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DAY	ST JOHN'S	ST JOSEPH'S	INTENTION
Year B	4.00 pm Vigil Mass		Bernard Winkler RIP
Sunday, 14th January	8.45 am Mass		Janusz Bala RIP
<i>Peace Day</i>		10.00 am Mass	Billy O'Connor RIP
SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	11.15 am Mass		Louise Sullivan RIP
<i>Green</i>	<i>1.30 pm Syro-Malabar Mass</i>	<i>5.00 pm Confessions</i> 5.30 pm Mass	People of the Parish
Monday 15 th January		9.30 am Mass	Peter Quin
<i>Feria in Ordinary Time</i>			
Tuesday 16 th	9.30 am Mass		A J Stephenson
<i>Feria in Ordinary Time</i>			
Wednesday 17 ^h		9.30 am Mass	Teresa Cooper
<i>St Anthony</i>		<i>10.00 am Exposition</i>	
Thursday 18 th	9.30 am Mass		Holy Souls
<i>Feria in Ordinary Time</i>	<i>10.30 am Mass at School</i>		<i>Dennis Menezies RIP</i>
Friday 19 th		9.30 am Mass	Marie Cole
<i>St Wulstan</i>	<i>Confessions & Holy Hour</i> <i>6.00 pm</i>		
Saturday 20 th	10.00 am Mass		Tallulah Marshall
<i>Our Lady on Saturday</i>	<i>Confessions</i> <i>10.30-11.00 am</i>		
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

WELCOME TO MASS! This Sunday, the Second Sunday in Ordinary Time, is the Day of Prayer for Peace, and is observed throughout the Universal Church. There is much conflict and war as we begin this New Year. Let us beseech the Lord for peace and the transformation of human hearts.

This Thursday is also the first day of the Octave of Prayer for Christian Unity. We pray for a growth in the unity of faith and service among different Christian communities – especially here in Banbury - and for closer bonds of communion among Catholics.

It was sad to see the Christmas trees make their exit from church after the liturgical end of Christmastide – central heating doesn't always do them great favours! However, the Crib will remain in place until the old end of Christmastide on February 2nd – Candlemas, or the Feast of the Presentation.

It's a strange phenomenon that some people seem obsessed with the correct date for taking Christmas decorations down, but not nearly so obsessed with the correct date for putting them up – often appearing before Advent!! Interestingly, English Heritage in recent years had a push to get people to observe the traditional day for moving Christmas greenery from our homes and churches - Candlemas Day!

***Down with the rosemary, and so
Down with the bays and mistletoe;
Down with the holly, ivy, and all***

Wherewith ye dressed the Christmas hall .

(Robert Herrick's verse for Candlemas Eve)

So if your decorations are still up brightening dark January – don't worry. The Crib (and the tree by it) in the presbytery will be there until Candlemas!

THE VISITATION OF THE ARCHBISHOP OF BIRMINGHAM
Archbishop Bernard Longley will be visiting the Parish on Sat 27 & Sun 28 January. Over that weekend, he would like to meet as many parishioners as possible. In order 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
(for an hour or so).

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.

NUALA BOND – The cremation service for Nuala Bond is on Thursday 18 January at 11.00am at the Banbury Crematorium.

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.

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***).

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 – Please note that there will **not** be lunch club in January. The next lunch is on Mon 12 Feb at 12.30pm in the Dupuis Centre. Please contact Marilena to confirm your attendance.

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.

200 CLUB – Congratulations to the winners of the December draw. 1st prize: £150, No. 100; 2nd prize: £90, No. 69; 3rd prize: £60, No. 51.

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. Could you help in our parish, inspiring our church to help build a better world or by visiting our local schools? Or raise a voice and campaign for justice or perhaps speak for CAFOD throughout the area? Could you support local volunteers or share your admin or people skills to help CAFOD keep costs low? Training and support will be provided. 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 Nuala Bond & Raymunda De Los Reyes. Pray also for those whose anniversaries occur this coming week:

- 14 William Jacob 2016; Patrick Donovan 2012; Mary Ryman 2011; Francis Humphries 2002; Thomas Houston 1993
- 15 Sheila Thornton 2017; Eilish Houlihan 2015; Mary Lowe 2003; Irene Smith 1994; Joseph Turczinski 1985
- 16 Bernard Winkler 2021; Joan Broadhead 2017; Maria Kudlik 2007; Alf Jones 2002; Agnes Maxwell 2000; Wilfred Waddoups 1986
- 17 Jennifer Upton 2023; Victor Brooks 2019; John Hellyar 2017; Daniel Sheehan 2008; Jack Goodway 1992; Lionel Pratt 1992; Lawrence Thornton 1987
- 18 Charlotte Rawlings 2001; Gerald Kelly 1987
- 19 Ida Crognale 2021; Mary Keenan 2015; Joyce Solomon 2015; Gabriel Perez 2013; Joyce Beauchamp 2007; Alan Mates 2004; Bridget Murphy 1999; Leon Miranda 1995; Julia Needham 1994; Nemesio Oya 1987
- 20 Rod Ostler 2021; Patrick Cummings 2015; Andre Marron 2010; Kate Blackman 2004; Mary Jeacock 1995; Thomas Morris 1991; Kathleen Cuttel 1967

***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, Lalla Stevens.

PARISH FINANCIAL MATTERS

Weekly Income:

<u>7 January</u>	<u>ST JOHN'S</u>	<u>ST JOSEPH'S</u>
Gift Aid:	£ 45.00	£ 349.00
Non-Gift Aid:	£ 592.02	£ 324.10
Contactless Card:	£ 83.00	-----
QR code	£ 5.00	-----
Christmas Stars	£ 138.24	

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

All the earth shall bow down before you, O God,
and shall sing to you,
shall sing to your name, O Most High!

Collect

Almighty ever-living God,
who govern all things,
both in heaven and on earth,
mercifully hear the pleading of your people
and bestow your peace on our times.
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**1 Samuel 3:3-10,19**

Samuel was lying in the sanctuary of the Lord, where the ark of God was, when the Lord called, 'Samuel! Samuel!' He answered, 'Here I am.' Then he ran to Eli and said, 'Here I am, since you called me.' Eli said, 'I did not call. Go back and lie down.' So he went and lay down. Once again the Lord called, 'Samuel! Samuel!' Samuel got up and went to Eli and said, 'Here I am, since you called me.' He replied, 'I did not call you, my son; go back and lie down.' Samuel had as yet no knowledge of the Lord and the word of the Lord had not yet been revealed to him. Once again the Lord called, the third time. He got up and went to Eli and said, 'Here I am, since you called me.' Eli then understood that it was the Lord who was calling the boy, and he said to Samuel, 'Go and lie down, and if someone calls say, "Speak, Lord, your servant is listening."' So Samuel went and lay down in his place.

The Lord then came and stood by, calling as he had done before, 'Samuel! Samuel!' Samuel answered, 'Speak, Lord, your servant is listening.'

Samuel grew up and the Lord was with him and let no word of his fall to the ground.

Responsorial Psalm**Psalm 39(40):2,4,7-10*****Here I am, Lord! I come to do your will. R./***

I waited, I waited for the Lord
and he stooped down to me;
he heard my cry.

He put a new song into my mouth,
praise of our God. **R./**

You do not ask for sacrifice and offerings,
but an open ear.

You do not ask for holocaust and victim.
Instead, here am I. **R./**

In the scroll of the book it stands written
that I should do your will.

My God, I delight in your law
in the depth of my heart. **R./**

Your justice I have proclaimed
in the great assembly.

My lips I have not sealed;
you know it, O Lord. **R./**

Second reading**1 Corinthians 6:13-15,17-20**

The body is not meant for fornication: it is for the Lord, and the Lord for the body. God, who raised the Lord from the dead, will by his power raise us up too.

You know, surely, that your bodies are members making up the body of Christ; do you think I can take parts of Christ's body and join them to the body of a prostitute? Never! But anyone who is joined to the Lord is one spirit with him.

Keep away from fornication. All the other sins are committed outside the body; but to fornicate is to sin against your own body. Your body, you know, is the temple of the Holy Spirit, who is in you since you received him from God. You are not your own property; you have been bought and paid for. That is why you should use your body for the glory of God.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Speak, Lord, your servant is listening:
you have the message of eternal life.

Alleluia!

Gospel**John 1:35-42**

As John stood with two of his disciples, Jesus passed, and John stared hard at him and said, 'Look, there is the lamb of God.' Hearing this, the two disciples followed Jesus. Jesus turned round, saw them following and said, 'What do you want?' They answered, 'Rabbi,' – which means Teacher – 'where do you live?' 'Come and see' he replied; so they went and saw where he lived, and stayed with him the rest of that day. It was about the tenth hour.

One of these two who became followers of Jesus after hearing what John had said was Andrew, the brother of Simon Peter. Early next morning, Andrew met his brother and said to him, 'We have found the Messiah' – which means the Christ – and he took Simon to Jesus. Jesus looked hard at him and said, 'You are Simon son of John; you are to be called Cephas' – meaning Rock.

Prayer over the Offerings

Grant us, O Lord, we pray,
that we may participate worthily in these mysteries,
for whenever the memorial of this sacrifice is celebrated
the work of our redemption is accomplished.
Through Christ our Lord.

Communion Antiphon

You have prepared a table before me,
and how precious is the chalice that quenches my thirst.

Prayer after Communion

Pour on us, O Lord, the Spirit of your love,
and in your kindness
make those you have nourished
by this one heavenly Bread
one in mind and heart.
Through Christ our Lord.