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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 25th October	4.00pm Vigil Mass (Saturday)		Ann Boyle RIP
THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	8.30am Holy Mass		Vanessa Sawyers
Green		10.00am Holy Mass	Special Intention
	11.30am Holy Mass		People of the Parish
Monday 26th October *Feria in Ordinary Time*	9.30am Holy Mass 11.30 Requiem Mass Sheila Mangan		Maximilian Marshall
Tuesday 27th October *Feria in Ordinary Time*		9.30am Holy Mass	Moira Mc
Wednesday 28th October ***Feast of* Ss Simon and Jude**		9.30 Morning Prayer *Holy Hour and Benediction*	
Thursday 29th October *Feria in Ordinary Time*	5pm *Reception into church for Joseph O'Reilly RIP* 6.30pm Holy Mass		Pia Thomas
Friday 30th October *Feria in Ordinary Time*	*9.30am Holy Mass* *11.00 Requiem Mass Joseph O'Reily* *6.00 – 7.00pm Adoration, Vespers & Benediction with Confessions*		Mevill MasCarenhas
Saturday 31st October *Our Lady on Saturday*	10.00am Holy Mass & Confessions		Celebrant's intention
Sunday 1st November	4.00pm Vigil Mass (Saturday)		Xavier Marshall RIP
	8.30am Holy Mass		Gerhild Osborn RIP
ALL SAINTS		10.00am Holy Mass	Robert Light RIP
White	11.30am Holy Mass		People of the parish

Welcome to Mass on the Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time.
There are refreshments after the 10am Mass at St Joseph's for tea/coffee/cake and chat.

Children's Liturgy We invite children who are school infant age to join our Children's Liturgy which takes place during the 10.00am mass at St Joseph's, and the 11.30am mass at St John's every Sunday. Parents of children attending are welcome to accompany their child to the Liturgy.

Holy Communion For those who receive 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. 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.

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.

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 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 date. There is no need to sign up for the retreat– just come along and join the sisters.

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

First Holy Communion 2027 The meeting for all parents who wish for their child to receive first holy communion will be on Saturday 14th November at 5pm. Enrolment forms for First Holy Communion 2027 are due for submission today

200 CLUB Congratulations to the winners of the 200 Club for June, July and August. Many thanks for your patience over the summer and the September and October winners will be announced in the next few weeks. The **Winning Numbers & Prizes for this summer are**

June 1st Prize #103 £122 2nd Prize #116 £73 3rdst Prize #124 £43
July 1st Prize #36 £117 2nd Prize #19 £70 3rdst Prize #98 £47
Aug 1st Prize #131 £117 2nd Prize #19 £29 3rdst Prize #112 £47

FRIDAY NIGHT FAITH - For adults wanting to know more about the Catholic faith – will meet 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.

St Joseph's Flower Arrangers Would you like to help beautify our church for Mass? **Join the volunteer flower arranging team at St Joseph's**. No experience necessary- just a love of flowers and a willingness to serve. If you would like to be part of the team, please speak with Fr. Philip or email the parish office *stjohn.banbury@rcaob.org.uk*

Blessing of the Graves On Sunday 15th November we gather to pray for our beloved dead and to bless the places where their mortal remains rest. All are warmly welcome to join us at Southam Road Cemetery at 2.00pm and Hardwick Hill Cemetery at 3.00pm. Come and remember, pray, and hold those we love in the light of Christ's promise of eternal life.

Children's Liturgy Team: Volunteers wanted Any adult parishioners keen to support our church community are warmly invited to join the Children's Liturgy of the Word team. Help the little ones hear the Gospel and grow in faith. Parents of attending children especially welcome. Full training and support are given.

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 feel might benefit from receiving one of the Hampers, then please let us know, in total confidence and we will ensure this happens. 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. If you cannot 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 Can anyone who has a Missio Red Box that 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.

Upcoming Events at St John's Primary School

Thursday 5th November – Whole-School Mass, 10:30am
Parishioners are warmly invited to join the Whole-School Mass at St John's Catholic Primary School.

Tuesday 10th November – New Parent Open Morning, 10:00am
Parents of children due to start school in September are invited to visit St John's, see the school in action, and find out more about our community. To register, contact the school office on 01295 26370 or email office.3350@st-johns-banbury.oxon.sch.uk. We look forward to welcoming you to St John's soon.

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, Jenny 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

25 Bridget Taylor 1992; Thomas Walsh 1982; Gwen Porter

26 John Koenig 2019; Arthur Boss 2012; Henrietta Cardenas 2002; Bridget (Ida) Reilly 2002; Jack Sharpe 1999; Christopher Byrne 1993; Mary Walsh 1989; Justin Burrow 1983

27 Vanessa Sawers 2024, Margaret Purves 2014; Joan Evans 2007; Cecilia Butler 1996; Mary Lannigan 1994; Andrew Delaney 1994; William Murphy 1993; Joseph Scales 1987; Thomas Adkin 1985

28 Mary Sloane Lawton 2016; Reginald Laville 2007; Stephen McKenna 2006; Phyllis Boraman 2000; Mikolaj Luraszuk 1994

29 Mary Willett 1991

30 Marie-Jeanne Andrews-Serpe 2011; June McNaughton 2007; Eric Tomalin 1999; Andrew C.G. Lim 1998

31 Patrick McCorkindale 2005; Joseph O'Neil 1989; Louis Hancox 1983

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, 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	£ 22.00	£ N/A

Standing orders for August: St John's £3912	St Joseph's £1093

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	Family & Youth Adoration	3rd Sunday 6pm - 6.30pm
	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
St Vincent De Paul Society		Contact and help 07761 643449 info@svpbanbury.org.uk

PARISH OFFICE The office is situated at St John's Presbytery. Please see the first page of this newsletter for the contact details

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 concerns.

Entrance Antiphon

Let the hearts that seek the Lord rejoice;
turn to the Lord and his strength;
constantly seek his face.

Collect

Almighty ever-living God,
increase our faith, hope and charity,
and make us love what you command,
so that we may merit what you promise.
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

Exodus 22:21-27

Thus says the Lord: 'You shall not wrong a sojourner or oppress him, for you were sojourners in the land of Egypt. You shall not mistreat any widow or fatherless child. If you do mistreat them, and they cry out to me, I will surely hear their cry, and my wrath will burn, and I will kill you with the sword, and your wives shall become widows and your children fatherless. If you lend money to any of my people with you who is poor, you shall not be like a moneylender to him, and you shall not exact interest from him. If ever you take your neighbour's cloak in pledge, you shall return it to him before the sun goes down, for that is his only covering, and it is his cloak for his body; in what else shall he sleep? And if he cries to me, I will hear, for I am compassionate.'

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 18(17):2-3a. 3b-4. 47, 51ab. R/2

I love you, Lord, my strength.

I love you, Lord, my strength;
O Lord, my rock, my fortress, my saviour.
I love you, Lord, my strength.

My God, my rock where I take refuge;
my shield, my saving strength, my stronghold.
I cry out, 'O praised be the Lord!'
and see, I am saved from my foes.
I love you, Lord, my strength.

The Lord lives, and blest be my Rock!
May the God of my salvation be exalted.
The Lord gives great victories to his king,
and shows merciful love for his anointed.
I love you, Lord, my strength.

Second reading

1 Thessalonians 1:5c-10

Brothers and Sisters: You know what kind of men we proved to be among you for your sake. And you became imitators of us and of the Lord, for you received the word in much affliction, with the joy of the Holy Spirit, so that you became an example to all the believers in Macedonia and in Achaia. For not only has the word of the Lord sounded forth from you in Macedonia and Achaia, but your faith in God has gone forth everywhere, so that we need not say anything. For they themselves report concerning us the kind of reception we had among you, and how you turned to God from idols to serve the living and true God, and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead, Jesus who delivers us from the wrath to come.

Gospel Acclamation

John 14:23

Alleluia, alleluia.
If anyone loves me, he will keep my word, says the Lord,
and my Father will love him, and we will come to him.
Alleluia.

Gospel

Matthew 22:34-40

At that time: When the Pharisees heard that Jesus had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together. And one of them, a lawyer, asked him a question to test him. 'Teacher, which is the great commandment in the Law?' And he said to him, 'You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the great and first commandment. And a second is like it: You shall love your neighbour as yourself. On these two commandments depend all the Law and the Prophets.'

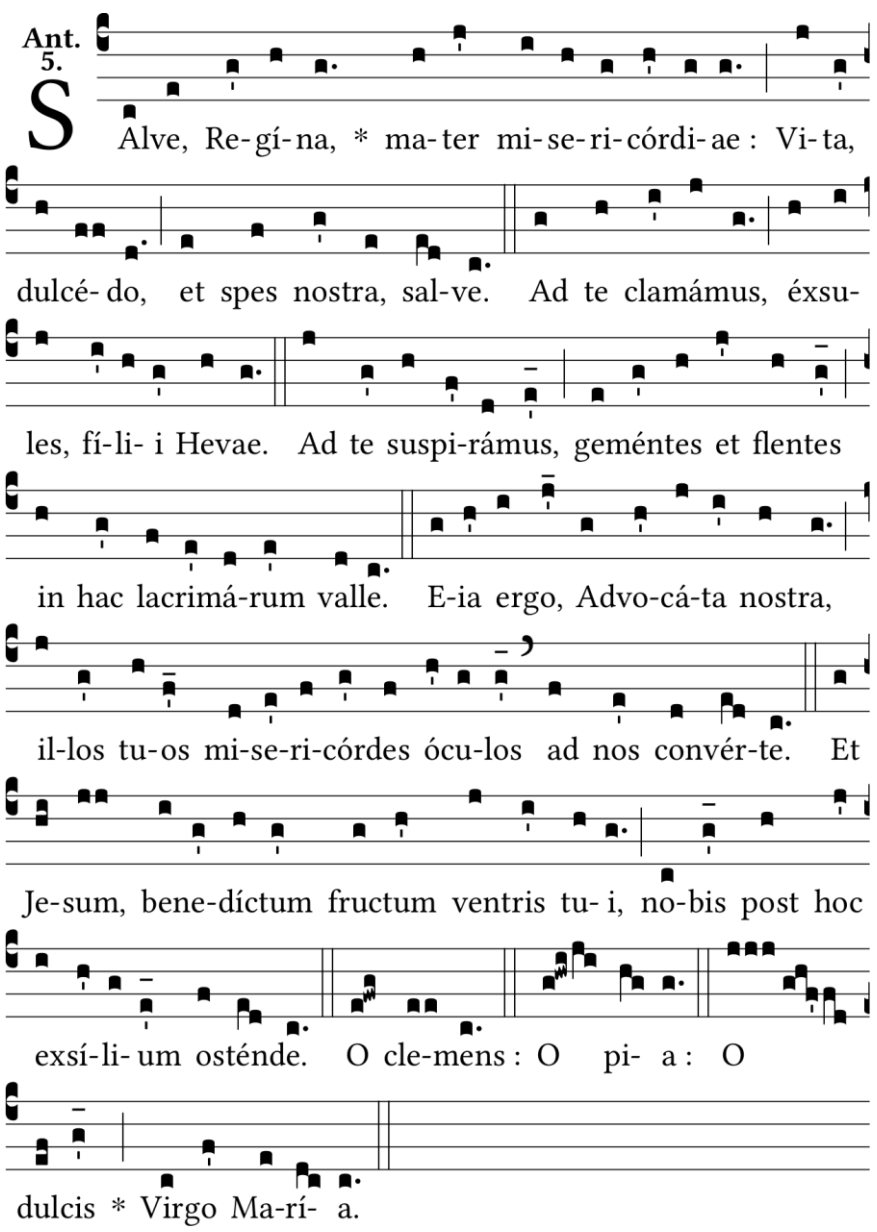
Prayer over the Offerings

Look, we pray, O Lord,
on the offerings we make to your majesty,
that whatever is done by us in your service
may be directed above all to your glory.
Through Christ our Lord.

Communion Antiphon

Cf. Ps 19: 6

We will ring out our joy at your saving help
and exult in the name of our God.

Prayer after Communion

May your Sacraments, O Lord, we pray,
perfect in us what lies within them,
that what we now celebrate in signs
we may one day possess in truth.
Through Christ our Lord.