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DAY	ST JOHN'S	ST JOSEPH'S	INTENTION
Year B	4.00 pm Vigil Mass		Ellen & Michael Sullivan; sons Michael & Patrick Sullivan
Sunday, 21st January	8.45 am Mass		Pat & Nora Breen RIP
<i>Sunday of the Word of God</i>		10.00 am Mass	Thomas Lonergan RIP
THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	11.15 am Mass		Ida Crognale
<i>Green</i>		<i>5.00 pm Confessions</i> 5.30 pm Mass	People of the Parish
Monday 22 nd		9.30 am Mass	Seamus Foley RIP
<i>Feria in Ordinary Time</i>			
Tuesday 23 rd	9.30 am Mass		Holy Souls & deceased members of Friends of Suffering Souls
<i>Feria in Ordinary Time</i>			
Wednesday 24 th		9.30 am Mass <i>10.00 am Exposition</i>	Walsh Family RIP <i>Raymunda De Los Reyes</i>
<i>St Francis de Sales</i>	<i>12.00 noon Funeral Mass</i>		
Thursday 25 th	9.30 am Mass		Mary Ann Rice RIP
<i>Conversion of St. Paul</i>	<i>10.30 am Mass at School</i>		<i>Holy Souls</i>
Friday 26 th		9.30 am Mass	Michael McKenna RIP
<i>Ss Timothy & Titus</i>	<i>Confessions & Holy Hour</i> <i>6.00 pm</i>		
Saturday 27 th	10.00 am Mass		Charlotte Lynch RIP
<i>Our Lady on Saturday</i>	<i>Confessions</i> <i>10.30-11.00 am</i>		
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		Stefania Blonska RIP
<i>Green</i>	<i>12.30 pm Baptism</i> <i>1.30pm</i> <i>Syro-Malabar Mass</i>	<i>5.00 pm Confessions</i> 5.30 pm Mass	<i>Rosalie Harris</i> People of the Parish

THE VISITATION OF THE ARCHBISHOP OF BIRMINGHAM

Archbishop Bernard Longley will be visiting the Parish on Sat 27 & Sun 28 Jan. He would like to meet as many parishioners as possible. To do that, he will be present at all the Sunday Masses. In addition, there will be three extra events:

Sat 27 Jan - 5.30pm: Meeting at St Joseph's

Over the past few months there has been the Synod in Rome. But closer to home, there has been both Deanery meetings and a Parish meeting about the Diocesan Vision. This will be an opportunity for the Archbishop to reflect with us as we seek to proclaim the Gospel in the challenges the Church faces in our own day. The Diocesan Vision is focused on four themes:

- 1) Evangelisation
- 2) Formation (the deepening of faith of Catholics)
- 3) Liturgy and Worship
- 4) Social Outreach

Sun 28 Jan - 12.30pm: 'Bring and Share' Lunch.

This will be a more informal gathering when all parishioners – old, young and everything in-between – are welcome to gather together, share a table, and meet the Archbishop.

There is a sign-up sheet by the entrance of St John's and St Joseph's. Please add your name (and numbers attending), and indicate if you are willing to bring some food, and whether it is savoury or sweet.

Sun 28 Jan - 6.30pm: Youth Group

The Archbishop will be visiting the Youth Group, which meets at St Joseph's each month.

Mrs Anne Mold - After 21 years working as the parish secretary - first at St John's, and latterly also of St Joseph's - Anne will be retiring this Friday. It will be very much the end of an era! It had been hoped that we could have shown our appreciation for all that Anne has contributed over these many years at the *Bring and Share Lunch* during the Archbishop's visitation. Sadly, a changed schedule for a long-awaited visit to family means that she will have already left for the sunshine and warmth of the South African summer! As a very new Parish Priest, Anne has been immensely helpful in initiating me into the Parish and its workings. Also, her depth of knowledge of the Catholic community of Banbury and its history has been a tremendous help. I know that we will all wish her well and that she will have a long, healthy and fulfilling retirement ... but I'm also hopeful that she will continue to be at the end of a phone when we need her help!! *Fr Philip*

LENT SYCAMORE PRAYER COURSE - You are warmly invited 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!

WELCOMERS NEEDED for Sunday Mass – especially the 8.45am and 11.15am at St John's. If you would be willing to greet people as they come to Mass and hand out a hymn book, please speak to one of the clergy or email the office. It would be good to have several people involved so that it doesn't all fall on one or two. This would be especially useful when we come to celebrations such as Christmas when we have large numbers of visitors - but struggle to find parishioners to welcome them or give hymn sheets etc. It might be something that a family could take turns with as well as individuals. Thank you to those who already do this at some of our Masses. For regulars, such things aren't that important – but for visitors (who may be in church for the first time) such simple things are really appreciated.

MARY'S MEALS – The next lunch is at St Joseph's on Fri 26 Jan. Please contact Sue on 07929 776994 to confirm your attendance.

THE PATRICIANS – Fri 26 Jan at 7.00pm, Wall Room, Dupuis Centre. Come and join this friendly discussion group, gain confidence in talking about our Catholic Faith with others. Topic: 'Ecumenism'.

YOUTH GROUP - Next meeting is on Sun 28 Jan at 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. (***Please note change of date***).

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.

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.

Please pray for the dead ...

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

- 21 Ann Blair 2009; Dorothy Parke 2005; Mary Morbey 2005; David Honer 2001; Sheelagh Johnson 2000; Eric Meadows 1990; Margaret Toole 1990; Keiran O'Donnell 1987; Simon Pape 1980
- 22 Margaret Cummings 2011; James Houlihan 2007; Robin Sanderson 2001; Isobel Haley 2001; Julia Tustian 2001; Patricia Witts 1985
- 23 Dom Dyfrig Harris OSB 2012; Maura Mangan 2012; Nancy Buttler 2010; Jacqueline Hitching 2009; Harry Forster 1987
- 24 Monica Lafferty 2018; Philip Hayward 2017; Eileen Hicks 2006; Frederick Cartledge 2005; George Kelly 1983
- 25 William Martin 2009; Thomas Marron 2007; John Reck 2002; Bridget Talbot 1991; Debra Meadows 1984
- 26 Ralph Crispino 2020; Mary Kilpatrick 2008; Susan D'Ascendis 2004; Vincente Redon 1995; Edward Wilson 1992; John Coursey 1992; Josephine Marketis 1990
- 27 Helen Hunter 2015; Patrick Chard 1994; Stanley Withey 1992

***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, Gilbert Allen, 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>14 January</u>	<u>ST JOHN'S</u>	<u>ST JOSEPH'S</u>
Gift Aid:		£ 50.00	£ 58.00
Non-Gift Aid:		£ 380.77	£ 188.13
Contactless Card:		£ 5.00	-----
QR code		£ 130.00	-----

Please note that the contactless card machine is broken.

Donations can still be given using the QR code, until the machine is repaired.

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 9.30am - 2.30pm]

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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

O sing a new song to the Lord;
sing to the Lord, all the earth.
In his presence are majesty and splendour,
strength and honour in his holy place.

Collect

Almighty ever-living God,
direct our actions according to your good pleasure,
that in the name of your beloved Son
we may abound in good works.
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**Jonah 3:1-5,10**

The word of the Lord was addressed to Jonah: 'Up!' he said 'Go to Nineveh, the great city, and preach to them as I told you to.' Jonah set out and went to Nineveh in obedience to the word of the Lord. Now Nineveh was a city great beyond compare: it took three days to cross it. Jonah went on into the city, making a day's journey. He preached in these words, 'Only forty days more and Nineveh is going to be destroyed.' And the people of Nineveh believed in God; they proclaimed a fast and put on sackcloth, from the greatest to the least.

God saw their efforts to renounce their evil behaviour, and God relented: he did not inflict on them the disaster which he had threatened.

Responsorial Psalm**Psalm 24(25):4-6,7b-9*****Lord, make me know your ways. R./***

Lord, make me know your ways.

Lord, teach me your paths.

Make me walk in your truth, and teach me:

for you are God my saviour. ***R./***

Remember your mercy, Lord,

and the love you have shown from of old.

In your love remember me,

because of your goodness, O Lord. ***R./***

The Lord is good and upright.

He shows the path to those who stray,

He guides the humble in the right path,

He teaches his way to the poor. ***R./***

Second reading**1 Corinthians 7:29-31**

Brothers: our time is growing short. Those who have wives should live as though they had none, and those who mourn should live as though they had nothing to mourn for; those who are enjoying life should live as though there were nothing to laugh about; those whose life is buying things should live as though they had nothing of their own; and those who have to deal with the world should not become engrossed in it. I say this because the world as we know it is passing away.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

The kingdom of God is close at hand:

repent, and believe the Good News.

Alleluia!

Gospel**Mark 1:14-20**

After John had been arrested, Jesus went into Galilee. There he proclaimed the Good News from God. 'The time has come' he said 'and the kingdom of God is close at hand. Repent, and believe the Good News.'

As he was walking along by the Sea of Galilee he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net in the lake – for they were fishermen. And Jesus said to them, 'Follow me and I will make you into fishers of men.' And at once they left their nets and followed him.

Going on a little further, he saw James son of Zebedee and his brother John; they too were in their boat, mending their nets. He called them at once and, leaving their father Zebedee in the boat with the men he employed, they went after him.

Prayer over the Offerings

Accept our offerings, O Lord, we pray,

and in sanctifying them

grant that they may profit us for salvation.

Through Christ our Lord.

Communion Antiphon

Look toward the Lord and be radiant;

let your faces not be abashed.

Prayer after Communion

Grant, we pray, almighty God,

that, receiving the grace

by which you bring us to new life,

we may always glory in your gift.

Through Christ our Lord.