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DAY	ST JOHN'S	ST JOSEPH'S	INTENTION
Year B	4.00 pm Vigil Mass		Michael Quinlan & Josie Smith RIP
Sunday 25th February	8.45 am Mass		Irena & Wacław Radziwonowicz RIP
SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT		10.00 am Mass	Holy Souls
	11.15 am Mass		People of the Parish
Violet		4.45pm Stations of the Cross <i>5.00 pm Confessions</i> 5.30 pm Mass	Tom Garvey
Monday 26 th <i>Lent Feria</i>		9.30am MASS	Holy Souls
Tuesday 27 th <i>Lent Feria</i>	9.30 am Mass		Joseph Boon RIP
Wednesday 28 th <i>Lent Feria</i>		9.30 am Mass <i>10.00 am Exposition</i>	P.T. Chacko
Thursday 29 th <i>Lent Feria</i>	9.30 am Mass <i>10.30am Mass at St. John's School</i>		Mr & Mrs Tumelty Int. <i>Tony Rush</i>
Friday 1 st March Feast of St. David	6.45 am Mass 6.00 pm Stations of the Cross <i>Confessions 6.00 – 7pm</i>	9.30 am Mass	Anthony Hagan RIP P. T. Chacko
Saturday 2 nd	10.00 am Mass <i>Confessions 10.30 – 11am</i>		Edie Durran RIP
Year B	4.00 pm Vigil Mass		
Sunday, 3rd March		8.30am Mass <i>At St. Thomas, Wroxton</i>	Anna Cairns
THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT	8.45 am Mass		Sherin Cyriac & Fam, Special Int.
		10.00 am Mass	Robert Linden RIP
Violet	11.15 am Mass	<i>5.00pm Confessions</i> 5.30 pm Mass	People of the Parish Frank Marron RIP

THE SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT - Lent is a journey – the journey of the Church to the celebration of the Paschal Mystery of the Lord's death and resurrection.

This journey's aim is made very explicitly in the Liturgy of the Word of today's Mass.

In the first reading we hear of Abraham. For the people of both the old and new covenants Abraham is – as the Roman Canon (the first Eucharistic Prayer makes plain) – 'our father in faith.' That Abraham was obedient in going to a new country with a promise that God will build on his faith a people he will call his own. Today we hear about the depth of Abraham's faith that was willing to give up what was most precious.

In this story of Abraham and Isaac we see an image of God who would give up his own Son in sacrifice on the wood of the cross.

The gospel reading, with its account of the Transfiguration, gives the disciples a glimpse of the glory of Easter – that for a fleeting moment Peter, James and John see 'the glory that is his as the only Son of the Father'. However, the glory of the resurrection could only manifest itself after Jesus had taken the path to the Cross.

CAFOD Family Fast Day appeal – Lent Collection at Masses this week. This Lent, your donations to CAFOD's Family Fast Day appeal will help hardworking people like James the fisherman in Liberia with resources, tools and training to feed their families for good. Give today using the envelope or online at cafod.org.uk and please join us in praying with James that our sisters and brothers around the world have what they need to feed their families. Use the envelope in church or give online at cafod.org.uk

CAR PARKING AT ST. JOHN'S - Spaces in front of the presbytery are very limited. Occasionally the priest's cars have been blocked in when there has been a need to leave the site during Mass. Please consider using the church car park on Dashwood Road if space is tight. It is important that no car is blocked in when parking, please be considerate. If parking on Dashwood Road, do not park in front of the Faithworks entrance and please be considerate of our neighbours, remember also that it is a one-way street.

NEW WEBSITE - PLEASE NOTE OUR NEW WEBSITE ADDRESS; WWW.CATHOLICBANBURY.ORG

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 Wall Room 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!

LENT SIMPLE SOUP LUNCH – Friday 1st March at 12.30pm in the Dupuis Centre. All proceeds will go to CAFOD's Family Fast Day appeal. Please add your name to the list at the back of the church.

ST. JOSEPH'S EASTER MUSIC – If you would be interested in joining our small friendly choir group, please speak to one of the members after Mass.

SALE OR UNWANTED CHRISTMAS GIFTS – This will be held in the hall at St. Joseph's after the 10.00am Mass.

PARISH TALK - Sunday 3rd March at 6.30pm at St Joseph's. An excellent opportunity to hear the American Catholic Evangelist **Jimmy Mitchell**. **All welcome to attend.**

As an international speaker, Jimmy has led thousands of people to have a deeper relationship with Christ.

"Draw close to God and He will draw near to you." James 4:8

Wherever you are in your faith journey, this is a talk not to be missed!

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

LUNCH CLUB – The next lunch is on Mon 11th March at 12.30pm in the Dupuis Centre. Please contact Marilena to confirm your attendance.

PARISH OFFICE HOURS – Please note that the parish office is currently open on a Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday between 9.00am and 3.00pm. Please can any notices for the Newsletter be received by Wednesday evening.

Please pray for the dead ...

*Of your charity, pray for the repose of the souls of those who have died recently, particularly Mateusz Dabrowska.
Pray also for those whose anniversaries occur this coming week:*

- 25 James Powell 2007; John Reck 2002; Guiseppe De Meis 1999; Benjamin Amos 1993; Thomas Lawton 1986; Christopher Mangan 1983
- 26 John Cunnane 2022; Ann Rayment 2015; Anne Pickett 2013; Margaret Noll 2011; Stephen Travers 2010; Sir Michael Quinlan 2009; Alicia McElhinney 2009; Vernon Gray 2006; Myfanwy Jones 2000; George Cringle 1999; Rose Marshall 1996; Kenneth Thorpe 1995; Carli Marron 1986
- 27 Pauline Gossage 2022; Denzil Hughes-Onslow 2011; May Molloy 1997; Dorothy Withey 1991
- 28 Pawel Duma 2021; Anne Phillips 2011; Stella Eyre 1991; Giovanni Pannozo 1983
- 29 Christine Westbury 2020.
- 01 Emily Cotter 2014; David Hall 1997; Mario Grzesiak 1992; Anna Lelli 1992; Gina Wareham 1985; Jan Terricki 1985
- 02 William Hopkins 2004; Noel McGloughlin 2001; Chelsea O'Neill 1992; Thomas Lannigan 1989

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, Cora Barnard, Douglas Bond, Brenda Brennan, Eileen Bristoll, Christopher Browne, Clifford Browne, Ann Dagger, Mary Dant, 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, Tom Mannion, Christine Napier, Anne Nolan, Costanza Pannozzo, Trish Rossenrode, Eileen Shea, Nicky Smith, Elaine Steer.

PARISH FINANCIAL MATTERS

Weekly Income:	<u>11 FEBRUARY</u>	<u>ST JOHN'S</u>	<u>ST JOSEPH'S</u>
Gift Aid:	£	20.00	£ 58.00
Non-Gift Aid:	£	681.05	£ 233.87
Contactless Card:	£	111.50	-----
QR code	£		-----
Standing Orders for December	£	2901.00	£ 1311.00

Second collection this weekend for CAFOD'S LENT FAMILY FAST DAY

Second collection next weekend for Cathedral Maintenance

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, 9.00am – 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

Of you my heart has spoken, Seek his face.
It is your face, O Lord, that I seek;
hide not your face from me.

Collect

O God, who have commanded us
to listen to your beloved Son,
be pleased, we pray,
to nourish us inwardly by your word,
that, with spiritual sight made pure,
we may rejoice to behold your glory.
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

Genesis 22:1-2,9-13,15-18

God put Abraham to the test. 'Abraham, Abraham' he called. 'Here I am' he replied. 'Take your son,' God said 'your only child Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah. There you shall offer him as a burnt offering, on a mountain I will point out to you.'

When they arrived at the place God had pointed out to him, Abraham built an altar there, and arranged the wood. Then he bound his son Isaac and put him on the altar on top of the wood. Abraham stretched out his hand and seized the knife to kill his son.

But the angel of the Lord called to him from heaven. 'Abraham, Abraham' he said. 'I am here' he replied. 'Do not raise your hand against the boy' the angel said. 'Do not harm him, for now I know you fear God. You have not refused me your son, your only son.' Then looking up, Abraham saw a ram caught by its horns in a bush. Abraham took the ram and offered it as a burnt-offering in place of his son.

The angel of the Lord called Abraham a second time from heaven. 'I swear by my own self – it is the Lord who speaks – because you have done this, because you have not refused me your son, your only son, I will shower blessings on you, I will make your descendants as many as the stars of heaven and the grains of sand on the seashore. Your descendants shall gain possession of the gates of their enemies. All the nations of the earth shall bless themselves by your descendants, as a reward for your obedience.'

Responsorial Psalm

I will walk in the presence of the Lord in the land of the living.

R/.

I trusted, even when I said:

'I am sorely afflicted,'

O precious in the eyes of the Lord
is the death of his faithful. **R/.**

Your servant, Lord, your servant am I;
you have loosened my bonds.

A thanksgiving sacrifice I make;

I will call on the Lord's name. **R/.**

My vows to the Lord I will fulfil

before all his people,

in the courts of the house of the Lord,
in your midst, O Jerusalem. **R/.**

Second reading

Romans 8:31-34

With God on our side who can be against us? Since God did not spare his own Son, but gave him up to benefit us all, we may be certain, after such a gift, that he will not refuse anything he can give. Could anyone accuse those that God has chosen? When God acquits, could anyone condemn? Could Christ Jesus? No! He not only died for us – he rose from the dead, and there at God's right hand he stands and pleads for us.

Gospel Acclamation

Glory and praise to you, O Christ!

From the bright cloud the Father's voice was heard:

'This is my Son, the Beloved. Listen to him.'

Glory and praise to you, O Christ!

Gospel

Mark 9:2-10

Jesus took with him Peter and James and John and led them up a high mountain where they could be alone by themselves. There in their presence he was transfigured: his clothes became dazzlingly white, whiter than any earthly bleacher could make them. Elijah appeared to them with Moses; and they were talking with Jesus. Then Peter spoke to Jesus: 'Rabbi,' he said 'it is wonderful for us to be here; so let us make three tents, one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah.' He did not know what to say; they were so frightened. And a cloud came, covering them in shadow; and there came a voice from the cloud, 'This is my Son, the Beloved. Listen to him.' Then suddenly, when they looked round, they saw no one with them any more but only Jesus.

As they came down from the mountain he warned them to tell no one what they had seen, until after the Son of Man had risen from the dead. They observed the warning faithfully, though among themselves they discussed what 'rising from the dead' could mean.

Prayer over the Offerings

May this sacrifice, O Lord, we pray,

cleanse us of our faults

and sanctify your faithful in body and mind

for the celebration of the paschal festivities.

Through Christ our Lord.

Communion Antiphon

This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased;
listen to him.

Prayer after Communion

As we receive these glorious mysteries,

we make thanksgiving to you, O Lord,

for allowing us while still on earth

to be partakers even now of the things of heaven.

Through Christ our Lord.

Prayer over the People

Bless your faithful, we pray, O Lord,

with a blessing that endures for ever,

and keep them faithful

to the Gospel of your Only Begotten Son,

so that they may always desire and at last attain

that glory whose beauty he showed in his own Body,

to the amazement of his Apostles.

Through Christ our Lord.