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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 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
Monday 13th July *Feria in Ordinary Time*	10.00am Requiem Mass for Eugene Taylor RIP		
Tuesday 14th July *Feria in Ordinary Time*		9.30am Holy Mass	Nora Brown
Wednesday 15th July *Memorial of St Bonaventure*		9.30 - 10.30am Morning Prayer Adoration & Benediction	
Thursday 16th July *Feria in Ordinary Time*	6.30 pm Holy Mass	9.30 Holy Mass St John's Primary School leavers mass	Michael Cunningham RIP
Friday 17th July *Feria in Ordinary Time*	9.30am Holy Mass *6.00 – 7.00pm Adoration, Vespers & Benediction with Confessions*		Mary Morgan RIP
Saturday 18th July *Feria in Ordinary Time*	10.00am Holy Mass		Dulcie Robinson RIP
Sunday 19th July **SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME** ***Green***	4.00pm Vigil Mass (Saturday)		Michelle Mannion special intention
	8.30am Holy Mass		Pro Populo
		10.00am Holy Mass	Peter Quinn and Kitty Lydon
	11.30am Holy Mass		The Tucker Family

Today there will be a second collection for the Apostleship of the Sea or Stella Maris.

We might well be more aware in these days of conflict how vulnerable sea farers providing the goods we are so dependent on can live unpredictable and precarious lives, and many presently stuck for months on end in the Straits of Hormuz . Stella Maris is a Catholic organisation that seeks to bring pastoral and practical care to seafarers, and is the largest ship-visiting network in the world - last year visiting 70,000 ships. This annual collection supports their valuable work.

First Holy Mass

Thank you to all those who gave of their time and talent in the celebration of the First Mass. Such things don't happen in parishes very often, and so it was a great blessing to be able to share in the joy of this day, and to rejoice in the gift of a new priest for the Church. We were grateful to those who cleaned and prepared the church to make it look so beautiful, for the work in the sacristy, and our altar servers and musicians. Thanks also to Silvia for organising the ticketing for the reception, and the many volunteers who set the reception up, served, prepared food, served the drink, and cleared up afterwards. Thanks also to BGN school for so kindly providing the venue for the celebration afterwards.

Fr Jithin wishes to pass on his thanks for all those who played some part in the ordination at St Chad's, and First Mass at St John's. He also wishes to thank all those who contributed to the gift of the set of Mass vestments which he wore for the First Mass to commemorate this event in Banbury.

Paenitentiara Apostlica

MOST HOLY FATHER

Jithin Thomas Titto, humbly implores a plenary indulgence for the faithful who, truly repentant and motivated by charity, having fulfilled the usual conditions (sacramental Confession, Eucharistic Communion, and prayer for the intentions of the Holy Father) will assist with devotion at his First Mass.

The Apostolic Penitentiary, under the authority of His Holiness Pope Leo XIV, graciously concedes the requested favour.

The faithful will thereby be moved to convert into concrete actions the supernatural virtues of Faith, Hope, and Charity, and will be able to deepen their communion with the Roman Pontiff, visible foundation of the unity of the entire Catholic Church.

Notwithdstanding any contrary disposition.

Rome 7th July, 2026.

Kzzysztof Jozef Nykiel.

Titular Bishop of Velia. Regent.

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

April 200 Club Winners

1st – no 35. £122.50

2nd – no 64 £73.50

3rd – no 33 £49.00

The Next Baptism Meeting for parents wishing for their children to be baptized will be this 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.

Monday Lunch Club

Tomorrow (Monday) 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 Donations for coffee and cake after the July 'First Friday' mass at St Thomas of Canterbury, Wroxton, raised £63.77 for Mary's Meals. Thanks to all who contributed so generously.

Youthfest - End of Year Party

For Junior & Senior Youth groups this will take place on Sunday 12th July at St Joseph's Church from 6.30pm - 8.30pm. There will be team games and activities and lots of fun for everyone. This Youthfest is also open to current Y5 children to come along for a taster session. They can then join our Junior Youth Group in September when in Y6, if they wish.

Confirmation 2027

Parents meeting after the Vigil Mass tonight. Parents will be able to purchase the Confirmation workbook for £5. All dates for the Confirmation Programme will be given at this meeting. Please bring completed forms.

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

Patricians – No meetings until September.

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, Eugene Taylor, Marie Alexander and Eileen Shea

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

12 William Linden 2024; Roy Brown 2007
13 James Collins 2006
14 Bridie Curtis 2021; Mark Wincott 2018; Mary Schoales 2006; Elizabeth Northover 1995
15 Philly Byrne 2017; Maurice Wylie 2007; Marie Browne 2004; Audrey Connelly 2001; John Boscott 1989
16 Margaret McGuigan 2020; Charles McMillan 2006; Noel O'Shea 2004; Pauline Morris 1999; Mary Page 1985; John McElligott 1983
17 John Crosbie 2011; Doris Ponting 2010; Kenneth Brain 2007; Antonietta Lella 1996; Danielle Andrews-Semple 1996; Paul Plaice 1995; Jane Sullivan 1992; Margaret Phipps 1992
18 Mary Marron 2020; Richard Jordan 2013; Daniel Bishop 1991
19 Bridget Cross 2014; Alfreda Dickinson 2007; Halina Ising 1998; Lol Goode 1997; Thomas King 1996; Michael Creighton 1996; Lorraine Potter 1995; Ellen Busby 1994; Beatrice Amos 1992; Gertrude Springett 1984

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.

PARISH FINANCIAL MATTERS

Weekly Income: 21 June 2026	ST JOHN'S	ST JOSEPH'S
Gift Aid	£72.55	£33.00
Non-Gift Aid	£781.75	£194.92
Contactless Card	£178.00	£80.00

Standing orders for May: St John's £3048 | St Joseph's £784.00

Second collection: The Apostleship of the Sea

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 16:15

As for me, in justice I shall behold your face;
I shall be filled with the vision of your glory.

Collect

O God, who show the light of your truth to those who go astray, so that they may return to the right path, give all who for the faith they profess are accounted Christians the grace to reject whatever is contrary to the name of Christ and to strive after all that does it honour. 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 55:10-11

Thus says the Lord:
'For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven and do not return there but water the earth, making it bring forth and sprout, giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater, so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth; it shall not return to me empty, but it shall accomplish that which I purpose, and shall succeed in the thing for which I sent it.'

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 65(64):10a-d. 10e-11. 12-13. 14. ℟ Luke 8:8

Some seed fell into good soil and yielded its fruit.

You visit the earth, give it water;
you fill it with riches.
God's ever-flowing river brims over
to prepare the grain. R/

And thus you prepare it:
you drench its furrows;
you level it, soften it with showers;
you bless its growth. R/

You crown the year with your bounty.
Abundance flows in your pathways;
in pastures of the desert it flows.
The hills are girded with joy. R/

The meadows clothed with flocks.
The valleys are decked with wheat.
They shout for joy; yes, they sing! R/

Second reading

Romans 8:18-23

Brothers and Sisters: I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory that is to be revealed to us. For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the sons of God. For the creation was subjected to futility, not willingly, but because of him who subjected it, in hope that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to corruption, and obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. For we know that the whole creation has been groaning together in the pains of childbirth until now. And not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for adoption as sons, the redemption of our bodies.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia.
The seed is the word of God, Christ the sower;
all who find him will live for ever.
Alleluia.

Gospel

Matthew 13:1-23

At that time: Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the lake. And great crowds gathered about him, so that he got into a boat and sat down. And the whole crowd stood on the beach. And he told them many things in parables, saying: 'A sower went out to sow. And as he sowed, some seeds fell along the path, and the birds came and devoured them. Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and immediately they sprang up, since they had no depth of soil, but when the sun rose they were scorched. And since they had no root, they withered away. Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. Other seeds fell on good soil and produced grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. He who has ears, let him hear.' Then the disciples came and said to him, 'Why do you speak to them in parables?' And he answered them, 'To you it has been given to know the secrets of the kingdom of heaven, but to them it has not been given. For to the one who has, more will be given, and he will have an abundance, but from the one who has not, even what he has will be taken away. This is why I speak to them in parables, because seeing they do not see, and hearing they do not hear, nor do they understand. Indeed, in their case the prophecy of Isaiah is fulfilled that says: "You will indeed hear but never understand, and you will indeed see but never perceive." For this people's heart has grown dull, and with their ears they can barely hear, and their eyes they have closed, lest they should see with their eyes and hear with their ears and understand with their heart and turn, and I would heal them. But blessed are your eyes, for they see, and your ears, for they hear. For truly, I say to you, many prophets and righteous people longed to see what you see, and did not see it, and to hear what you hear, and did not hear it. 'Hear then the parable of the sower: When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what has been sown in his heart. This is what was sown along the path. As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is the one who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy, yet he has no root in himself, but endures for a while, and when tribulation or persecution arises on account of the word, immediately he falls away. As for what was sown among thorns, this is the one who hears the word, but the cares of the world and the deceitfulness of riches choke the word, and it proves unfruitful. As for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it. He indeed bears fruit and yields, in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty.'

Prayer over the Offerings

Look upon the offerings of the Church, O Lord, as she makes her prayer to you, and grant that, when consumed by those who believe, they may bring ever greater holiness. Through Christ our Lord.

Communion Antiphon

Jn 6:57

Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood remains in me and I in him, says the Lord

Prayer after Communion

Having consumed these gifts, we pray, O Lord,
that, by our participation in this mystery,
its saving effects upon us may grow.
Through Christ our Lord.