985
06 Olga Galvin 2018; Stephen Corsi 2011; Anne Febers 1994; Eugenie Parkes 1994; Gladys D'Ardenne 1987; Ronald Douglas Hilling 1977
07 Leonard Ellis 2023; Elio Pannozzo 2002; Mervyn Sandford 1998; Jean Hughes 1995
08 David Miller 2024; James McMillan 2005; Susan Petherbridge 2003; Thomas Warren
09 Christine Campling-Shingles 2014
10 Kathy Breslin 2017; Evelyn Ryan 2011
11 Dorothy Lawrie 2017; Sharon Kearney 2016; Bernadette Stoddart 2011; Vera Burt 2000; Michael O'Sullivan 1986
12 William Linden 2024; Roy Brown 2007

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, Eileen Shea, Nicky Smith, Elaine Steer.

PARISH FINANCIAL MATTERS

Weekly Income: 21 June 2026	ST JOHN'S	ST JOSEPH'S
Gift Aid	£60.00	
Non-Gift Aid	£721.97	
Contactless Card		

Standing orders for May: St John's	St Joseph's

First Communion collection:

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		As announced
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 - 07761 643449

PARISH OFFICE The office is situated at St John's Presbytery; office hours Tuesday & Wednesday, 10.00am – 2.30pm
Bookkeeper: *Catherine Dukes.* Email: pt.stjohn.banbury@rcaob.org.uk

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. Ps 47: 10-11

Your merciful love, O God,
we have received in the midst of your temple.
Your praise, O God, like your name,
reaches the ends of the earth;
your right hand is filled with saving justice.

Collect

O God, who in the abasement of your Son
have raised up a fallen world,
fill your faithful with holy joy,
for on those you have rescued from slavery to sin
you bestow eternal gladness.
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

Zechariah 9:9-10

Thus says the Lord: Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Sion! Shout aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem! Behold, your king is coming to you; righteous and having salvation is he, humble and mounted on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey. I will cut off the chariot from Ephraim and the war horse from Jerusalem; and the battle bow shall be cut off, and he shall speak peace to the nations; his rule shall be from sea to sea, and from the River to the ends of the earth.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 145(144):1-2. 8-9. 10-11. 13c-14. ℟ cf. 1

I will bless your name for ever, my God and king.

I will extol you, my God and king,
and bless your name for ever and ever.
I will bless you day after day,
and praise your name for ever and ever. **R**

The Lord is kind and full of compassion,
slow to anger, abounding in mercy.
How good is the Lord to all,
compassionate to all his creatures. **R**

All your works shall thank you, O Lord,
and all your faithful ones bless you.
They shall speak of the glory of your reign,
and declare your mighty deeds. **R**

The Lord is faithful in all his words,
and holy in all his deeds.
The Lord supports all who fall,
and raises up all who are bowed down. **R**

Second reading

Romans 8:9, 11-13

'If by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live.'
Brothers and Sisters: You are not in the flesh but in the Spirit, if in fact the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through his Spirit who dwells in you. So then, brothers and sisters, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh. For if you live according to the flesh you will die, but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live.

Gospel Acclamation

Cf. Matthew 11:25

Alleluia, alleluia.
I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth,
you have revealed the secrets of the kingdom to little children.
Alleluia.

Gospel

Matthew 11:25-30

At that time Jesus declared, 'I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, that you have hidden these things from the wise and understanding and revealed them to little children; yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. All things have been handed over to me by my Father, and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him. Come to me, all who labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.'

Prayer over the Offerings

May this oblation dedicated to your name
purify us, O Lord,
and day by day bring our conduct
closer to the life of heaven.
Through Christ our Lord.

Communion Antiphon

Ps 33: 9

Taste and see that the Lord is good;
blessed the man who seeks refuge in him.

Prayer after Communion

Grant, we pray, O Lord,
that, having been replenished by such great gifts,
we may gain the prize of salvation
and never cease to praise you.
Through Christ our Lord.

Offertory Hymn

I Heard The Voice Of Jesus Say

1. I heard the voice of Jesus say,
"Come unto Me and rest;
Lay down, O weary one, lay down
Thy head upon My breast."
I came to Jesus as I was,
Weary, and worn, and sad;
I found in him a resting-place,
And he has made me glad.

2. I heard the voice of Jesus say,
"Behold, I freely give
The living water; thirsty one,
Stoop down, and drink, and live."
I came to Jesus, and I drank
Of that life-giving stream;
My thirst was quench'd, my soul revived,
And now I live in him.

3. I heard the voice of Jesus say,
"I am this dark world's Light;
Look unto me, your morn shall rise,
And all your day be bright."
I looked to Jesus, and I found
In him my Star, my Sun;
And in that Light of life I'll walk,
Till trav'ling days are done.