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St. John the Evangelist

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YEAR A	*ST JOHN'S*	*ST JOSEPH'S*	*INTENTION*
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
Monday 14th September ***Feast of the Exultation of the Holy Cross***	9.30am Morning Prayer and Benediction		
Tuesday 15th September ***Memorial of Our Lady of Sorrows***		9.30am Holy Hour and Benediction	
Wednesday 16th September ***Memorial of Ss Cornelius and Cyprian***		9.30 - 10.30am Morning Prayer	
Thursday 17th September ***Feria in Ordinary Time***	Wedding of Matthew Poole & Christina Doyle 6.30pm Vespers & Benediction		
Friday 18th September ***Feria in Ordinary Time***	*6.00 – 7.00pm Adoration, Vespers & Benediction*		
Saturday 19th September ***Feria in Ordinary Time***	No morning mass or confessions		
Sunday 20th September ***TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME*** ***Green***	4.00pm Vigil Mass (Saturday)		Madge Goran
	8.30am Holy Mass		Carol Dawson
		10.00am Holy Mass	Phoebe Tasker
	11.30am Holy Mass	6.00pm Family and Youth Adoration	People of the Parish

Welcome to Mass on this Twenty-Fourth 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.
Today we welcome Fr Craig Szmidt who will be the celebrant at all the Masses today. Fr Craig is presently the Vocations Director for the diocese, and so we remember in our prayers the intention of vocations to the Priesthood, Diaconate and Religious Life. It is good to welcome him back to the parish.
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.
Tuesday is the Memorial of Our Lady of Sorrows, and indeed the month of September in her honour. There are seven sorrows of Our Lady: the prophecy of Simeon; the flight into Egypt; the Losing of Jesus in the Temple; meeting Our Lord on the Way to Calvary; the Crucifixion; the deposition from the Cross; the Burial of Our Lord. In both sorrows and joys Our Lady remained utterly faithful to unique vocation. Even if it isn't your usual practice offer the Sorrowful Mysteries of the holy Rosary in honour of Our Lady of Sorrows.
Saturday 19 September CAFOD Event at St Chad's Cathedral from 10am to learn more about CAFOD's work. Prayer will be led by Archbishop Bernard. Guest speaker Teamrat Belai, Country Director for CST Ethiopia, will share insights into the challenges facing communities in Ethiopia and the impact of CAFOD's work. Email birmingham@cafod.org.uk to join.
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.
Thursday 24th September St. Vincent de Paul Banbury will be starting a Community Breakfast Cafe on Thursday 24th September between 10am-12 Noon at St. Joseph's church hall.
We would like to welcome anyone in our community who might enjoy some company or are struggling in any way. Bacon Rolls, toast and hot drinks will be free of charge. You will be welcomed by our warm and friendly volunteers.
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"
October 4th Friday Night Faith – we had a group of 15 for adults who came to the information evening recently. It is for those wishing to learn more about the Catholic faith, or who wish to become Catholics. We will meet on October 4th in the upper room of the Dupuis Centre next to St John's from 7.15pm-8.15pm.
Saturday, October 10th- *'One Faith, Many Voices':* *An International Rosary.*10.45am in St John's Church. To celebrate the month of the Holy Rosary, the Legion of Mary is organizing an International Rosary, where each decade will be prayed in a different language. *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. 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. 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.*

6th and 10th October S**t. John's Catholic Primary School Open Mornings** September 2027 Admissions. They are delighted to invite parents and carers of children who will be starting primary school in September 2027 to come and visit St John's Primary School. We are holding two open mornings, and we would love the opportunity to welcome you into our school, show you around and share what makes our school such a special place for children and families. Our open mornings will take place on: Tuesday 6th October at 10.00am and Tuesday 10th November at 10.00am. If you would like to attend one of these mornings, please contact the school office on 01295 263740. If you would like to visit the school but are unable to attend either of these dates, please do get in touch with us. We will be very happy to see if we can arrange an alternative date for you to look around.
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
Blessed George Napier school is recruiting for a Teacher of History. This is a full time, permanent position. Please visit the school website for further information, www.blessedgeorgenapier.co.uk
Vacancies at St John's Catholic Primary School St John's Catholic Primary School is currently looking to appoint a Teaching Assistant and a member of staff to work in our After School Club. If you are interested in either of these opportunities, please see our My New Term website for further information, or contact the school office on 01295 263740.
Children's Liturgy We are looking for support volunteers to help us sharing the Gospel and bible stories to the children of our Parish here at St. John's. This would be Sundays at the 11:30 MASS on a rotating schedule. You will be working with the Liturgy Leaders preparing activities, songs and prayers to teach the children about the Scriptures. A clear DBS check (provided by the Parish) is required for this role.
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
Mary's Meals The next date is Friday 25th September, this month we will be serving delicious homemade soup and cheese scones. If you are no longer able to attend could you please let Karen Craig know on 07976 591424.

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 Jo seph 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 by 21st September.

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

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

13 Luigi Riccucci 2015; George Peters 1988; Elizabeth Pope 1984
14 Rose Kinsey 2025; Patricia Ostler 2024; Monica Howes 2014; Margaret Gibbs 2012; Michael McElhinney 2002; Beatrice Barber 2000;Leslie Green 2000; Teresa Butler 1983
15 Mary Henderson 2019; Maureen Abrahart 2017; Alban Smith 2006; William Cartledge 1998; Jean Boon 1991
16 William Frazer 2021; Dennis (Mike) August 2004; Anne Carter 2003; Alice Stanley 1994
17 Charlie Gretton 2006; Mary Staples 2005; Mostyn Watts 1993; Mary Harrison 1992; Margaret Hutchings 1986; Denis Cronin 1985
18 John Shanahan 2022.
19 Sue Godfrey 2022; Mildred Eyland 1990; Frederick Minchin 1990

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	*£90.00*	*£50.00*
Non-Gift Aid	*£728.69*	*£149.68*
Contactless Card	*£100*	*£85*

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

There will be a second collection next week for 'Let the Children Live.' 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

Cf. Sir 36: 18

Give peace, O Lord, to those who wait for you,
that your prophets be found true.
Hear the prayers of your servant,
and of your people Israel.

Collect

Look upon us, O God,
Creator and ruler of all things,
and, that we may feel the working of your mercy,
grant that we may serve you with all our heart.
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

Sirach 27:30-28:7

Anger and wrath, these are abominations, and the sinful man will hold them fast. The one who seeks vengeance will be paid vengeance from the Lord, and he who keeps a record will have his own sins recorded. Forgive your neighbour the wrong he has done, and then your sins will be pardoned when you pray. Does one person harbour anger against another and yet seek for healing from the Lord? Does he have no mercy towards someone like himself and yet pray concerning his own sins? If he himself, being flesh, maintains wrath, who will make atonement for his sins? Remember the end of your life and cease from enmity, remember destruction and death and be true to the commandments. Remember the commandments and do not be angry with your neighbour; remember the covenant of the Most High and overlook error.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 103(102):1-2. 3-4. 9-10. 11-12. ℟8

The Lord is compassionate and gracious,
slow to anger and rich in mercy.

Bless the Lord, O my soul,
and all within me, his holy name.
Bless the Lord, O my soul,
and never forget all his benefits. ℟

It is the Lord who forgives all your sins,
who heals every one of your ills,
who redeems your life from the grave,
who crowns you with mercy and compassion. ℟

He will not always find fault;
nor persist in his anger for ever.
He does not treat us according to our sins,
nor repay us according to our faults. ℟

For as the heavens are high above the earth,
so strong his mercy for those who fear him.
As far as the east is from the west,
so far from us does he remove our transgressions. ℟

Second reading

Romans 14:7-9

Brothers and Sisters: None of us lives to himself, and none of us dies to himself. For if we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord. So then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's. For to this end Christ died and lived again, that he might be Lord both of the dead and of the living.

Gospel Acclamation

John 13:34

Alleluia, alleluia.
A new commandment I give to you, says the Lord,
that you love one another, just as I have loved you.
Alleluia.

Gospel

Matthew 18:21-35

At that time: Peter came up and said to Jesus, 'Lord, how often will my brother sin against me, and I forgive him? As many as seven times?' Jesus said to him, 'I do not say to you seven times, but seventy times seven.
'Therefore the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his servants. When he began to settle, one was brought to him who owed him ten thousand talents. And since he could not pay, his master ordered him to be sold, with his wife and children and all that he had, and payment to be made. So the servant fell on his knees, imploring him, "Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything." And out of pity for him, the master of that servant released him and forgave him the debt. But when that same servant went out, he found one of his fellow servants who owed him a hundred denarii, and seizing him, he began to choke him, saying, "Pay what you owe." So his fellow servant fell down and pleaded with him, "Have patience with me, and I will pay you." He refused and went and put him in prison until he should pay the debt. When his fellow servants saw what had taken place they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their master all that had taken place. Then his master summoned him and said to him, "You wicked servant! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. And should not you have had mercy on your fellow servant, as I had mercy on you?" And in anger his master delivered him to the jailers, until he should pay all his debt. So also my heavenly Father will do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother from your heart.'

Prayer over the Offerings

Look with favour on our supplications, O Lord,
and in your kindness accept these, your servants' offerings,
that what each has offered to the honour of your name
may serve the salvation of all.
Through Christ our Lord.

Communion Antiphon

Cf. Ps 35: 8

How precious is your mercy, O God!
The children of men seek shelter in the shadow of your wings.

Prayer after Communion

May the working of this heavenly gift, O Lord, we pray,
take possession of our minds and bodies,
so that its effects, and not our own desires,
may always prevail in us.
Through Christ our Lord.