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DAY	ST JOHN'S	ST JOSEPH'S	INTENTION
Year B	4.00pm Vigil Mass		James Mulroy RIP
Sunday 7th April		8.30am Mass At St. Thomas' Wroxton	Holy Souls
SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER	8.45am Mass		Mary Pickering RIP
DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY		10.00am Mass	K J Joseph RIP
White	11.15am Mass 3.00pm Holy Hour		Danny Brady RIP
		<i>5.00pm Confessions</i> 5.30pm Mass	People of the Parish
Monday 8 th		9.30am Mass	C.S. Joseph RIP
Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord	5.00pm Reception of Body		Kevin French
Tuesday 9 th	9.30am Mass		Adam Maule RIP
<i>Easter Feria</i>	11.00am Funeral Mass		Kevin French
Wednesday 10 th		9.30am Mass	Chris Brain RIP
<i>Easter Feria</i>		<i>Holy Hour 10am</i>	
Thursday 11 th	9.30am Mass		Danny Brady RIP
<i>St. Stanislaus</i>	12 Noon Funeral Mass		Constanza Panozzo
Friday 12 th		9.30am Mass	Hannah & Iannah
<i>Easter Feria</i>	<i>Confession & Holy Hour</i> <i>6.00-7.00pm</i>		
Saturday 13 th	10.00am Mass <i>Confession 10.30 – 11am</i>		Andrew Ferns
<i>Easter Feria</i>	4.00pm Vigil Mass		Tom Mannion RIP
Year B	8.45am Mass		Hannah & Iannah
Sunday 14th April		10.00am Mass	People of The Parish
THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER	11.15am Mass		Patrick & Norah Breen RIP
White		<i>5.00pm Confessions</i> 5.30pm Mass	Elizabeth Hackett RIP

Today we mark the Octave Day of Easter. The gospel for the Octave Day is always the same. First it recounts the appearance of the risen Lord to ten of the apostles, and tells of the doubts harboured by St Thomas, who didn't see the risen Lord with his own eyes. It then recounts the event eight days later when the risen Lord came again to the upper room. This time Thomas was there with the others. From being the apostle who doubted, Thomas became the first apostle to confess the divinity of Christ. For having seen the risen Lord who shows him his wounds, he acknowledges him as his Lord and God. Jesus speaks to Thomas of those who believe without demanding proof. 'You believe because you can see me. Blessed are those who have not seen and yet believe.'

This Octave Day has also been known as Quasimodo Sunday – from the opening antiphon of the Mass – Quasi modo geniti infantes (like newborn babes) that speaks of the newly baptised as the new children of God.

A more recent name is Divine Mercy Sunday instituted by Pope John Paul II in the year 2000 when he canonised St Faustina. Divine Mercy speaks of the mercy of God that floods the world through the Paschal Mystery of Christ's death and resurrection.

Thank you to all those who helped to prepare our churches for the celebration of Easter. Thanks also to those who helped prepare the service sheets for the liturgies, assisted with the Good Friday children's Stations of the Cross and the ecumenical procession, and to our servers and musicians who helped to bring such beauty to the sacred liturgies of these wonderful days. A thank you also from Fr Philip and Fr Sean for the Easter Offering to support them in their ministry here, and for the Easter gifts and cards they received.

Tomorrow (Monday) is the transferred Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord to the Blessed Virgin. This usually falls on the 25th March, but as this year this fell during Holy Week, it was moved to the first available day after the Easter Octave. Even though this feast has its focus on Gabriel's visit to Our Lady, the Angelus that commemorates this angelic visit, beautifully brings together the incarnation and the paschal mystery.

**Pour forth, we beseech thee, O Lord, thy grace into our hearts;
that we, to whom the incarnation of Christ, thy Son,
was made known by the message of an angel,
may by His + Passion and Cross,
be brought to the glory of His resurrection,
through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.**

MARY'S MEALS – The next lunch will be on Fri 26th April, please confirm your place with Sue Allen. Our last lunch raised £569.26 for this wonderful charity.

SICK OR HOUSEBOUND – If you know of anyone in hospital or at home and not able to come to church, please let us know so that we can arrange a visit if possible.

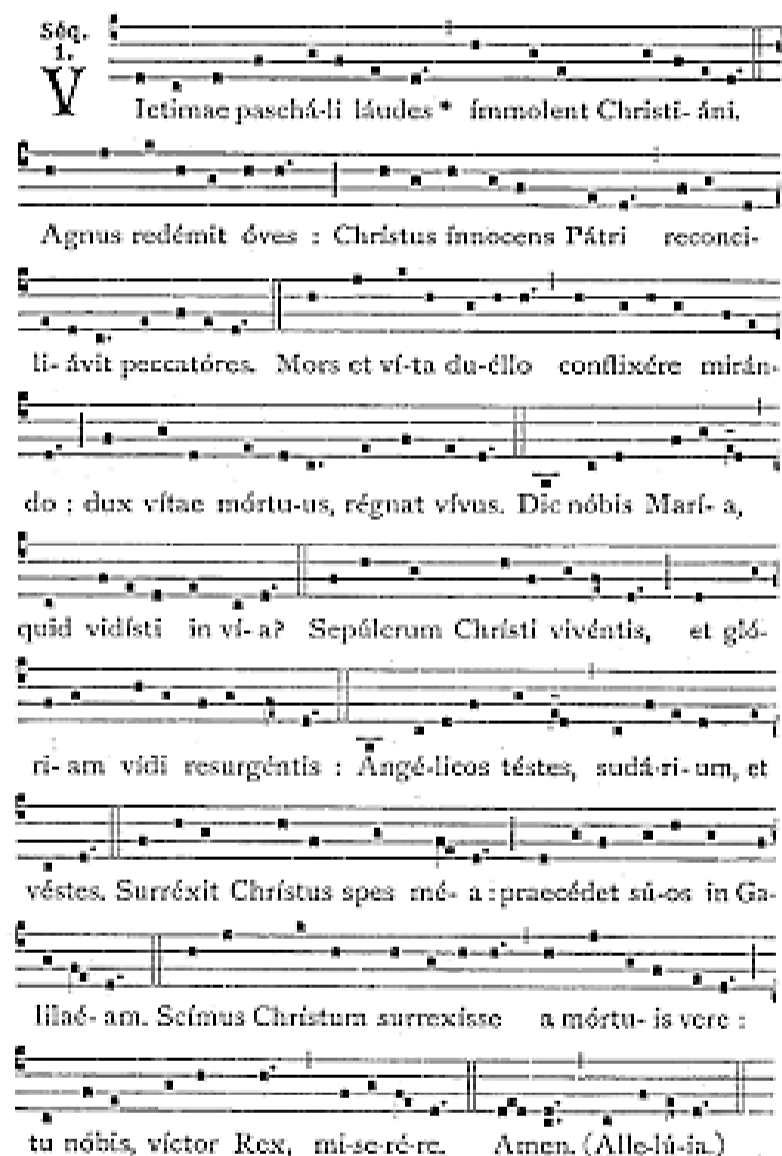
REGINA CAELI, SIMPLE TONE:



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, alleluia.
 2. Quia surrexit Dominus vere. alleluia.

1. Rejoice and be glad, Oh Virgin Mary, Alleluia.
2. For the Lord has risen indeed. Alleluia.

Sequence



Seq. 1.
V Ictimae paschali laudes * immolent Christi-ani,
 Agnus redemit oves : Christus innocens Patri reconci-li-avit peccatores. Mors et vi-ta du-ello conflixere miran-do : dux vitae mortu-us, regnat vivus. Dic nobis Mari-a, quid vidisti in vi-a? Sepulchrum Christi viventis, et glo-ri-am vidi resurgentis : Angélicos téstes, sudá-ri-um, et véstes. Surrexit Christus spes mé-a : praecedet sé-nos in Ga-lilae-am. Scimus Christum surrexisse a mortu-is vere : tu nobis, victor Rex, mí-se-ré-re. Amen. (Alle-lu-ia.)

To the Paschal Victim, Christians, offer a sacrifice of praise. The Lamb has ransomed his sheep; the innocent Christ has reconciled sinners with the Father. Death and life confronted each other in a prodigious battle; The Prince of Life who died, now lives and reigns. "Tell us, Mary, what did you see upon the way?" "I saw the sepulchre of the living Christ; I saw the glory of the Risen One. I saw the angels, his witnesses, the shroud and the garments. Christ, my Hope, is risen; he will go before his own into Galilee." We know that Christ is truly risen from the dead; O Victorious King, have mercy on us.

Please pray for the dead ...

Of your charity, pray for the repose of the souls of those who have died recently, particularly Philip Mason, Emma Clamens, Anne Burke, Diana Aylward, Kevin French and Constanza Pannoza.

Pray also for those whose anniversaries occur this coming week:

- 07 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 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
- 12 Leonard Weston 2014; Mary Tuzzio 2005; Mary Maguire 2004; Joan Hutchins 2004; Peter Minogue 2002; Phylis Lambert 1988; Florence Harrison 1987
- 13 Carmel Curran 2022; Josephine Ault 2020; Gerald O’Driscoll 2019; Dennis Harris 2013; Daniel Macki 2012

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, Nick Davies, 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, Christine Napier, Anne Nolan, Harry Rhodes, Trish Rossenrode, Eileen Shea, Nicky Smith, Elaine Steer.

PARISH FINANCIAL MATTERS

Weekly Income:	<u>31 MARCH</u>	<u>ST JOHN’S</u>	<u>ST JOSEPH’S</u>
	Gift Aid:	£ ~~~	£ ~~~
	Non-Gift Aid:	£ ~~~	£ ~~~
	Contactless Card:	£ ~~~	-----
	QR code	£ ~~~	-----

200 CLUB – Congratulations to the winners of the March draw. 1st prize: No. 113, £148.75; 2nd prize: No.78, £89.25; 3rd prize: No55, £59.50.

If you would like to join the 200 Club, please contact the parish office to sign up.

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.



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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**1 Pt 2: 2**

Like newborn infants, you must long for the pure, spiritual milk,
that in him you may grow to salvation, alleluia.

Collect

God of everlasting mercy,
who in the very recurrence of the paschal feast
kindle the faith of the people you have made your own,
increase, we pray, the grace you have bestowed,
that all may grasp and rightly understand
in what font they have been washed,
by whose Spirit they have been reborn,
by whose Blood they have been redeemed.
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 4:32-35**

The whole group of believers was united, heart and soul; no one claimed for his own use anything that he had, as everything they owned was held in common.

The apostles continued to testify to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus with great power, and they were all given great respect.

None of their members was ever in want, as all those who owned land or houses would sell them, and bring the money from them, to present it to the apostles; it was then distributed to any members who might be in need.

Responsorial Psalm**Psalm 117(118):2-4,15-18,22-24**

Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, for his love has no end. R/.

Let the sons of Israel say:

‘His love has no end.’

Let the sons of Aaron say:

‘His love has no end.’

Let those who fear the Lord say:

‘His love has no end.’ *R/.*

The Lord’s right hand has triumphed;

his right hand raised me up.

I shall not die, I shall live

and recount his deeds.

I was punished, I was punished by the Lord,

but not doomed to die. *R/.*

The stone which the builders rejected

has become the corner stone.

This is the work of the Lord,

a marvel in our eyes.

This day was made by the Lord;

we rejoice and are glad. *R/.*

Second reading**1 John 5:1-6**

Whoever believes that Jesus is the Christ
has been begotten by God;

and whoever loves the Father that begot him
loves the child whom he begets.

We can be sure that we love God’s children

if we love God himself and do what he has commanded us;

this is what loving God is –

keeping his commandments;

and his commandments are not difficult,

because anyone who has been begotten by God

has already overcome the world;

this is the victory over the world –

our faith.

Who can overcome the world?

Only the man who believes that Jesus is the Son of God:

Jesus Christ who came by water and blood,

not with water only,

but with water and blood;

with the Spirit as another witness –

since the Spirit is the truth.

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**Jn20:29**

Alleluia, alleluia!

Jesus said: ‘You believe because you can see me.

Happy are those who have not seen and yet believe.’

Alleluia!

Gospel**John 20:19-31**

In the evening of that same day, the first day of the week, the doors were closed in the room where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews. Jesus came and stood among them. He said to them, ‘Peace be with you’, and showed them his hands and his side. The disciples were filled with joy when they saw the Lord, and he said to them again, ‘Peace be with you.

‘As the Father sent me,

so am I sending you.’

After saying this he breathed on them and said:

‘Receive the Holy Spirit.

For those whose sins you forgive,

they are forgiven;

for those whose sins you retain,

they are retained.’

Thomas, called the Twin, who was one of the Twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. When the disciples said, ‘We have seen the Lord’, he answered, ‘Unless I see the holes that the nails made in his hands and can put my finger into the holes they made, and unless I can put my hand into his side, I refuse to believe.’ Eight days later the disciples were in the house again and Thomas was with them. The doors were closed, but Jesus came in and stood among them. ‘Peace be with you’ he said. Then he spoke to Thomas, ‘Put your finger here; look, here are my hands. Give me your hand; put it into my side. Doubt no longer but believe.’ Thomas replied, ‘My Lord and my God!’ Jesus said to him:

‘You believe because you can see me.

Happy are those who have not seen and yet believe.’

There were many other signs that Jesus worked and the disciples saw, but they are not recorded in this book. These are recorded so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing this you may have life through his name.

Prayer over the Offerings

Accept, O Lord, we pray,

the oblations of your people

(and of those you have brought to new birth),

that, renewed by confession of your name and by Baptism,

they may attain unending happiness.

Through Christ our Lord.

Communion Antiphon

Bring your hand and feel the place of the nails,

and do not be unbelieving but believing, alleluia.

Prayer after Communion

Grant, we pray, almighty God,

that our reception of this paschal Sacrament

may have a continuing effect

in our minds and hearts.

Through Christ our Lord.