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DAY	ST JOHN'S	ST JOSEPH'S	INTENTION	
Year B	4.00pm Vigil Mass		Mary Dennett Birthday Ints	
Sunday 24th March	8.45am Mass		Jadwiga Dabrowska RIP	
PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD		10.00am Mass	People of the Parish	
	11.15am Mass		James & Irene Brown Golden Anniv.	
		4.45pm Stations of the Cross		
	Red		5.00pm Confessions 5.30pm Mass	Dennis Breen RIP
	Monday 25 th	11.00am Funeral Mass	9.30am Mass	Maria Walsh Thomas Mannion Catherine Fletcher RIP
<i>Holy Week</i>	6.30pm Mass			
Tuesday 26 th	9.30am Mass		Luke & Shane Radford	
<i>Holy Week</i>	6.30pm Mass		Nora O' Neill RIP	
Wednesday 27 th		9.00am Mass <i>10.00am Exposition</i>	Criss & Joe Tynan	
<i>Holy Week</i>	6.30pm Mass		Elizabeth Hackett RIP	
Thursday 28 th	7.00pm Mass of the Lord's Supper then The Watch 11.45pm Compline/Night Prayer	7.00pm Mass of the Lord's Supper then The Watch 11.45pm Compline/Night Prayer	Achamma Joseph RIP (SJE) Sala Family Intentions (SJW)	
Friday 29 th	9.30am Office of Readings		~ ~ ~	
Good Friday	10.15am Children's Stations of The Cross		~ ~ ~	
	3.00pm Liturgy of the Passion 7.00pm Stations of the Cross	3.00pm Liturgy of the Passion	~ ~ ~	
Saturday 30 th	9.30am Office of Readings		~ ~ ~	
Holy Saturday	8.00pm Easter Vigil		People of the Parish	
Year B		8.30am Mass At St. Thomas' Wroxton	Elizabeth Tacey	
Sunday 31st March	8.45am Mass		Edward Nosal RIP	
Solemnity of the Resurrection of The Lord		10.00am Mass	Betty Power RIP	
White	11.15am Mass		Roy Smith RIP	

HOLY WEEK - This week is the most sacred of all weeks of the year – in ancient times called ‘The Great Week’.

To enable those who wish to mark the first half of the week with attendance at Holy Mass there will be Mass at both mornings and evenings on Holy Monday, Holy Tuesday and Holy Wednesday. Please note the earlier time on Wednesday due to the Chrism Mass at the Cathedral at 11.30am.

The heart of the faith is observed over the **Sacred Triduum** which begins on Thursday evening with the Mass of the Lord’s Supper. This Mass includes the foot washing, after the Lord’s example, and has an air of rejoicing as we give thanks for the gift of the Holy Mass and the Priesthood. The mood then changes markedly as we commemorate the Lord’s prayer and agony as he begins his Passion in the Garden of Gethsemane. We share these moments as we watch before the Altar of Repose until midnight. You are welcome to come at any time for this, and it will conclude with Compline at 11.45pm.

On Good Friday there is the Office of Readings and Lauds at 9.30am. This will be followed by Children’s Stations of the Cross at 10.15am. We will begin outside...weather permitting and will conclude with the traditional Good Friday sustainer on this day of fasting and abstinence - Hot Cross Buns! The ecumenical procession beginning at The Cross at 11.15am follows. The Sacred Liturgy with the proclamation of the Passion, Veneration of the Cross and Holy Communion will be at 3pm – the hour that marks Our Lord’s death on the Cross.

Evening Stations will be at 7pm.

Holy Saturday begins with the Office of Readings and Lauds at 9.30am. The liturgy today contemplates the article of the Apostles Creed – He descended into hell – the place of the dead. This is a day when, from ancient times, the Mass is not celebrated as the Church fasts from the sacraments (apart from the last sacraments), and so is a day that the Church watches and waits.

The lighting of the Easter Fire at 8.00pm breaks the silence of this day with the news that Christ is Risen, and the Vigil and First Mass of Easter begins. The joy of Easter - the Queen of Feasts - spills over into Easter Day when the church, previously shrouded in purple, is filled with colour and light. God’s action of raising his Beloved Son on this awesome day fills the Church with hope and joy – and so each of the eight days of Easter – the Easter Octave – is another Easter Day.

To follow the journey of Holy Week with Jesus is to proclaim our faith the love by which God loved the world in his beloved Son in an amazingly vivid way - through action, sign, word and sacrament – we proclaim Christ Crucified and Risen.

Confessions during Holy Week – Follows Mass on Monday and Tuesday morning, and Monday and Wednesday evening. There are also Penitential Services on Monday at Bicester and Tuesday at Chipping Norton.

Altar Servers – would Altar Servers sign up for the Holy Week and Easter liturgies. Rehearsals are on Thursday at 4.30pm for Maundy Thursday Mass, Good Friday at 1pm for the liturgy at 3 – both at St John’s and St Joseph’s. Easter Vigil rehearsal at 10.30am at St John’s on Saturday.

BLESSING OF FOOD (IN ENGLISH) – The traditional Eastern European blessing of Easter food will take place at 11.00am on Holy Saturday at St Joseph’s Church. This blessing will be in the English Language. (Please note change of time.)

GOOD FRIDAY: there is the annual collection for Holy Places. This collection supports the work of the Church in the Holy Land. This year is again a time when the parishes and churches and shrines of the Holy Land are suffering due to the war. The contributions of pilgrims have now disappeared, and the Christian population is now much depleted. However, the Church continues to run schools and hospitals as well as parishes in this challenging area. This collection both helps to maintain the sacred sites of the Holy Land, as well as to support the living stones of the Catholic community there. Giving can be done by the contactless facility.

EASTER: The collection at the Easter Vigil and Easter Day is the Easter offering for the priests of the parish. There are envelopes at the back of church for this collection as well as the contactless point in St John’s and St Thomas’s. The Easter Offering, along with the Christmas Offering, are the main sources of income for priests, and help to provide the tools for their ministry such as cars, as well as providing personal expenses. Thank you for your generosity.

DIVINE MERCY NOVENA – 8.00am every morning from Good Friday until Holy Saturday at St John’s Church. A recording will be available online.

Jesus asked that Divine Mercy Sunday be preceded by a Novena, beginning on Good Friday. He said: "*On each day of the Novena you will bring to My heart a different group of souls and you will immerse them in this ocean of My mercy ... On each day you will beg My Father, on the strength of My passion, for the graces for these souls.*" The last day has most difficult intention, for the lukewarm and indifferent. He said: "*These souls cause Me more suffering than any others*".

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY – 7th April, 3pm Holy Hour at St John’s with devotions to the Divine Mercy, Benediction, Confessions and the Blessing of Divine Mercy Images.

St. Faustina, who received visions from Jesus, wrote in her diary that He said: "*I want the Image to be solemnly blessed on the first Sunday after Easter [now called Divine Mercy Sunday], and I want it to be venerated publicly so that every soul may know about it... I desire that the Feast of Mercy be a refuge and shelter for all souls, and especially for poor sinners. I pour out a whole ocean of graces upon those souls who approach the fount of My mercy.*" According to the vision, those who receive communion and attend confession on the Feast of Mercy receive total forgiveness of sin and its effects on us.

ST. THOMAS’, WROXTON - We will be praying the Stations of the Cross at 11.00 a.m. on Tuesday 26 March. All are welcome.

PADRE PIO – The next meeting is at 10.30am on the 26th March in Tandy Room

VISITING THE SICK AND HOUSEBOUND – There are many sick or housebound parishioners who are unable to attend Holy Mass, but would love to be able to receive Holy Communion in their homes. At present, we do not have nearly enough lay ministers of Holy Communion. Would you be willing to serve Christ with the sick in this way? To find out more, come to the meeting on Tue 26th March at 7pm in The Dupuis Centre.

GIFT AID ENVELOPES – The 2024 envelopes are now available to collect from the Parish Office.

Please pray for the dead ...

Of your charity, pray for the repose of the souls of those who have died recently, particularly Anne Burke, Diana Aylward, Kevin French and Costanza Pannozo.

Pray also for those whose anniversaries occur this coming week:

- 24 Barbara Fowles 2021; Philomena Duffy 2012; Dorothy Wise 2010; Anna-Marie Kovacs 2005; Danny Heath 2002; David Towler 1989
- 25 Antony De Bono 2020; Allyson Sullivan 2018; Marie Baker 2013; Frederick Abrahart 2009; Patricia Kimmance 2003; Teresa Wright 2003; John Gallaher 1995; Samuel McNutt 1992; William Doyle 1987
- 26 Tony Campion 2019; Peter Sharpley 2013; Sylvia D'Amore 2010; Charles Boon 1998; John Keane 1994; Kevin Curran 1989; Florence Springate 1988
- 27 Betty Higgs 2021; Mary O'Mahoney 2014; Margaret Wilson 2009; Michael Kelly 2005; Frances O'Neill 2004
- 28 Michael Knight 2023; Des Mates 2021; Bridie Mansell 2016; Evalina Dillon 2008; Jill Shaw 1999; Gloria Bletchly 1990; Stephen Ryan 1989
- 29 Muriel Cannon 2017; Kathleen Gellie 2005; Joseph Smith 1999; Michael Oxlade 1985; John O'Sullivan 1985
- 30 Patrick Lydon 2022; Marcella O'Connor 2003

***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, Christine Napier, Anne Nolan, Harry Rhodes, Trish Rossenrode, Eileen Shea, Nicky Smith, Elaine Steer.

PARISH FINANCIAL MATTERS

Weekly Income:	<u>17 MARCH</u>	<u>ST JOHN'S</u>	<u>ST JOSEPH'S</u>
	Gift Aid:	£ 115.00	£ 47.90
	Non-Gift Aid:	£ 706.73	£ 212.35
	Contactless Card:	£ 180.00	-----
	QR code	£ -----	-----
	Standing Orders for February	£ 3574.00	£ 1068.00
	Easter Flowers	£ 332.77	£ 100.10

***The collection on Good Friday is for Holy Places. Thank you for all your support.
The collection at the Easter Masses is your kind gift to the priests.***

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.

Gospel**Mark 11:1-10**

When they drew near to Jerusalem,
to Bethphage and Bethany, at the Mount of Olives,
Jesus sent two of his disciples, and said to them,
'Go into the village opposite you,
and immediately as you enter it
you will find a colt tied, on which no one has ever sat;
untie it and bring it.
If any one says to you,
"Why are you doing this?" say,
"The Lord has need of it
and will send it back here immediately."'

And they went away,
and found a colt tied at the door out in the open street;
and they untied it.
And those who stood there said to them,
'What are you doing, untying the colt?'
And they told them what Jesus had said;
and they let them go.
And they brought the colt to Jesus,
and threw their garments on it;
and he sat upon it.
And many spread their garments on the road,
and others spread leafy branches
which they had cut from the fields.
And those who went before
and those who followed cried out,
'Hosanna!
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!
Blessed is the kingdom of our father David that is coming!
Hosanna in the highest!'

Entrance Antiphon**Cf. Jn 12: 1, 12-13; Ps 23: 9-10**

Six days before the Passover,
when the Lord came into the city of Jerusalem,
the children ran to meet him;
in their hands they carried palm branches
and with a loud voice cried out:

*Hosanna in the highest!
Blessed are you, who have come in your abundant mercy! R/.*

O gates, lift high your heads;
grow higher, ancient doors.
Let him enter, the king of glory!
Who is this king of glory?
He, the Lord of hosts, he is the king of glory.

Collect

Almighty ever-living God,
who as an example of humility for the human race to follow
caused our Saviour to take flesh and submit to the Cross,
graciously grant that we may heed his lesson of patient suffering
and so merit a share in his Resurrection.
Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
God, for ever and ever.

First reading**Isaiah 50:4-7**

The Lord has given me
a disciple's tongue.
So that I may know how to reply to the wearied
he provides me with speech.
Each morning he wakes me to hear,
to listen like a disciple.
The Lord has opened my ear.
For my part, I made no resistance,
neither did I turn away.
I offered my back to those who struck me,
my cheeks to those who tore at my beard;
I did not cover my face
against insult and spittle.
The Lord comes to my help,
so that I am untouched by the insults.

So, too, I set my face like flint;
I know I shall not be shamed.

Responsorial Psalm**Psalm 21(22):8-9,17-20,23-24*****My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?***

All who see me deride me.
They curl their lips, they toss their heads.
'He trusted in the Lord, let him save him;
let him release him if this is his friend.'

Many dogs have surrounded me,
a band of the wicked beset me.
They tear holes in my hands and my feet
I can count every one of my bones.
They divide my clothing among them.
They cast lots for my robe.
O Lord, do not leave me alone,
my strength, make haste to help me!

I will tell of your name to my brethren
and praise you where they are assembled.
'You who fear the Lord give him praise;
all sons of Jacob, give him glory.
Revere him, Israel's sons.

Second reading**Philippians 2:6-11**

His state was divine,
yet Christ Jesus did not cling
to his equality with God
but emptied himself
to assume the condition of a slave
and became as men are;
and being as all men are,
he was humbler yet,
even to accepting death,
death on a cross.
But God raised him high
and gave him the name
which is above all other names
so that all beings
in the heavens, on earth and in the underworld,
should bend the knee at the name of Jesus
and that every tongue should acclaim
Jesus Christ as Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.

Gospel Acclamation**Phil2:8-9**

Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory!
Christ was humbler yet,
even to accepting death, death on a cross.
But God raised him high
and gave him the name which is above all names.
Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory!

Prayer over the Offerings

Through the Passion of your Only Begotten Son, O Lord,
may our reconciliation with you be near at hand,
so that, though we do not merit it by our own deeds,
yet by this sacrifice made once for all,
we may feel already the effects of your mercy.
Through Christ our Lord.

Communion Antiphon**Mt 26: 42**

Father, if this chalice cannot pass without my drinking it,
your will be done.

Prayer after Communion

Nourished with these sacred gifts,
we humbly beseech you, O Lord,
that, just as through the death of your Son
you have brought us to hope for what we believe,
so by his Resurrection
you may lead us to where you call.
Through Christ our Lord.