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DAY	ST JOHN'S	ST JOSEPH'S	INTENTION
Year B	4.00pm Vigil Mass		Patricia Shortal RIP
Sunday 28 th July SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	8.45am Mass		People of the Parish
		10.00am Mass	Mick Mc Carthy RIP
	11.15am Mass		Bishop Richard Walker
	Green	5.00pm Confessions 5.30pm Mass	Seamus & Josie Enright RIP
Monday 29 th <i>Memorial of Ss Martha, Mary & Lazarus</i>		9.30am Mass	Rosaleen Quinn RIP
Tuesday 30 th <i>Feria in Ordinary Time</i>	9.30am Mass		Krzysztof Gawlik RIP
Wednesday 31 st <i>Memorial of St. Ignatius</i>		9.30am Rosary & Benediction	
Thursday 1 st August <i>Feast of St. Alphonsus Mary de' Liguori</i>	9.30am Rosary & Benediction		
Friday 2 nd <i>Feria in Ordinary Time</i>	Holy Hour 6.00-7.00pm (No Confessions)	9.30am Mass	Frank Mc Tager
Saturday 3 rd <i>Feria in Ordinary Time</i>	10.00am Mass Confession 10.30 – 11am		Joanna Hince
Year B	4.00pm Vigil Mass		Special Intention
Sunday 4 th August EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME		8.30am St. Thomas' Wroxton	Marie Mordunt
	8.45am Mass		Florin Bogiu
		10.00am Mass	Lucy Atkins RIP
	11.15am Mass		Sonia, Family & Friends
Green		5.00pm Confessions 5.30pm Mass	Anna Galvin Intentions

WELCOME TO MASS - For any who are visiting the parish today it is good to have you with us. There are refreshments available after the 8.45am and 10am Masses.

For those at Mass who aren't Catholics, you are welcome to come up for a blessing at the time of Holy Communion. Just place your right hand on your left shoulder, and the priest or deacon will know to give you a blessing. This also applies to Catholics not receiving Holy Communion.

SOCIAL GROUP - it was great that a good number of parishioners responded and gathered together to look at future events. Lots and lots of good ideas. A few things are in the diary, and will be publicised in the coming weeks. These events will be aimed at different groups within the parish, and will often be both opportunities to build up the parish community as well as being opportunities to fund raise.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY - It was heartening to see so many responding to the invitation to come and hear more about the work of the society, and the hope of beginning a branch within our parish. The next meeting with two of the representatives of the SVP – Olivia and David – to help in the setting up of a group here will be on Tuesday 13th August at 7.30pm in the Dupuis Centre.

ALTAR SERVERS - A number of our younger parishioners have recently made their first Holy Communion, and that is the time that some begin to serve on the altar. If there is any of our young parishioners who would like to learn to be an altar server - and one or two have already mentioned it – then we could do some training over the school summer holidays for those around. If you let one of the priests or deacons know.

BAPTISM PREPARATION CLASS - Please note that the August monthly baptism preparation class will be on Tuesday the 13th August, not on the first Tuesday as normal (7pm in the Dupuis Centre). Participation in this class is necessary before a date can be arranged for a baptism.

POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR AUGUST – For political leaders: We pray that political leaders be at the service of their own people, working for integral human development and for the common good, especially caring for the poor and those who have lost their jobs.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY – The group has now finished for the summer break and will resume in September.

SOCIAL EVENT – WORLD STREET FOOD MARKET to be held on Saturday 28th September at 7pm in the Dupuis Centre. A great opportunity for our parish communities to come together and sample some of the wonderful cuisines which reflects the diversity of our parish. More information to follow but if you would like to be involved with this event please contact Nicola. We are hoping that many of the stall holders who have been involved with the Food Festival in the past will like to take part.

WHO ARE THE CATENIANS? - We are a network of Catholics who meet regularly to enjoy each other's company and to help and support each other throughout the world.

We tailor a variety of events and activities to the interests of Catholic men. Whether you are looking to deepen your faith, connect with like-minded individuals, or simply have a fun time, we have you covered. From retreats and fundraising events to social gatherings and sports events, there is something for everyone.

But more than just activities, The Catenians provide a sense of camaraderie and community that is hard to find elsewhere.

And so, today you may see some new faces at Mass. These are members and their wives who have come to St. John's to celebrate Mass together and have a meal afterwards. Please say hello to them and if you would like any information on the Association they will be pleased to help.

YOUTH 2000 – For young people aged 16-35, Youth 2000's annual summer festival will take place on the bank holiday weekend in August (23rd–26th) at Ampleforth Abbey in Yorkshire. It's the biggest and the best UK Catholic Festival for young adults. Go to youth2000.org for further details and booking. Contact Fr Sean if you'd be interested in going as part of a parish group (fr.sean.gough@rcaob.org.uk).

MARCH FOR LIFE - With the election of a new parliament it is more important than ever to be a voice of truth and hope versus the radical abortion and euthanasia policies very likely to be put forward in the near future. This year's March for Life will be on Saturday 7th September in London. It is a joy-filled and family friendly way to celebrate and witness to the dignity of human life from conception until natural death; more information can be found on the website: marchforlife.co.uk . If you would be interested in going on a parish coach, please email Fr Sean by the end of July so he can get a sense of numbers/feasibility (fr.sean.gough@rcaob.org.uk).

PARISH CAMINO DE SANTIAGO DE COMPOSTELA - Since arriving in Banbury, loads of people have said to me how much they would love to walk the Camino of Santiago de Compostela. It seems a good idea then to do it together as a parish; fun, fitness and faith all in one! The proposal is to do the 'English Route', (119KM from Ferrol to Santiago) during school holidays of Lent 2025 (Sat 5th – Sat 12th April). For now, please put the dates in your diary if you're interested, more information to come in the next few weeks. Fr Sean.

ALPHA COURSE - Why am I here? What's the meaning of life? Ask the big questions at Alpha: beginning September 5th, a weekly course (9 weeks) on the meaning of life. Each session begins with a meal, then a video, then an open discussion. Open to all, but please especially consider inviting your non-Christian and non-practising friends and family. Please let Fr Sean know if you would be willing to volunteer for 1 week of catering. (fr.sean.gough@rcaob.org.uk).

WEEKLY GOSPEL SHARING – For everyone, a weekly time of prayer, reflection and sharing on the coming Sunday's Gospel Reading. Beginning Thursday August 22nd, 6pm, in the Dupuis centre.

Please pray for the dead ...

Of your charity, pray for the repose of the souls of those who have died recently, particularly William Linden.

Pray also for those whose anniversaries occur this coming week:

- 28 Breda Squires 2021; Thomas Connolly 2011; Violet Rhodes 2009; Violet Southam 1992; William Bacon 1989
- 29 Margaret O'Brien 1999; Ludwig Wojowicz 1996; Daniel McCarthy 1993; Mary Yeo 1993
- 30 Percival Solman 2000; Jerome Kahlhammer 1991; Patrick O'Brien 1988
- 31 Gerald Wartho 2010; Thomas Towle 1996
- 01 Mary Gibbs 2016; Fernanda Curado 2014; Gill Hayward 2013; Bob Greenway 1994; Alice Hillier 1986; Herbert Cowley 1983
- 02 Anne Allen 2012; Fanny Knight 2009; Maureen Connolly 2008; Michael Daly 2003
- 03 Patricia McCallum 2023; Pat Gilkes 2021; Annie Poulton 2018; John Breslin 2011; Irene Newman 2002; Dean Lodge 1990; Michael Croly 1984

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, Marianne Balazs, Douglas Bond, Brenda Brennan, Eileen Bristoll, Christopher Browne, Clifford Browne, Ann Dagger, 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, Anne Nolan, Harry Rhodes, Trish Rossenrode, Eileen Shea, Nicky Smith, Elaine Steer.

PARISH FINANCIAL MATTERS

Weekly Income: 21st July

	<u>ST JOHN'S</u>	<u>ST JOSEPH'S</u>
Gift Aid:	£ 56.00	£ 81.90
Non-Gift Aid:	£ 647.61	£ 188.33
Contactless Card:	£ 192.00	£ 26.00
QR code	£ 45.00	-----

Thank you for 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

God is in his holy place,
God who unites those who dwell in his house;
he himself gives might and strength to his people.

Collect

O God, protector of those who hope in you,
without whom nothing has firm foundation, nothing is holy,
bestow in abundance your mercy upon us
and grant that, with you as our ruler and guide,
we may use the good things that pass
in such a way as to hold fast even now
to those that ever endure.
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

2 Kings 4:42-44

A man came from Baal-shalishah, bringing Elisha, the man of God, bread from the first-fruits, twenty barley loaves and fresh grain in the ear.' 'Give it to the people to eat', Elisha said. But his servant replied, 'How can I serve this to a hundred men?' 'Give it to the people to eat' he insisted 'for the Lord says this, "They will eat and have some left over."' He served them; they ate and had some left over, as the Lord had said.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 144(145):10-11,15-18

You open wide your hand, O Lord, and grant our desires. R/.

All your creatures shall thank you, O Lord,
and your friends shall repeat their blessing.

They shall speak of the glory of your reign
and declare your might, O God. **R/.**

The eyes of all creatures look to you
and you give them their food in due time.

You open wide your hand,
grant the desires of all who live. **R/.**

The Lord is just in all his ways
and loving in all his deeds.

He is close to all who call him,
who call on him from their hearts. **R/.**

Second reading

Ephesians 4:1-6

I, the prisoner in the Lord, implore you to lead a life worthy of your vocation. Bear with one another charitably, in complete selflessness, gentleness and patience. Do all you can to preserve the unity of the Spirit by the peace that binds you together. There is one Body, one Spirit, just as you were all called into one and the same hope when you were called. There is one Lord, one faith, one baptism, and one God who is Father of all, over all, through all and within all.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!
Your words are spirit, Lord, and they are life;
you have the message of eternal life.
Alleluia!

Gospel

John 6:1-15

Jesus went off to the other side of the Sea of Galilee – or of Tiberias – and a large crowd followed him, impressed by the signs he gave by curing the sick. Jesus climbed the hillside, and sat down there with his disciples. It was shortly before the Jewish feast of Passover.

Looking up, Jesus saw the crowds approaching and said to Philip, 'Where can we buy some bread for these people to eat?' He only said this to test Philip; he himself knew exactly what he was going to do. Philip answered, 'Two hundred denarii would only buy enough to give them a small piece each.' One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, said, 'There is a small boy here with five barley loaves and two fish; but what is that between so many?' Jesus said to them, 'Make the people sit down.' There was plenty of grass there, and as many as five thousand men sat down. Then Jesus took the loaves, gave thanks, and gave them out to all who were sitting ready; he then did the same with the fish, giving out as much as was wanted. When they had eaten enough he said to the disciples, 'Pick up the pieces left over, so that nothing gets wasted.' So they picked them up, and filled twelve hampers with scraps left over from the meal of five barley loaves. The people, seeing this sign that he had given, said, 'This really is the prophet who is to come into the world.' Jesus, who could see they were about to come and take him by force and make him king, escaped back to the hills by himself.

Prayer over the Offerings

Accept, O Lord, we pray, the offerings
which we bring from the abundance of your gifts,
that through the powerful working of your grace
these most sacred mysteries may sanctify our present way of
life
and lead us to eternal gladness.
Through Christ our Lord.

Communion Antiphon

Bless the Lord, O my soul,
and never forget all his benefits.

Prayer after Communion

We have consumed, O Lord, this divine Sacrament,
the perpetual memorial of the Passion of your Son;
grant, we pray, that this gift,
which he himself gave us with love beyond all telling,
may profit us for salvation.
Through Christ our Lord.