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DAY	ST JOHN'S	ST JOSEPH'S	INTENTION
Year B	4.00 pm Vigil Mass		John Foy RIP
Sunday, 28th January	8.45 am Mass		Donald Gillam RIP
<i>Racial Justice Sunday</i>		10.00 am Mass	Kazimiera Czarnecka & Henryka Kracka
FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	11.15 am Mass <i>12.30 pm Baptism</i>		Stefania Blonska RIP <i>Rosalie Harris</i>
<i>Green</i>	<i>1.30 pm</i> <i>Syro-Malabar Mass</i>	<i>5.00 pm Confessions</i> 5.30 pm Mass	People of the Parish
Monday 29 th		9.30 am Mass	Kathleen Mannion
<i>Feria in Ordinary Time</i>			
Tuesday 30 th	9.30 am Mass		Joseph Camilleri RIP
<i>Feria in Ordinary Time</i>			
Wednesday 31 st		9.30 am Mass <i>10.00 am Exposition</i>	Donald Higham RIP
<i>St John Bosco</i>	<i>11.00 am Funeral Mass</i>		<i>Lalla Stevens</i>
Thursday 1 st February	9.30 am Mass		Michael Whelan RIP
<i>Feria in Ordinary Time</i>	<i>10.30 am Mass at School</i>		<i>Kathleen Mannion</i>
Friday 2 nd		9.30 am Mass	Holy Souls
Presentation of the Lord	6.30 pm Mass		Fr Gilligan
Saturday 3 rd	10.00 am Mass		Sally Byrne RIP
<i>Our Lady on Saturday</i>	<i>Confessions</i> <i>10.30-11.00 am</i>		
Year B	4.00 pm Vigil Mass		Anne Mulroy RIP
		8.30am Mass At St Thomas, Wroxton	Tommy Joe Ryan RIP
Sunday, 4th February	8.45 am Mass		Eileen Shea RIP
		10.00 am Mass	K J Kochukalam RIP
FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	11.15 am Mass <i>12.30 pm Baptism</i>		People of the Parish <i>Amelia Eleanor Riley</i>
<i>Green</i>		<i>5.00 pm Confessions</i> 5.30 pm Mass	Douglas Tallon Ints.



THE VISITATION OF THE ARCHBISHOP OF BIRMINGHAM - Today we welcome Archbishop Bernard Longley to the parishes of St John's and St Joseph's for the Visitation. Hopefully there will be opportunity for all to meet him during this time, whether at the meeting on Saturday evening or the Bring and Share Lunch on Sunday. The Visitation – though rare for us – is something that the Archbishop does frequently throughout the year as chief shepherd of the diocese. Do remember Archbishop Bernard regularly in your prayers as he leads, through God's grace, the diocese entrusted to him as a successor of the apostles.

FEAST OF THE PRESENTATION – CANDLEMAS - This Friday's feast marked, in older days, the end of Christmastide. It commemorates the visit of Jesus, Mary and Joseph to the Temple at Jerusalem for the ceremonies of Mary's purification and Our Lord's Presentation - as was customary in the Law of Moses for a first-born male.

The Candlemas ceremonies begin with the blessing and lighting of candles which remind us of the words of old Simeon about this new-born baby – 'A light to enlighten the gentiles and the glory of your people Israel', followed by the procession into the church with our candles, as Jesus was carried into the Temple.

Simeon also addresses Mary, telling her that one day a sword of sorrow will pierce her heart. So, although just a few days old, we already see at the Temple shadows of the Cross. Today's feast, then, is a pivot between the feast of Christmas and the approaching of Lent and the pathway Jesus would walk to the Cross, and Easter.

After this feast, Cribs are traditionally taken down, and any remaining Christmas decorations are removed.

SUNDAY CAFÉ – Please note that there will not be coffee after the 8.45am Mass today.

WELCOMERS AT SUNDAY MASS - We have had one or two volunteers so far, but we could do with more, so if you want to volunteer for this simple but important ministry - turning up for Mass a little earlier, giving out a hymn book and welcoming visitors, do let one of the clergy, Nicola or the office know – preferably by email.

YOUTH GROUP - Tonight from 6.30-8.30pm at St Joseph's Church. For Yr.7 and above. The Youth Ministry serves the youth of our parish empowering them to grow & live out their God-given purpose. We look forward to journeying in faith with them again this year & we thank God for all the blessings that He will bestow upon the lives of our young people in 2024.

GOOD GRIEF CAFÉ – the next Café meeting is on Sat 3 Feb, 10.00am-12.00noon in the Brabazon Room, Dupuis Centre. For anyone who has suffered a bereavement, join us for support and refreshments.

BAPTISM COURSES - The next course will be on Tues 6 Feb, 7.00-9.00pm in the Brabazon Room, Dupuis Centre. Please contact the office with your details to register your attendance.

LUNCH CLUB – The next lunch is on Mon 12 Feb at 12.30pm in the Dupuis Centre. Please contact Marilena to confirm your attendance.

ASH WEDNESDAY - Lent is peeping over the horizon - beginning with Ash Wednesday on 14 Feb. The ashes we receive come from last year's palm crosses. If you have a palm or two at home, do bring it to church so that they can be prepared for Ash Wednesday.

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

SALE OF UNWANTED CHRISTMAS GIFTS – This will be held on a date to be confirmed in February. Please bring any unwanted gifts to the parish office or give to Sue Allen at St. Joseph's on a Sunday morning. *Please note that we are not looking for jumble items.*

CAFOD are looking for people to join them in their mission. See cafod.org.uk/Volunteer for more information.

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

Please pray for the dead ...

Of your charity, pray for the repose of the souls of those who have died recently, particularly Lalla Stevens & Gwendoline Newton. Pray also for those whose anniversaries occur this coming week:

- 28 Tony Lafferty 2019; Maria Draper 2013; Irene Nadin 2007; Matthew Young 1996; Giovannina Di Cuffa 1993; Louise Skinner 1986
- 29 Dora Gray 2008; Joseph Tuzzio 2005; Francesco La Capria 1994; Ivy Osbourne 1993; Sam Humphris 1989; Patrick McLoughlin 1989; Ian Boffin 1983
- 30 Betty Woodward 2017; Joseph Camilleri 2015; Collette Barrett 1986
- 31 Jim Kelly 2023; Christopher Piotrowski 2023; Joan Smith 2020; Cilla Soan 2009; Michael Holly 2001; Joseph Hoyle 1988; Henry Elliot 1987; Daniel McGhan 1987; Gladys Kinvig 1986; James Western 1985
- 01 Marguerite Bambrough 2023; Henryk Jaształ 2015; Hugh Cranston 2004
- 02 Arthur Waddoups 2015; Paolo Monaco 2007; Peter Southam 2006; Constance Hardy 2006; Anne Aitken 1999; Michael Whelan 1997; Thomas McManus 1996; Reginald Manning 1990
- 03 Esteban Pascal-N 2020; Andy Lyons 2017; Evelyn Lynes 2015; Deri Robson-Dixe 1996

***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, 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>21 January</u>	<u>ST JOHN'S</u>	<u>ST JOSEPH'S</u>
Gift Aid:		£ 40.00	£ 69.00
Non-Gift Aid:		£ 625.03	£ 176.97
Contactless Card:		£ 30.00	-----
QR code		£ 10.00	-----

CRIB OFFERINGS – the offerings this year will go to the ***Aid to the Church in Need***; this will help Catholics in Gaza, Ukraine and Nigeria. Thank you for your support.

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, 9.15am – 2.45pm]

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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

Save us, O Lord our God!
 And gather us from the nations,
 to give thanks to your holy name,
 and make it our glory to praise you.

Collect

Grant us, Lord our God,
 that we may honour you with all our mind,
 and love everyone in truth 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**Deuteronomy 18:15-20**

Moses said to the people: ‘The Lord your God will raise up for you a prophet like myself, from among yourselves, from your own brothers; to him you must listen. This is what you yourselves asked of the Lord your God at Horeb on the day of the Assembly. “Do not let me hear again” you said “the voice of the Lord my God, nor look any longer on this great fire, or I shall die”; and the Lord said to me, “All they have spoken is well said. I will raise up a prophet like yourself for them from their own brothers; I will put my words into his mouth and he shall tell them all I command him. The man who does not listen to my words that he speaks in my name, shall be held answerable to me for it. But the prophet who presumes to say in my name a thing I have not commanded him to say, or who speaks in the name of other gods, that prophet shall die.”’

Responsorial Psalm

*O that today you would listen to his voice!
 ‘Harden not your hearts.’ R/.*

Come, ring out our joy to the Lord;
 hail the rock who saves us.

Let us come before him, giving thanks,
 with songs let us hail the Lord. **R/.**

Come in; let us bow and bend low;
 let us kneel before the God who made us:

for he is our God and we
 the people who belong to his pasture,
 the flock that is led by his hand. **R/.**

O that today you would listen to his voice!
 ‘Harden not your hearts as at Meribah,
 as on that day at Massah in the desert

when your fathers put me to the test;
 when they tried me, though they saw my work.’ **R/.**

Second reading**1 Corinthians 7:32-35**

I would like to see you free from all worry. An unmarried man can devote himself to the Lord’s affairs, all he need worry about is pleasing the Lord; but a married man has to bother about the world’s affairs and devote himself to pleasing his wife: he is torn two ways. In the same way an unmarried woman, like a young girl, can devote herself to the Lord’s affairs; all she need worry about is being holy in

body and spirit. The married woman, on the other hand, has to worry about the world’s affairs and devote herself to pleasing her husband. I say this only to help you, not to put a halter round your necks, but simply to make sure that everything is as it should be, and that you give your undivided attention to the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!
 Blessed are you, Father,
 Lord of heaven and earth,
 for revealing the mysteries of the kingdom
 to mere children.
 Alleluia!

Gospel**Mark 1:21-28**

Jesus and his disciples went as far as Capernaum, and as soon as the sabbath came he went to the synagogue and began to teach. And his teaching made a deep impression on them because, unlike the scribes, he taught them with authority.

In their synagogue just then there was a man possessed by an unclean spirit and it shouted, ‘What do you want with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are: the Holy One of God.’ But Jesus said sharply, ‘Be quiet! Come out of him!’ And the unclean spirit threw the man into convulsions and with a loud cry went out of him. The people were so astonished that they started asking each other what it all meant. ‘Here is a teaching that is new’ they said ‘and with authority behind it: he gives orders even to unclean spirits and they obey him.’ And his reputation rapidly spread everywhere, through all the surrounding Galilean countryside.

Prayer over the Offerings

O Lord, we bring to your altar
 these offerings of our service:
 be pleased to receive them, we pray,
 and transform them
 into the Sacrament of our redemption.
 Through Christ our Lord.

Communion Antiphon

Let your face shine on your servant.
 Save me in your merciful love.
 O Lord, let me never be put to shame, for I call on you.

Prayer after Communion

Nourished by these redeeming gifts,
 we pray, O Lord,
 that through this help to eternal salvation
 true faith may ever increase.
 Through Christ our Lord.