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YEAR A	*ST JOHN'S*	*ST JOSEPH'S*	*INTENTION*
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
Monday 12th October *Feria in Ordinary Time*	9.30am Holy Mass		Special Intention
Tuesday 13th October *Feria in Ordinary Time*		9.30am Holy Mass	Sr Patricia Furlong RIP
Wednesday 14th October *Feria in Ordinary Time*		9.30 Morning Prayer	
Thursday 15th October *Memorial of St Teresa of Jesus*	6.30pm Holy Mass		Monica Faye
Friday 16th October *Feria in Ordinary Time*	*9.30am Holy Mass* *6.00 – 7.00pm Adoration, Vespers & Benediction with Confessions*		Pat Welch RIP
Saturday 17th October *Memorial of St Ignatius of Antioch*	10.00am Holy Mass & Confessions		Celebrant's Intention
Sunday 18th October	4.00pm Vigil Mass (Saturday)		Egon Winkler RIP
TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	8.30am Holy Mass		People of the Parish
		10.00am Holy Mass	Tadeusz Kulig RIP
Green	11.30am Holy Mass		Christine Molloy RIP

Welcome to Mass on this Twenty-Eighth Sunday of Ordinary Time. 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

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.

St John's and St Joseph's Parishes. Since the mid 1960's what had been the parish of Banbury was split in two. St Joseph's parish was carved out of St John's parish with each having their own parish priest as well as a school. Since the departure of Fr Bill Wilton from St Joseph's, the parishes have been run by the priests from St John's. Despite this, the two parishes were run quasi-independently, but as the years have passed the parishes have worked closely together. Having consulted the joint Parish Finance Committee, the Pastoral Forum, and mention was made at the open meeting in July, it now seems an opportune moment for the canonical situation to catch up with the pastoral reality of how our parishes work together and toi become a single parish. Other parishes in the diocese in similar situations have merged to become a single parish. In our own area this has recently happened with Chipping Norton merging with Charlbury, and Bicester with Hethe. It will mean that the administration of the parish, financial and otherwise, will be much simpler and cost-effective, and although the distinct characteristics of St John's and St Joseph's will continue, it will help to renew a sense of our common mission as the Catholic Church rooted in this community.

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. Please return the form to either of our churches or the presbytery letterbox 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 all children will be doing their preparation for first holy communion 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 Sunday preparation. **The meeting for all parents who wish their child to receive first holy communion will be on Saturday 14th November at 5pm.**

200 Club – due to parish office restructuring, the 200 club winners have not been drawn over the summer. The ail is to be up to date by the end of October when things should be back to normal. Your patience has been very much appreciated over the summer.
Thanks to Prim Herridge who has volunteered to take on this role.

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.

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.

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 Friday 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. We are short of numbers at the moment so please do let us know if you would be interested.

SVP Christmas Hampers for the Community – thanks to those who contributed at St Thomas's First Friday Mass to the Christmas Hamper drive, and raised £80. 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.

SVP- Community Breakfast Cafe, 10am-12noon every Thursday at St. Joseph's Church Hall. We welcome everyone in our community who might enjoy some company or are struggling in any way. Bacon rolls, toast and hot drinks are free of charge. You will be welcomed by our warm and friendly volunteers.

For parishioners of Italian nationality or descent who may need help with their medical expenses the Italian Medical Charity may be able to offer assistance. Please see information on their website or email using these contact details. website: italianmedicalcharity.co.uk email:admin@italianmedicalcharity.org.uk

Friday 23rd October, St Joseph's School will be holding a Living Museum Day. Parishioners are invited to attend from 1.30 p.m. to visit our 'living museum' and enjoy the learning that the children have been doing about the place of St Joseph's School within the wider Banbury community. If you are a former pupil or staff member of St Joseph's School and would like to contribute a photograph or memory, please contact the school office: office.3825@st-josephs-banbury.oxon.sch.uk

PATRICIANS: FRI. 23rd OCTOBER.7pm The Legion of Mary organises a monthly discussion group with the aim of building knowledge and confidence in the Faith. We meet downstairs in the Dupuis Centre.
Next Topic: 'Angels and Demons'.

Missio Boxes Can anyone who has a Missio Red Box that needs emptying please bring it to either St Johns or to St Josephs Church over the next couple of weeks. If any box holders do not want their box back, please put a note in the box and Sue will keep them. There will be a table at the back of church for the boxes.

Could you help support St. John's Catholic Primary School?
We currently have a vacancy for two School Governors and would love to hear from anyone in our parish community who may be interested. Being a governor is a wonderful opportunity to support our school, contribute to its future and make a real difference to the children and families in our community. You don't need to be an education expert or have previous governor experience – just a commitment to our Catholic ethos and a willingness to give your time, skills and perspective. If you'd like to find out more, please contact the school office on 01295 263740. We'd be very happy to have an informal chat about the role.

Blessed George Napier school is recruiting for a :Return to Learn Manager, to commence as soon as possible. Please visit the school website for further information, www.blessedgeorgenapier.co.uk

Please pray for those who have died recently: Shiela Mangan, Jenny Noll and Joseph O'Reilly

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

Pray also for those whose anniversaries occur this coming week

11 Daniel Brady 2022; John Gilligan 2005; Thomas Crosse 1989

12 Patricia Joan Stirling 2008; Margaret Cawsey 2006; Mary Phipps 1989; Clorinda Grossi 1998; Dennis Donovan 1985; Peter Cheung Sung 1984

13 Joe Brown 2021; Rose Ryder 2018; Kathleen Szynkarewicz 2012; Michael Tesla 2008; Michael (Jack) Nadin 1999; Liam Holden 1999; Madeline White 1992.

14 Chris McGrath 2022; Patricia Buttler 2010

15 Henry Jones 2018

16 Thomas McKeown 2013; Edward Burke 1995; Mary Lehane 1988

17 John Gammage 1995; Rosania Pannozzo 1994; Catherine Bamborough 1994; John Bortkiewicz 1993; Antonio Cugini 1988

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	£102.50	£ n/a
Non-Gift Aid	£689.76	£ n/a
Contactless Card	£160	£ n/a

Standing orders for August: St John's £3912	St Joseph's £1093

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 John's -	Padre Pio Prayer Group -	1st Monday of the month. 10am Dupuis Centre.
St Joseph's	Legion of Mary	Wednesday at 6.30 pm
	Youth Group	Junior Group Y6 - Y8, 3rd Saturday 6.30pm - 8.30pm
		Senior Group Y9 - Y13, 3rd Sunday 6.30pm - 8.30pm
	Family & Youth Adoration	3rd Sunday 6pm - 6.30pm.
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
If you, O Lord, should mark iniquities, Lord, who could stand? But with you is found forgiveness, O God of Israel.

Collect
May your grace, O Lord, we pray, at all times go before us and follow after and make us always determined to carry out good works. 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 25:6-10a

On this mountain the Lord of hosts will make for all peoples a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wine, of rich food full of marrow, of aged wine well refined. And he will swallow up on this mountain the covering that is cast over all peoples, the veil that is spread over all nations. He will swallow up death for ever; and the Lord God will wipe away tears from all faces, and the reproach of his people he will take away from all the earth, for the Lord has spoken. It will be said on that day, 'Behold, this is our God; we have waited for him, that he might save us. This is the Lord; we have waited for him; let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.' For the hand of the Lord will rest on this mountain.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 23(22):1-3a. 3b-4. 5. 6. ℟1

In the Lord's own house shall I dwell
for length of days unending.

The Lord is my shepherd;
there is nothing I shall want.
Fresh and green are the pastures
where he gives me repose.
Near restful waters he leads me;
he revives my soul. ℟

He guides me along the right path,
for the sake of his name.
Though I should walk in the valley of the shadow of death,
no evil would I fear, for you are with me.
Your crook and your staff will give me comfort. ℟

You have prepared a table before me
in the sight of my foes.
My head you have anointed with oil;
my cup is overflowing. ℟

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me
all the days of my life.
In the Lord's own house shall I dwell
for length of days unending. ℟

Second reading

Philippians 4:12-14, 19-20

Brothers and Sisters: I know how to be brought low, and I know how to abound. In any and every circumstance, I have learned the secret of facing plenty and hunger, abundance and need. I can do all things through him who strengthens me. Yet it was kind of you to share my trouble. And my God will supply every need of yours according to his riches in glory in Christ Jesus. To our God and Father be glory for ever and ever. Amen.

Gospel Acclamation

Cf. Ephesians 1:17-18

Alleluia, alleluia.
May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
enlighten the eyes of our hearts,
so that we may know the hope to which he has called us.
Alleluia.

Gospel

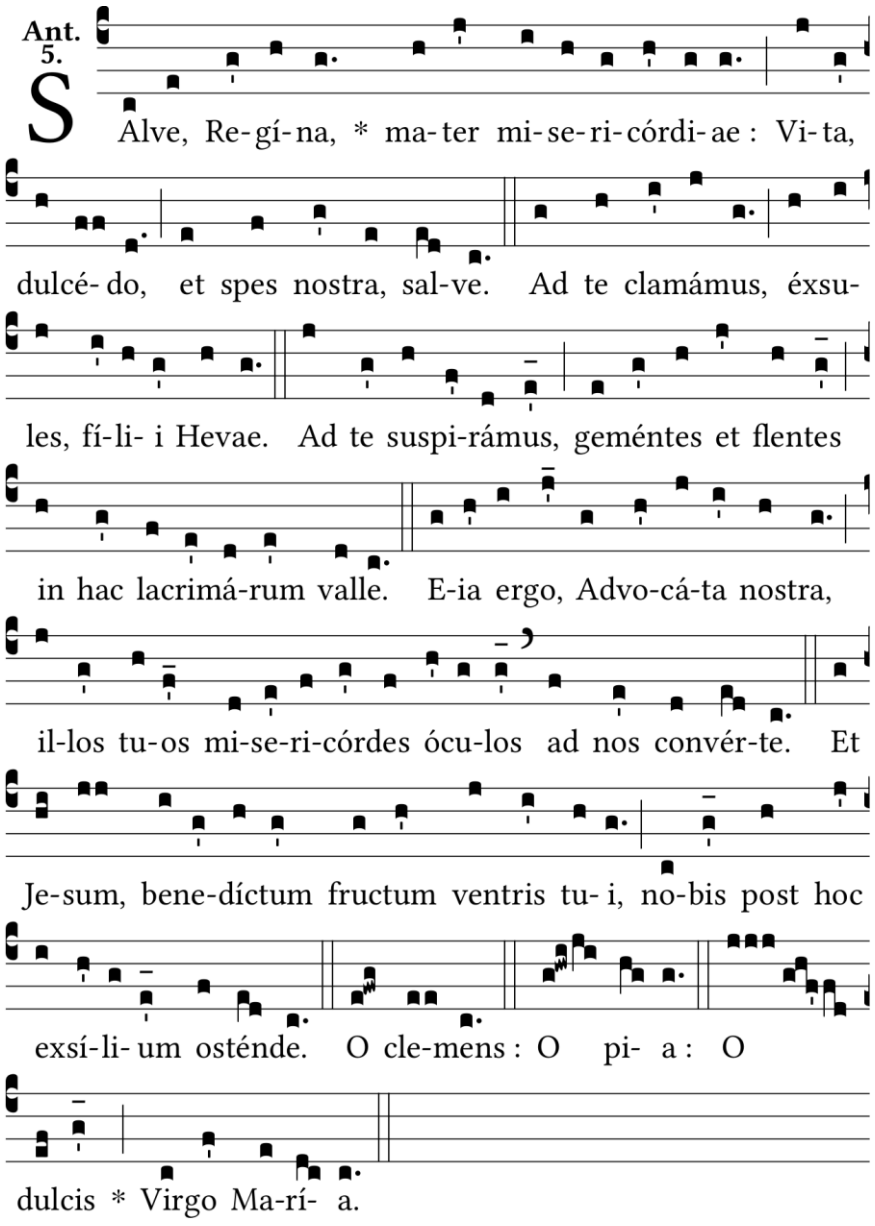
Matthew 22:1-14

At that time: Jesus again spoke to the chief priests and the elders of the people, in parables, saying, 'The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding feast for his son, and sent his servants to call those who were invited to the wedding feast, but they would not come. Again, he sent other servants, saying, "Tell those who are invited, 'See, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and everything is ready. Come to the wedding feast.' " But they paid no attention and went off, one to his farm, another to his business, while the rest seized his servants, treated them shamefully, and killed them. The king was angry, and he sent his troops and destroyed those murderers and burned their city. Then he said to his servants, "The wedding feast is ready, but those invited were not worthy. Go therefore to the main roads and invite to the wedding feast as many as you find." And those servants went out into the roads and gathered all whom they found, both bad and good. So the wedding hall was filled with guests. 'But when the king came in to look at the guests, he saw there a man who had no wedding garment. And he said to him, "Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding garment?" And he was speechless. Then the king said to the attendants, "Bind him hand and foot and cast him into the outer darkness. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth." For many are called, but few are chosen.'

Prayer over the Offerings
Accept, O Lord, the prayers of your faithful
with the sacrificial offerings,
that, through these acts of devotedness,
we may pass over to the glory of heaven.
Through Christ our Lord.

Communion Antiphon

Cf. Ps 33: 11

The rich suffer want and go hungry,
but those who seek the Lord lack no blessing.

Prayer after Communion
We entreat your majesty most humbly, O Lord,
that, as you feed us with the nourishment
which comes from the most holy Body and Blood of your Son,
so you may make us sharers of his divine nature.
Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.