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St. John the Evangelist

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YEAR A	*ST JOHN'S*	*ST JOSEPH'S*	*INTENTION*
Sunday 20th September	4.00pm Vigil Mass (Saturday)		Madge Goran
TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	8.30am Holy Mass		Carol Dawson
		10.00am Holy Mass	Phoebe Tasker
Green	11.30am Holy Mass	6.00pm Family and Youth Adoration	People of the Parish
Monday 21st September ***Feast of St Matthew***	9.30am Morning Prayer and Benediction		
Tuesday 22nd September ***Feria in Ordinary Time***		9.30am Morning Prayer and Benediction	
Wednesday 23rd September ***Memorial of St Pius or Pietrelcina (Padre Pio)***		9.30 - 10.30am Holy Hour & Benediction	
Thursday 24th September ***Feast of Our Lady of Walsingham***	6.30pm Holy Mass	10.30am Holy Mass St John's School	Packie Lynch RIP
Friday 25th September ***Feria in Ordinary Time***	*9.30am Holy Mass* *6.00 – 7.00pm Adoration, Vespers & Benediction with Confessions*		Brenden McInnerney
Saturday 26th September ***Feria in Ordinary Time***	10.00am Holy Mass		Fr John Baggley RIP
Sunday 27th September	4.00pm Vigil Mass (Saturday)		Desmond Kelly
TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	8.30am Holy Mass	10.00am Holy Mass	Waclaw & Irena Radziwonowicz RIP People of the Parish
Green	11.30am Holy Mass	6.00pm Family and Youth Adoration	Barry Payne RIP

Welcome to Mass on this Twenty-Fifth 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 Peter Walters who will be the celebrant and preacher at the Masses today. Fr Peter lives and works in Columbia and runs the charity 'Let the Children Live.' They seek to provide a safe home and education for those children caught up in the drugs trade or sex-trafficking in the cities there. There will be a second collection to support his work there. I'm sure you will be generous.
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.
19th and 20th September Youth Group - Next Weekend at St Joseph's Hall. Junior Y6-Y8 Saturday 19th September 6.30pm-8.30pm Senior Y9-Y13 Sunday 20th September 6.30pm-8.30pm. Newcomers welcome. Subs for Junior & Senior Group are £2 child.
20th September Family and Youth Adoration. We gather back as a community for our special monthly Adoration sessions - Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament. Adoration is next Sunday Evening: Sunday 20th September; 6pm-6.30pm at St Joseph's Church. All members of our Parish are most welcome to join us for this special time of prayer and praise.
24th September Community Breakfast Cafe (SVP)starts on Thursday 24th September 10am-12noon at St Josephs Church Hall, Edmunds Road. We would like to welcome anyone in our community who might enjoy some company or are struggling in anyway. Bacon Rolls, toast, 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"
27th September Youth Bake Sale - in two weeks! Delicious treats and homemade jam for sale after the morning Masses at St John's Church on Sunday 27th September. Homemade jam has been made using blackberries from St Joseph's garden and apples from St John's garden for homemade Apple and Blackberry Jam.
4th October 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.
5th October at 10am Padre Pio Prayer Group
The Padre Pio Prayer Group has been in existence for nearly 20 years in our Parish. The Prayer Group meets on the first Monday of every month in the Dupuis Centre at St John's Church at 10am. It provides the opportunity for parishioners to come together in unity to pray for the needs of our Parish and for the world. It offers the comfort and reassurance of prayer combined with the love & fellowship of a Christian community.Padre Pio was an Italian Capuchin Franciscan Friar, an ordained Catholic Priest, also Mystic, Stigmatist and a canonised Saint of the Catholic Church. is Feast Day is this week on 23rd September.New members are always welcome to join the Prayer Group. No sign up. Just turn up!
8th October Confirmation Classes. Those children who are registered for the Parish Confirmation Programme, lessons will commence on Thursday 8th October 4.30pm - 6pm. Location: Dupuis Centre, St.John's. This is for children who are not in a Catholic Primary School, or for older children who missed their Confirmation in Y6.
Saturday, October 10th- International Rosary 10.45am in St John's Church *'One Faith, Many Voices': An International Rosary. Is your language represented?*, The Legion of Mary invites our entire parish community to a morning of prayer and unity. We are organizing an International Rosary, where each decade will be prayed in a different language. *We Need Your Voice!* 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. *Fellowship, light refreshments and international pastries to follow in the Dupuis Centre.*
6th and 10th October St. John's Catholic Primary School Open Mornings – September 2027 Admissions. We 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.
11th October 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
12th October Monday Lunch Club - next date October 12th - limited places available so please book to ensure you get a place. Contact Marilena 07891 1778920
13th November Fundraising Quiz Night all money raised will go directly to the local branch of the SVP - Friday 13th November at 7pm in St Josephs Hall - watch this space for further details.
SVP Christmas Hampers for our Community - during November we will be asking for help collecting specific items to put into Christmas Hampers which will be distributed in December to those in our Parish who might need support. If there is anyone you might think will appreciate receiving a Hamper then please email us on the SVP email address on the newsletter in the strictest of confidence.
Blessed George Napier school is recruiting for: Assistant Subject Leader for Physical Education, to commence in January 2027 AND Teacher of Girls' Physical Education (maternity cover), to commence in February 2027. Please visit the school website for further information, www.blessedgeorgenapier.co.uk

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 Joseph 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 Applications in by tomorrow please.

Please pray for those who have died recently: Bida Esceuta. Christopher Wortley 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

20 Mary Rose Miller 2012; Edward Darcy 2012; Ross Mary Freeman 2010; Sabrina Walsh 1990; Leonard Mailey 1987; James Taylor 1984

21 Patricia Pugh 2017; Bert Fell 2015; Palmina Manning 2013; Benito Veriato 2011; Edward Brown 2002

22 Giulia Pannozzo 2003

23 Joseph Cashman 2018; Hazel Letherbarrow 2016; Cynthia Fallowfield 2014; Giuseppe Fragola 2014; Colin Smith 2014; John Wilkinson 2001; Anne Bond 1997; Mary McKenna 1996; John Kimberley 1992; John Nolan 1992; William Butler 1987; Doris Rawlings 1986; William Sullivan 1983

24 Rosemary Higham – Stevens 2024; Mick Hastings 2021; Bernadette North 2013; Richard George 2011; William Nelson 2003; George Russell 2000; Robert Dilleyston 1996; Antoni Frankiewicz 1984

25 Timothy O'Connor 1999

26 Joan Taylor 2021; Anne McKie 2010; Bridget Shand 2003; Mary Burns 1991; Bertha Widdicombe 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	£30.00	£35.00
Non-Gift Aid	£662.42	£168.91
Contactless Card	£175.00	£35.00

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

Second Collection today 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
I am the salvation of the people, says the Lord.
Should they cry to me in any distress,
I will hear them, and I will be their Lord for ever.

Collect
O God, who founded all the commands of your sacred Law
upon love of you and of our neighbour,
grant that, by keeping your precepts,
we may merit to attain eternal life.
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 55:6-9

Seek the Lord while he may be found;
call upon him while he is near;
let the wicked forsake his way,
and the unrighteous man his thoughts;
let him return to the Lord, that he may have compassion on him,
and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.
For my thoughts are not your thoughts,
neither are your ways my ways, declares the Lord.
For as the heavens are higher than the earth,
so are my ways higher than your ways
and my thoughts than your thoughts.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 145(144):2-3. 8-9. 17-18. ℟18a
The Lord is close to all who call him.

I will bless you day after day,
and praise your name for ever and ever.
The Lord is great and highly to be praised;
his greatness cannot be measured. ℟

The Lord is kind and full of compassion,
slow to anger, abounding in mercy.
How good is the Lord to all,
compassionate to all his creatures. ℟

The Lord is just in all his ways,
and holy in all his deeds.
The Lord is close to all who call him,
who call on him in truth. ℟

Second reading

Philippians 1:20c-24, 27a

Brothers and Sisters: Christ will be honoured in my body, whether by life or by death. For to me to live is Christ, and to die is gain. If I am to live in the flesh, that means fruitful labour for me. Yet which I shall choose I cannot tell. I am hard pressed between the two. My desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better. But to remain in the flesh is more necessary on your account. Let your manner of life be worthy of the gospel of Christ.

Gospel Acclamation

Cf. Acts 16:14b

Alleluia, alleluia.
Open our hearts, O Lord,
that we may pay attention to the words of your Son.
Alleluia.

Gospel

Matthew 20:1-16

At that time: Jesus told his disciples this parable, 'The kingdom of heaven is like a master of a house who went out early in the morning to hire labourers for his vineyard. After agreeing with the labourers for a denarius a day, he sent them into his vineyard. And going out about the third hour he saw others standing idle in the market-place, and to them he said, "You go into the vineyard too, and whatever is right I will give you." So they went. Going out again about the sixth hour and the ninth hour, he did the same. And about the eleventh hour he went out and found others standing. And he said to them, "Why do you stand here idle all day?" They said to him, "Because no one has hired us." He said to them, "You go into the vineyard too."
'And when evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his steward, "Call the labourers and pay them their wages, beginning with the last, up to the first." And when those hired about the eleventh hour came, each of them received a denarius. Now when those hired first came, they thought they would receive more, but each of them also received a denarius. And on receiving it they grumbled at the master of the house, saying, "These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat." But he replied to one of them, "Friend, I am doing you no wrong. Did you not agree with me for a denarius? Take what belongs to you and go. I choose to give to this last worker as I give to you. Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or do you begrudge my generosity?" So the last will be first, and the first last.'

Prayer over the Offerings
Receive with favour, O Lord, we pray,
the offerings of your people,
that what they profess with devotion and faith
may be theirs through these heavenly mysteries.
Through Christ our Lord.

Communion Antiphon
Ps 118: 4-5
You have laid down your precepts to be carefully kept;
may my ways be firm in keeping your statutes.

Prayer after Communion
Graciously raise up, O Lord,
those you renew with this Sacrament,
that we may come to possess your redemption
both in mystery and in the manner of our life.
Through Christ our Lord.