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DAY	ST JOHN'S	ST JOSEPH'S	INTENTION
Year B	4.00 pm Vigil Mass		Kevin Nolan RIP
Sunday 18th February	8.45 am Mass		Stefan Sherin Thanksgiving
FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT		10.00 am Mass	People of the Parish
<i>Day of Prayer for the Candidates for the Sacraments</i>	11.15 am Mass		Jean Ann Lawrence
		4.45pm Stations of the Cross	
Violet		<i>5.00 pm Confessions</i> 5.30 pm Mass	Kathleen Mannion RIP
Monday 19 th		9.30am MASS	Geniya in Thanksgiving
<i>Lent Feria</i>	11.30am Funeral Mass		Mateusz Dabrowska
Tuesday 20 th	9.30 am Mass		Bridget Mason RIP
<i>Lent Feria</i>			
Wednesday 21 st		9.30 am Mass <i>10.00 am Exposition</i>	Special Intentions
<i>Lent Feria</i>			
Thursday 22 nd	9.30 am Mass <i>10.30am Mass at St. John's School</i>		Luigi Cioffi RIP <i>Albert Hackett RIP</i>
Friday 23 rd	6.45 am Mass		Ron Bower
<i>Lent Feria</i>	6.00 pm Stations of the Cross	9.30 am Mass	Ignatius Hince RIP
Saturday 24 th	10.00 am Mass <i>Confessions 10.30 – 11am</i> 1.30pm Wedding		Michael Conner Oliver Boulton & Katie Bowden
Year B	4.00 pm Vigil Mass		Michael Quinlan & Josie Smith RIP
Sunday, 25th February	8.45 am Mass		Irene & Waclaw Radziwonowicz RIP
<i>Day of Prayer for the Candidates for the Sacraments</i>		10.00 am Mass	Holy Souls
FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT	11.15 am Mass		People of the Parish
		<i>5.00pm Confessions</i> 5.30 pm Mass	Thomas Garvey RIP

THE SEASON OF LENT - Last Wednesday the Pope, in his homily, spoke about the imposition of ashes – an act which reminds us to return to the truth about ourselves – which is that the Lord alone is God, and we are the work of his hands.

Therefore, Lent is a time when we are called to be ever more open to his grace - so that we may be refashioned in the image of Christ. The tools for this refashioning are straightforward, though challenging: prayer; fasting and abstinence; works of mercy and almsgiving. Prayer is an act of love to the God who loved us first in his Son. Fasting reminds us of the One on whom we truly depend, and to strengthen us in the fight against the temptation to give ourselves to lesser gods or idols. Almsgiving, and works of mercy, seek to model our lives and our attitudes on the generosity of divine love which holds nothing back and gives everything.

There are a number of ways to strengthen our spiritual lives this Lent beyond that we can share:

The Lent Group on Wednesdays which will be exploring prayer

The Early Bird Mass on Fridays at 6.45am

Stations of the Cross on Fridays and Sundays

....as well as the usual Masses and devotions and groups.

CAR PARKING AT ST. JOHN'S PRESBYTERY. Spaces in front of the presbytery are very limited. Occasionally the priest's cars have been blocked in when there has been a need to leave the site during Mass. Please consider using the church car park on Dashwood Road if space is tight. If parking on Dashwood Road, do not park in front of the Faithworks entrance and please be considerate of our neighbours, remember also that it is a one-way street.

LENT SYCAMORE PRAYER COURSE – Fr. Sean warmly invites you to six sessions about Christian prayer and the adventure of the spiritual life, each Wednesday of Lent at 7.00pm, in the Wall Room in the Dupuis Centre. Lent 2024 is during the 'Year of Prayer', called by Pope Francis to help us prepare for the Jubilee year in 2025. The Sycamore prayer course will be of great benefit to those who are just beginning or struggling in their life of prayer, as well as those who have been praying happily for a long time!

ST. JOSEPH'S EASTER MUSIC – If you would be interested in joining our small friendly choir group, please stay behind after the 10am mass for a brief meeting.

NEW WEBSITE - PLEASE NOTE OUR NEW WEBSITE ADDRESS; WWW.CATHOLICBANBURY.ORG

ST JOHN'S QUIZ NIGHT – Fri 23 Feb, 7.00pm for 7.30pm start. A few tickets still available from Marilena. Always a great night; bring your own nibbles & drinks. Ticket price £5 per person, maximum team numbers 8 max. Raffle.

MARY'S MEALS – The next lunch is on Friday 23rd February, all places are now filled.

PATRICIANS – Fri 23 Feb .Topic: Fiducia Supplicans- The blessing of individuals who are living in irregular unions. Come and join this lively, friendly group of parishioners and gain confidence in talking about our faith to others. Refreshments provided.

DAY OF RECOLLECTION – At St. Joseph's on Saturday 24th February, 10am – 4pm. The theme is 'The Seven Last Words'. £10 per person to cover expenses.

LENT SIMPLE SOUP LUNCH – Friday 1st March at 12.30pm in the Dupuis Centre. All proceeds will go to CAFOD's Family Fast Day appeal. Please add your name to the list at the back of the church.

SALE OF UNWANTED CHRISTMAS GIFTS – This will be held on Sunday 3rd March after the 10.00am Mass.

YOUTH GROUP - Sunday 3rd March at 6.30pm. An exciting Evangelisation Event at St Joseph's for young people in Y6 and above (and for adults who would like to attend) with the amazing **American Catholic Evangelist Jimmy Mitchell.**

Jimmy discerned the priesthood in his early adult life, but instead felt called to be a full-time missionary, especially working in Youth Evangelisation.

In his own words:

"I was a man on a mission, eager to travel to any continent as long as it was English-speaking and open to the Gospel. I've seen countless conversions unfold and vocations discerned in young people all over the world. There has been no greater privilege in my life up until this point than helping others fall more in love with the Lord Jesus Christ and His Church."

VACANCIES – BGN School has several vacancies. See our noticeboard for further details. Contact www.eteach.com/careers/bgn-oxon

LUNCH CLUB – The next lunch is on Mon 11th March at 12.30pm in the Dupuis Centre. Please contact Marilena to confirm your attendance.

PARISH OFFICE HOURS – Please note that the parish office is currently open on a Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday between 9.00am and 3.00pm. Please can any notices for the Newsletter be received by Wednesday evening.

Please pray for the dead ...

Of your charity, pray for the repose of the souls of those who have died recently, particularly Mateusz Dabrowska and Joseph Paszkiewicz. Pray also for those whose anniversaries occur this coming week:

- 18 Patricia Quay 2017; Kevin Nolan 2014; John Hart 1988; Fr. Terrence McDonnell 1987; Frederick Rutland 1985
- 19 Sylvia Hemmings 2017; Eugene O'Neill 2008; Jimmy Sheils 2008; Angel Bertolin-Gil 2004; Ena Forde 1999; Stephanie Lawlor 1999; Mia Sabin 1995; Carmen Maguire 1995; Hazel Meadows 1993; Hamilton Forrest 1986; Margaret Fooks 1986
- 20 Bridget Mason 2022; Winifred Mawle 1991; David Cunningham 1991
- 21 Frank Tohill 2020; Juliet Akumu 2010; Mary Goudie 2009; Margaret Pidduck 2004; Patrick O'Mahoney 1999; Ellew Muraskas 1998; Rosemarian Broderick 1991
- 22 Ken King 2021; Betty Sherington 2020; Norma Garrett 2007; Margaret Murphy 1996; Stanislaw Zaworski 1987; Antoni Batt 1985; Joseph Kelly 1985
- 23 Joan Childs 2019; Michael Rennie 2018; Elizabeth Manning 1989
- 24 Dorothy Shea 2018; Amanda Wilkinson 2007; Mae Hampson-Cole 2006; John McMenamin 2001; Charles O'Neill 1997

***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, Tom Mannion, Christine Napier, Anne Nolan, Costanza Pannozzo, Trish Rossenrode, Eileen Shea, Nicky Smith, Elaine Steer.

PARISH FINANCIAL MATTERS

Weekly Income:	<u>04 FEBRUARY</u>	<u>ST JOHN'S</u>	<u>ST JOSEPH'S</u>
Gift Aid:		£ 67.00	£ 46.00
Non-Gift Aid:		£ 648.70	£ 262.53
Contactless Card:		£ 215.00	-----
QR code		£ 25.00--	-----
Standing Orders for December		£ 2901.00	£ 1311.00

***Second collection next weekend for CAFOD'S LENT FAMILY FAST DAY
Thank you for all your support.***

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.



PARISH OFFICE [The office is situated at St John's Presbytery; office hours Tuesday – Thursday, 9.00am – 3.00pm]

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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

When he calls on me, I will answer him;
I will deliver him and give him glory,
I will grant him length of days.

Collect

Grant, almighty God,
through the yearly observances of holy Lent,
that we may grow in understanding
of the riches hidden in Christ
and by worthy conduct pursue their effects.
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

Genesis 9:8-15

God spoke to Noah and his sons, 'See, I establish my Covenant with you, and with your descendants after you; also with every living creature to be found with you, birds, cattle and every wild beast with you: everything that came out of the ark, everything that lives on the earth. I establish my Covenant with you: no thing of flesh shall be swept away again by the waters of the flood. There shall be no flood to destroy the earth again.'

God said, 'Here is the sign of the Covenant I make between myself and you and every living creature with you for all generations: I set my bow in the clouds and it shall be a sign of the Covenant between me and the earth. When I gather the clouds over the earth and the bow appears in the clouds, I will recall the Covenant between myself and you and every living creature of every kind. And so the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all things of flesh.'

Responsorial Psalm

Your ways, Lord, are faithfulness and love for those who keep your covenant. R/.

Lord, make me know your ways.

Lord, teach me your paths.

Make me walk in your truth, and teach me:

for you are God my saviour. **R/.**

Remember your mercy, Lord,

and the love you have shown from of old.

In your love remember me,

because of your goodness, O Lord. **R/.**

The Lord is good and upright.

He shows the path to those who stray,

He guides the humble in the right path,

He teaches his way to the poor. **R/.**

Second reading

1 Peter 3:18-22

Christ himself, innocent though he was, died once for sins, died for the guilty, to lead us to God. In the body he was put to death, in the spirit he was raised to life, and, in the spirit, he went to preach to the spirits in prison. Now it was long ago, when Noah was still building that ark which saved only a small group of eight people 'by water', and when God was still waiting patiently, that these spirits refused to believe. That water is a type of the baptism which saves you now, and which is not the washing off of physical dirt but a pledge made to God from a good

conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has entered heaven and is at God's right hand, now that he has made the angels and Dominations and Powers his subjects.

Gospel Acclamation

Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory!
Man does not live on bread alone,
but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.
Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory!

Gospel

Mark 1:12-15

The Spirit drove Jesus out into the wilderness and he remained there for forty days, and was tempted by Satan. He was with the wild beasts, and the angels looked after him.

After John had been arrested, Jesus went into Galilee. There he proclaimed the Good News from God. 'The time has come' he said 'and the kingdom of God is close at hand. Repent, and believe the Good News.'

Prayer over the Offerings

Give us the right dispositions, O Lord, we pray,
to make these offerings,
for with them we celebrate the beginning
of this venerable and sacred time.
Through Christ our Lord.

Communion Antiphon

One does not live by bread alone,
but by every word that comes forth from the mouth of God.

Prayer after Communion

Renewed now with heavenly bread,
by which faith is nourished, hope increased,
and charity strengthened,
we pray, O Lord,
that we may learn to hunger for Christ,
the true and living Bread,
and strive to live by every word
which proceeds from your mouth.
Through Christ our Lord.

Prayer over the People

May bountiful blessing, O Lord, we pray,
come down upon your people,
that hope may grow in tribulation,
virtue be strengthened in temptation,
and eternal redemption be assured.
Through Christ our Lord.