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YEAR A	*ST JOHN'S*	*ST JOSEPH'S*	*Priest's Intention*
Sunday 18th October ***TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME*** ***Green***	4.00pm Vigil Mass (Saturday)		Egon Winkler RIP
	8.30am Holy Mass		People of the Parish
		10.00am Holy Mass	Tadeusz Kulig RIP
	11.30am Holy Mass		Christine Molloy RIP
Monday 19th October *Feria in Ordinary Time*	9.30am Holy Mass		Deepa James
Tuesday 20th October *Feria in Ordinary Time*	11am: Requiem for Jenifer Noll	9.30am Holy Mass	James and Family
Wednesday 21st October *Feria in Ordinary Time*		9.30 Morning Prayer, Holy Hour and Benediction	
Thursday 22nd October *Feria in Ordinary Time*	6.30pm Holy Mass		John Breen
Friday 23rd October *Feria in Ordinary Time*	*9.30am Holy Mass* *6.00 – 7.00pm Adoration, Vespers & Benediction with Confessions*		Susan Merridew RIP
Saturday 24th October *Our Lady on Saturday*	10.00am Holy Mass & Confessions		Joseph Camillieri RIP
Sunday 25th October ***THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME*** ***Green***	4.00pm Vigil Mass (Saturday)		Ann Boyle RIP
	8.30am Holy Mass		Vanessa Sawyers
		10.00am Holy Mass	Special Intention
	11.30am Holy Mass		People of the Parish

Welcome to Mass on this Twenty-ninth 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 children of school infant age.**
The second collection today is for the work of Missio. Missio is the Papal Charity to support evangelisation in parts of the world that need our support most – and enables both spiritual, medical and temporal help to reach the most isolated and poor.
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.

***A message from Fr Philip*:** I am delighted to let you know that Suzette Watson has been appointed Parish Administrator for St John's and St Joseph's parishes. Suzette comes to us with great experience in all areas of administration. Her responsibilities will include financial admin, managing the Dupuis Centre and buildings, as well as general administration. She will begin in her role tomorrow, and will be based in the office at St John's Presbytery. The office will be open for general enquiries on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday from 9am-1pm. I thank all those who showed an interest in this important new role, and especially to the hard work of members of the Parish Finance Committee who, with the help of the diocese, made such an important contribution to this important appointment.

The Sisters from the Community of Our Lady of Walsingham are coming to Banbury, 7–10 November! It is a privilege to welcome the sisters who will lead a Parish Retreat Day **'Called to the fulness of joy' on Saturday 7th November 10.30am-3.30pm in the Dupuis Centre at St John's.** There will also be sessions for children so the whole family can come. Bring a packed lunch, and drop in for as much of the day as you can. The Sisters will also speak at the end of all Sunday Masses, give a a reflection at Sunday Vespers, bring a repository stall, visit St John's primary school on Monday and BGN on Tuesday**.**
How can you help?
1 – Save the dater. There is no need to sign up – just come!
2 – Host a sister. The sisters would love to stay with parish families from Friday 6th to Tuesday 10th. If you could put up one or more of the sisters, please email the parish office.
3 – Pray for the visit and all who will meet the sisters.
If you can help in any way, with accommodation or with the visit, please contact Suzette at the parish office at stjohn.banbury@rcaob.org.uk

Choral Concert. Many thanks to all who contributed to a splendid evening of music last Sunday evening. Thanks to Alan Perry for organising, and to the singers and musicians for their joyous sound, and for the refreshments afterwards. Monies raised (we have yet to process the card payments) will go towards the organ repairs.
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, each having their own parish priest and school. Since the departure of Fr Bill Wilton from St Joseph's, both 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 to become a single parish. Other parishes in the diocese in similar situations have done so. In our own area this has happened with Chipping Norton and Charlbury, and Bicester wand 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: Would parents please collect an enrolment form from Fr Philip at the end of Mass today.

This Friday come to the *Living Museum Day* at St Joseph's School from 1.30pm 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: 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'.
200 Club – due to parish office restructuring, the 200 club winners have not been drawn over the summer. The aim 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 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.
The Food Bank at St Joseph's is 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 –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 know might benefit from one of the Hampers, then please let us know in confidence. 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.
SVP - Quiz Night - tickets now available please contact Marilena on 07891 178920 or email quiznight@svpbanbury.org.uk
Monday Lunch Club - The next lunch club date is Monday 9th November - places are limited and we are now full to capacity - so please if you are not able to attend a certain date, please let Marilena know.
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
Missio Boxes: If yours 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.
Mary's Meals The next date for Mary's Meals is Friday 30th October. This month we will be serving jacket potatoes. We are now at capacity, if you are no longer able to attend, please let Karen Craig know on 07976 591424.
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, Jenifer 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

18	Marianne Seregi 2023; Theresa James 2009; Maureen Gretton 2007; James Nurden 2003
19	Egon Winkler 2018; John O'Sullivan 2014; Anne Boyle 2009; Peggy Towner 2002; James Comiskie 1982
20	Gerrard O'Connor 2022; Kath Heritage 2017; Michael Muir 2010; Magdalen Walton 2008; Raffaelina Malvatani 2008; Eva Seeney 2006; Karl Kurze 2004; Deghario Magno 1996; Francis Pearson 1993
21	Margaret McLoone 2015.
22	Frank Hughes 2012; Joyce Birch 1997; Ethna Oliver 1996
23	Brian Sullivan 2021; Susan Merridew 2020; Constantin Da Ponte 2004; Reginald Tustian 2003; Thomas Jones 2000; William Jackson 1990
24	Joyce Goode 2019; Ellen Foley 2018; Josephine O'Neill 2018; Patrick Rooney 2007; Peter Keenan 2004; Yvonne Smith 1999; Justin Black 1995; Bernard Eyre 1983

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them.

Please pray for the sick of our Parishes…

Pope Leo XIV, 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, Kazimierz Kleista

PARISH FINANCIAL MATTERS

Weekly Income:	ST JOHN'S	ST JOSEPH'S
Gift Aid	£62.00	£ 67.00
Non-Gift Aid	£664.63	£ 462.24
Contactless Card	£161.00	£ not available

Standing orders for August: St John's £3912	St Joseph's £1093
Second Collection today for Missio	

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 5.00 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 ADMINISTRATOR: SUZETTE WATSON. The office is situated at St John's Presbytery and will be open Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday from 9am-1pm.

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: 6, 8

To you I call; for you will surely heed me, O God;
turn your ear to me; hear my words.
Guard me as the apple of your eye;
in the shadow of your wings protect me.

Collect

Almighty ever-living God,
grant that we may always conform our will to yours
and serve your majesty in sincerity of 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

Isaiah 45:1, 4-6

Thus says the LORD to his anointed, to Cyrus,
whose right hand I have grasped,
to subdue nations before him
and to loose the belts of kings,
to open doors before him
that gates may not be closed:

'For the sake of my servant Jacob,
and Israel my chosen,
I call you by your name,
I name you, though you do not know me.
I am the LORD, and there is no other,
besides me there is no God;
I equip you, though you do not know me,
that people may know, from the rising of the sun
and from the west, that there is none besides me;
I am the LORD, and there is no other.'

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 96(95):1, 3. 4-5. 7-8. 9-10a, c. ℟7b

Ascribe to the LORD glory and power.

O sing a new song to the LORD;
sing to the LORD, all the earth.
Tell among the nations his glory,
and his wonders among all the peoples.

Ascribe to the LORD glory and power.

For the LORD is great and highly to be praised,
to be feared above all gods.
For the gods of the nations are naught.
It was the LORD who made the heavens.

Ascribe to the LORD glory and power.

Ascribe to the LORD, you families of peoples,
ascribe to the LORD glory and power;
ascribe to the LORD the glory of his name.
Bring an offering and enter his courts.

Ascribe to the LORD glory and power.

Worship the LORD in holy splendour.
O tremble before him, all the earth.
Say to the nations, 'The LORD is king.'
He will judge the peoples in fairness.

Ascribe to the LORD glory and power.

Second reading

1 Thessalonians 1:1-5b

Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy, to the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ: grace to you and peace.

We give thanks to God always for all of you, constantly mentioning you in our prayers, remembering before our God and Father your work of faith and labour of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ. For we know, brothers and sisters loved by God, that he has chosen you, because our gospel came to you not only in word, but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with full conviction.

Gospel Acclamation

Philippians 2:15d, 16a

Alleluia, alleluia.
Shine as lights in the world,
holding fast to the word of life.
Alleluia.

Gospel

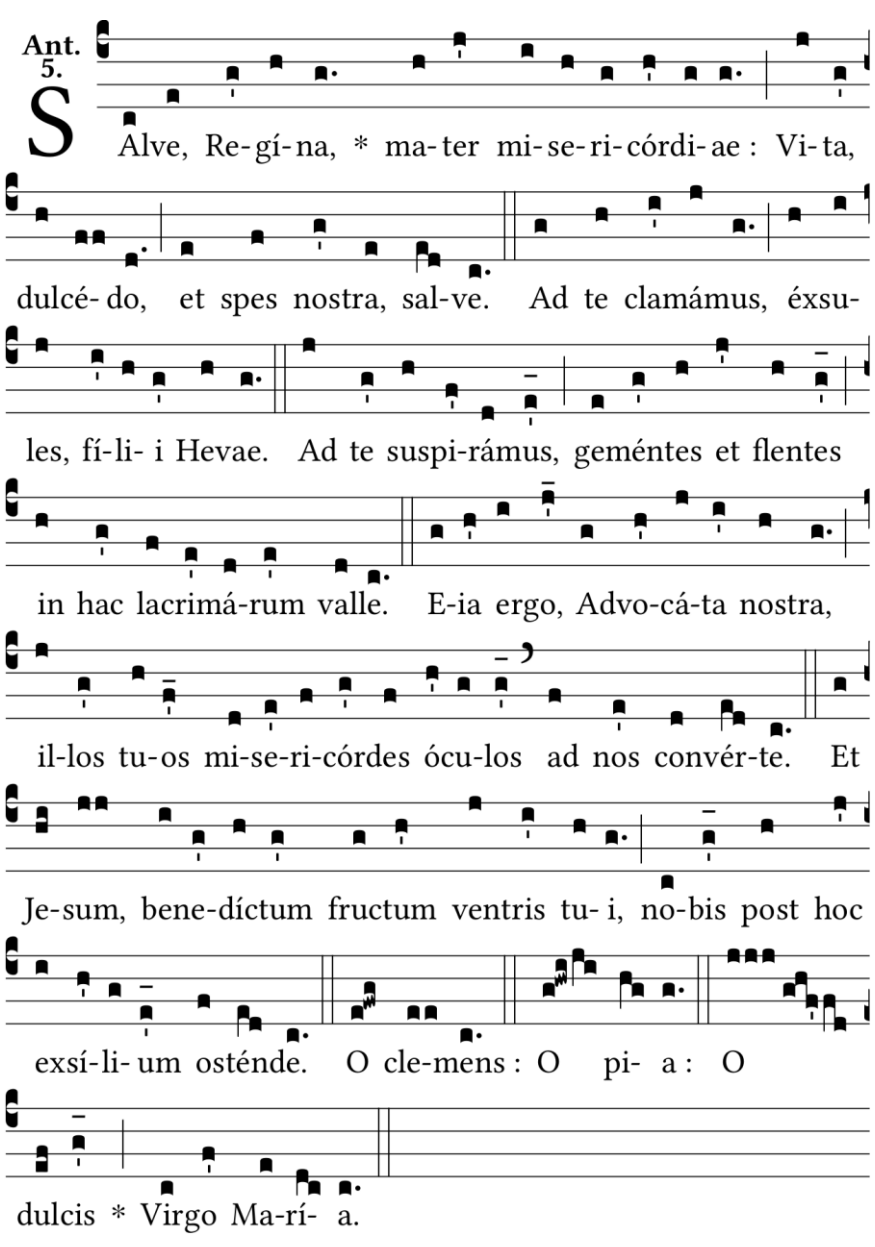
Matthew 22:15-21

At that time: The Pharisees went and plotted how to entangle Jesus in his words. And they sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying, 'Teacher, we know that you are true and teach the way of God truthfully, and you do not care about anyone's opinion, for you are not swayed by appearances. Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to Caesar, or not?' But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, 'Why put me to the test, you hypocrites? Show me the coin for the tax.' And they brought him a denarius. And Jesus said to them, 'Whose likeness and inscription is this?' They said, 'Caesar's.' Then he said to them, 'Therefore render to Caesar the things that are Caesar's, and to God the things that are God's.'

Prayer over the Offerings

Grant us, Lord, we pray,
a sincere respect for your gifts,
that, through the purifying action of your grace,
we may be cleansed by the very mysteries we serve.
Through Christ our Lord.

Communion Antiphon

Mk 10: 45

The Son of Man has come
to give his life as a ransom for many