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DAY	ST JOHN'S	ST JOSEPH'S	INTENTION
Year B	4.00 pm Vigil Mass		Trevor Mold RIP
Sunday 11th February SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME <i>Day for the Unemployed.</i> <i>World Day of Prayer for the sick</i> <i>Green</i>	8.45 am Mass		Dan, Franklin & Marie Roberts
		10.00 am Mass	People of the Parish
	11.15 am Mass		Anna Bala RIP
		5.00 pm Confessions 5.30 pm Mass	Gerald McAvoy RIP
Monday 12 th <i>Feria in Ordinary Time</i>		NO MASS	
Tuesday 13 th <i>Feria in Ordinary Time</i>	9.30 am Mass		Ross Warland RIP
Wednesday 14 th Ash Wednesday	6.30 pm Mass	9.30 am Mass 10.00 am Exposition	Chrissy McLaughlin RIP Holy Souls
Thursday 15 th <i>Lent Feria</i>	9.30 am Mass		Martin Mason RIP
Friday 16 th <i>Lent Feria</i>	6.45 am Mass 6.00 pm Stations of the Cross	9.30 am Mass	Thomas Boyle RIP Sheila Sharkey RIP
Saturday 17 th <i>Lent Feria</i>	10.00 am Mass Confessions 10.30-11.00 am		A J Stephenson
Year B	4.00 pm Vigil Mass		Kevin Nolan RIP
Sunday, 18th February <i>Day of Prayer for the Candidates</i> <i>for the Sacraments</i> FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT	8.45 am Mass		Stefan Sherin Thanksgiving
		10.00 am Mass	People of the Parish
	11.15 am Mass		Jean Ann Lawrence
		4.45pm Stations of the Cross 5.00 pm Confessions 5.30 pm Mass	Kathleen Mannion RIP

THANK YOU - The Archbishop has written to thank all those who played some part in the recent parish visitation. He is grateful for those who played their part in the liturgies of the weekend, and to those who attended and helped at the meeting at St Joseph's and the lunch at St John's. The Archbishop will forward a report of the parish visitation in the coming weeks, and this will go towards the wider report which will focus on the needs, weaknesses and strengths of the deanery parishes as a whole, which stretch from Rugby down to Bicester.

THE SEASON OF LENT - This Wednesday is Ash Wednesday and one of the two days of fasting and abstinence binding on Catholics. As it is school half term Masses- with the imposition of ashes - will be at different times to enable as many of you as possible to mark this first day of Lent. Thank you to those who brought last year's palm branches in to burn for the ashes that we will receive on this day.

During Lent there will also be Stations of the Cross on Fridays and Sundays, the Early Bird Mass on Fridays at 6.45am, and the Wednesday Lent Group on prayer led by Fr Sean.

For personal devotion, you might like to take the Walk With Me booklet available at the back of church that will be an invaluable daily guide through this sacred season. Also, we are so fortunate that St John's and St Thomas's churches are open each day for private prayer and visits to the Blessed Sacrament. Do make good use of these open doors, especially during this season of Lent.

Lent is also the time when we are called to repentance, and so there will be the weekly times of Confession as well as a Penitential Service towards the end of Lent.

The word Lent is derived from lengthening – the season when, after the dark days of winter the days begin to lengthen, heralding the season of spring. Lent echoes this, and so is a time for growth....and a little pruning! It is for this growth and pruning that the Church has long given us those three Lenten disciplines of Prayer, Fasting and Almsgiving.

Time flies – so do your very best to make this Lent a Good Lent!

CAR PARKING AT ST. JOHN'S PRESBYTERY. 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. If parking on Dashwood Road, please be considerate of our neighbours.

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

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. The first session will begin after Ash Wednesday Mass which is at 6.30pm. 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.

MARY'S MEALS – The next lunch is on Friday 23rd February, all places are now filled.

DAY OF RECOLLECTION – At St. Joseph's on Saturday 24th February, 10am – 4pm. The theme is '*The Seven Last Words*'.

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.*

YOUTH GROUP - Sunday 3rd March at 6.30pm. An exciting Evangelisation Event at St Joseph's for young people in Y6 and above (and for adults who would like to attend) with the amazing **American Catholic Evangelist Jimmy Mitchell.**

Jimmy discerned the priesthood in his early adult life, but instead felt called to be a full-time missionary, especially working in Youth Evangelisation.

In his own words:

"I was a man on a mission, eager to travel to any continent as long as it was English-speaking and open to the Gospel. I've seen countless conversions unfold and vocations discerned in young people all over the world. There has been no greater privilege in my life up until this point than helping others fall more in love with the Lord Jesus Christ and His Church."

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

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 Fr. Chris Greeny and Fr. Sandy Brown and Joseph Paszkiewicz. Pray also for those whose anniversaries occur this coming week:

- 11 Marie Scales 2010; Derrick Ault 1996; Mary O'Callaghan 1985; Zofia Frankiewicz; Albert Stockley
- 12 John Buchanan 2015; Thomas Keegan 2013; Antonio D'Amore 2008; Eileen Beckett 2008; Mary Morris 1995; Ellen Bradley 1987
- 13 Pat Ryder 2016; Kathleen Mandeman 2003; Ross Warland 2000
- 14 Finbarr Donovan 1980
- 15 Winifred O'Connor 2022; Donald Beak 2013; Joseph Cook 2007; Filomena Cypkus 2004; Robert Martin 1986
- 16 May McNulty 2018; James Green 1988; Sarah Wilding 1985
- 17 Freda Wright 2016; Joyce Quinn 2009; Franz Idziaczek 1998; Winifred Fell 1997; Catherine Waddoups 1994

***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, 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>04 FEBRUARY</u>	<u>ST JOHN'S</u>	<u>ST JOSEPH'S</u>
Gift Aid:	£ 18.20	£ 123.00	
Non-Gift Aid:	£ 619.33	£ 374.54	
Contactless Card:	£ 69.00	-----	
QR code	£ ---	-----	
Standing Orders for December	£ 2901.00	£ 1311.00	

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

Be my protector, O God,
a mighty stronghold to save me.
For you are my rock, my stronghold!
Lead me, guide me, for the sake of your name.

Collect

O God, who teach us that you abide
in hearts that are just and true,
grant that we may be so fashioned by your grace
as to become a dwelling pleasing to you.
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

Leviticus 13:1-2,44-46

The Lord said to Moses and Aaron, ‘If a swelling or scab or shiny spot appears on a man’s skin, a case of leprosy of the skin is to be suspected. The man must be taken to Aaron, the priest, or to one of the priests who are his sons.

‘The man is leprous: he is unclean. The priest must declare him unclean; he is suffering from leprosy of the head. A man infected with leprosy must wear his clothing torn and his hair disordered; he must shield his upper lip and cry, “Unclean, unclean.” As long as the disease lasts he must be unclean; and therefore he must live apart: he must live outside the camp.’

Responsorial Psalm

You are my refuge, O Lord; you fill me with the joy of salvation. R/.

Happy the man whose offence is forgiven,
whose sin is remitted.

O happy the man to whom the Lord
imputes no guilt,
in whose spirit is no guile. **R/.**

But now I have acknowledged my sins;
my guilt I did not hide.

I said: ‘I will confess
my offence to the Lord.’

And you, Lord, have forgiven
the guilt of my sin. **R/.**

Rejoice, rejoice in the Lord,
exult, you just!

O come, ring out your joy,
all you upright of heart. **R/.**

Second reading

1 Corinthians 10:31-11:1

Whatever you eat, whatever you drink, whatever you do at all, do it for the glory of God. Never do anything offensive to anyone – to Jews or Greeks or to the Church of God; just as I try to be helpful to everyone at all times, not anxious for my own advantage but for the advantage of everybody else, so that they may be saved. Take me for your model, as I take Christ.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ
enlighten the eyes of our mind,
so that we can see what hope his call holds for us.
Alleluia!

Gospel

Mark 1:40-45

A leper came to Jesus and pleaded on his knees: ‘If you want to’ he said ‘you can cure me.’ Feeling sorry for him, Jesus stretched out his hand and touched him. ‘Of course I want to!’ he said. ‘Be cured!’ And the leprosy left him at once and he was cured. Jesus immediately sent him away and sternly ordered him, ‘Mind you say nothing to anyone, but go and show yourself to the priest, and make the offering for your healing prescribed by Moses as evidence of your recovery.’ The man went away, but then started talking about it freely and telling the story everywhere, so that Jesus could no longer go openly into any town, but had to stay outside in places where nobody lived. Even so, people from all around would come to him.

Prayer over the Offerings

May this oblation, O Lord, we pray,
cleanse and renew us
and may it become for those who do your will
the source of eternal reward.
Through Christ our Lord.

Communion Antiphon

They ate and had their fill,
and what they craved the Lord gave them;
they were not disappointed in what they craved.

Prayer after Communion

Having fed upon these heavenly delights,
we pray, O Lord,
so that we may always long
for that food by which we truly live.
Through Christ our Lord.