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St. John the Evangelist

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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 6th September **TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME** ***Green***	4.00pm Vigil Mass (Saturday)		Ann Widdecombe
	8.30am Holy Mass		People of the Parish
		10.00am Holy Mass	Liz O'Brien
	11.30am Holy Mass		Eileen Shea
Monday 7th September ***Feria in Ordinary Time***	9.30am Holy Mass		Des Harding RIP Mrs Susan Hyaward RIP
Tuesday 8th September ***Feast of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary***		9.30am Morning Prayer and Benediction	
Wednesday 9th September ***Feria in Ordinary Time***	9.30 - 10.30am Holy Hour & Benediction		
Thursday 10th September ***Feria in Ordinary Time***	6.30pm Evening Prayer & Benediction		
Friday 11th September ***Feria in Ordinary Time***	*6.00 – 7.00pm Adoration, Vespers & Benediction*		
Saturday 12th September ***Feria in Ordinary Time***	No morning mass or confessions		
Sunday 13th September **TWENTy-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME** ***Green***	4.00pm Vigil Mass (Saturday)		Fr Jithin Titto
	8.30am Holy Mass		People of the Parish
		10.00am Holy Mass	Eileen Shea RIP
	11.30am Holy Mass		Deepa James

Welcome to Mass on this Twenty-Third Sunday of Ordinary Time.
A special welcome to visitors at Mass today. It is good that you are with us. There are refreshments after the 10am Mass at St Joseph's for tea/coffee/cake and chat.

There is a children's Liturgy at the 10am and 11.30am Masses. This is intended for children up to the age of first holy communion. For younger children attending it is best if a parent accompanies them. We thank the leaders of the children's liturgy for their dedication to this ministry, and the children's liturgy echoes the structure and theme of the Liturgy of the Word at Mass.

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.

Monday 7th September Padre Pio Prayer Group – next meets 10am in the Dupuis Centre.
Tuesday 8th September Next Baptism Meeting for parents wanting their children to be baptized has been moved to at 7pm in the Dupuis Centre.
Monday 14th September Monday Lunch Club resumes. Please remember to book your place to avoid missing out ! We welcome any newcomers ..... always lots of chat and friendly faces. Meal £6 per person. Raffle & Bingo. For further information contact Marilena on 07891 178920.
Friday 25th September The Legion of Mary organises a monthly Patricians Meeting, open to all Catholics with the aim of building confidence in the Faith. The next meeting is Friday 25th September, 7.00 pm in the Dupuis Centre. Refreshments provided. Topic: "The Catholic Church and AI"

Saturday, October 10th- 10.45am in St John's Church
'One Faith, Many Voices': An International Rosary
Is your language represented? To celebrate the month of the Holy Rosary, the Legion of Mary invites our entire parish community to come together for a morning of prayer and unity. We are organizing an International Rosary, where each decade will be prayed in a different language reflecting the rich diversity of our parish.
We Need Your Voice! We want to ensure every culture and language in our parish community is heard. We are looking for two people per
language—one to lead and the other to respond—to say an Our Father, Hail Mary and Glory Be in their native language (such as Tagalog, Polish, Spanish, Portuguese, Igbo, Bemba, Tetum or any other language spoken in our community! At the time of writing, we already have two volunteers for Malayalam. If you and a family member or friend would like to participate, please sign up by texting or contacting Benedict Hume on 07977 516714 or benedicth2015@gmail.com by September 30th. Come bring your family, your heritage, and your prayers. Let's show devotion to Our Lady as one community, and remember her words spoken at Fatima *"I am the Lady of the Rosary. Continue always to pray the Rosary every day."*

Fellowship, light refreshments and international pastries to follow in the Dupuis Centre.
October 11th CHORAL CONCERT OF CHURCH MUSIC 6 - 7.30pm. We have a beautiful programme for this event, which will be conducted by Dylan McCaig - details on the posters. If you can, do please support it by joining the audience. If you would like to sing with the choristers, please email alantheperry@gmail.com for more information. Refreshments afterwards in the Dupuis Centre
St Vincent De Paul Society (SVP) Banbury - if you are interested in joining this friendly group of Volunteers to help support those most vulnerable in our community then please contact the SVP dedicated number 07761 643449 or email info@svpbanbury.org.uk for further details

Parish Administrator
Catholic Parishes of Banbury
St John the Evangelist and St Joseph the Worker

The Catholic Parishes of Banbury are seeking a welcoming, organised and capable Parish Administrator to support the smooth day-to-day running of their busy parish community.
Based at St John's Presbytery, the role will support the Parish Priest, clergy, parishioners, volunteers and visitors across the parishes of St John the Evangelist and St Joseph the Worker.
Duties will include office administration, enquiries and correspondence, parish records and communications, routine finance processes, volunteer co-ordination, and facilities and property administration.
We are looking for someone with strong administrative, communication and IT skills, financial accuracy, discretion, and a calm, friendly manner. The role would suit a self-motivated person who enjoys variety and is comfortable supporting the ethos, values and mission of the Roman Catholic Church.
Key details:
- Location: Parish Office, St John's Presbytery, 25 South Bar Street, Banbury OX16 9AF
- Hours: 28 hours per week, pattern to be agreed
- Contract: Permanent, subject to a six-month probationary period
- Salary: Commensurate with experience, to be confirmed
- DBS: Enhanced DBS clearance required

To apply, please send a covering letter (not more than 300 words) and current CV to Fr Philip Harrop, by email to stjohn.banbury@rcaob.org.uk – subject: administrator.

The Catholic Parishes of Banbury are committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and vulnerable adults and expect all staff and volunteers to share this commitment.

Closing date for applications: Thursday 17th September 2026

Please pray for those who have died recently: Nora McGloin, Bida Esceuta, Christopher Wortley, Ken Lewer, Nancy Brook and Susan Hayward.

Pray also for those whose anniversaries occur this coming week:

06 Mary Moran 2023; Sarah Kinsella 2012; Guglielino Manetta 1997; Thomas Ash 1995; William Cringle 1994
07 Terence Boss 2018; Peggy Saunders 2015; Donald McCleaf 2010; Denis Wagstaff 2002; Mary Donavan 1995; Elizabeth McAuley 1983
08 Thomas Hawtin 2004; Zuzana Ramsdale 2003; John Dobson 1993; Frances French 1992
09 Kevin Hill 2018; Frances Lenihan 2017; William Myles 2009; Thomas Lowrie 2005; Michael Gromnicki 1995; Richard Roberts 1985
10 Sean Curtis 2021; Mary Scarsbrook 2020; Marion Gallimore 2019; Cathie Nolan 2007; Maureen Walsh 2006; Gerrardo Di Bratto 2003; Mary Tomalin 1997; William Duffy 1992; Thomas Dagger 1989
11 Cecilia Richardson 2010; Mieczyslaw Krupski 2007; Francis Towner 1991; Mary Whitley 1988
12 Margaret Peacock 2018; Sean Mangan 2014; Christine Grossi 2000; Janet Baldwin 1998; Henri Goergen 1987; William Vale 1986

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	£73	£58
Non-Gift Aid	£675.69	£210.84
Contactless Card	£247	£45

Standing orders for May: St John's £3048	St Joseph's £784

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 - 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
Ps 118: 137, 124
You are just, O Lord, and your judgement is right;
treat your servant in accord with your merciful love.

Collect
O God, by whom we are redeemed and receive adoption,
look graciously upon your beloved sons and daughters,
that those who believe in Christ
may receive true freedom
and an everlasting inheritance.
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

Ezekiel 33:7-9

Thus says the Lord: 'So you, son of man, I have made a watchman for the house of Israel. Whenever you hear a word from my mouth, you shall give them warning from me. If I say to the wicked, O wicked one, you shall surely die, and you do not speak to warn the wicked to turn from his way, that wicked person shall die in his iniquity, but his blood I will require at your hand. But if you warn the wicked to turn from his way, and he does not turn from his way, that person shall die in his iniquity, but you will have delivered your soul.'

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 95(94):1-2. 6-7b. 7c-9. ℟7c, 8a
O that today you would listen to his voice!
'Harden not your hearts.'

Come, let us ring out our joy to the Lord;
hail the rock who saves us.
Let us come into his presence, giving thanks;
let us hail him with a song of praise. ℟

O come; let us bow and bend low.
Let us kneel before the Lord who made us,
for he is our God, and we the people,
the people of his pasture, the flock of his hand. ℟

O that today you would listen to his voice!
'Harden not your hearts as at Meribah,
as on that day at Massah in the desert
when your forebears put me to the test;
when they tried me, though they saw my work.' ℟

Second reading

Romans 13:8-10

Brothers and Sisters: Owe no one anything, except to love each other. For the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. For the commandments, 'You shall not commit adultery, You shall not murder, You shall not steal, You shall not covet', and any other commandment, are summed up in this word: 'You shall love your neighbour as yourself.' Love does no wrong to a neighbour; therefore love is the fulfilling of the law.

Gospel Acclamation

2 Corinthians 5:19

Alleluia, alleluia.
God was in Christ reconciling the world to himself,
and entrusting to us the message of reconciliation.
Alleluia.

Gospel

Matthew 18:15-20

At that time: Jesus said to his disciples, 'If your brother sins against you, go and tell him his fault, between you and him alone. If he listens to you, you have gained your brother. But if he does not listen, take one or two others along with you, that every charge may be established by the evidence of two or three witnesses. If he refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church. And if he refuses to listen even to the church, let him be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector. Truly, I say to you, whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven. Again I say to you, if two of you agree on earth about anything they ask, it will be done for them by my Father in heaven. For where two or three are gathered in my name, there am I among them.'

Prayer over the Offerings
O God, who give us the gift of true prayer and of peace,
graciously grant that through this offering,
we may do fitting homage to your divine majesty
and, by partaking of the sacred mystery,
we may be faithfully united in mind and heart.
Through Christ our Lord.

Communion Antiphon

Cf. Ps 41: 2-3

Like the deer that yearns for running streams,
so my soul is yearning for you, my God;
my soul is thirsting for God, the living God.

Prayer after Communion
Grant that your faithful, O Lord,
whom you nourish and endow with life
through the food of your Word and heavenly Sacrament,
may so benefit from your beloved Son's great gifts
that we may merit an eternal share in his life.
Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.