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DAY	ST JOHN'S	ST JOSEPH'S	INTENTION
Year B	4.00 pm Vigil Mass		Dermot Dunleavy RIP
Sunday 3 rd March THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT	8.45 am Mass	8.30am Mass <i>At St. Thomas, Wroxton</i>	Anna Cairns Sherin Cyriac & Fam, Special Int.
		10.00 am Mass	Robert Linden RIP
	11.15 am Mass		People of the Parish
		4.45pm Stations of the Cross	
	Violet		5.00 pm Confessions 5.30 pm Mass
Monday 4 th <i>Lent Feria</i>		9.30am Mass	K.J. Joseph RIP
Tuesday 5 th <i>Lent Feria</i>	9.30 am Mass		Holy Souls
Wednesday 6 th <i>Lent Feria</i>		9.30 am Mass 10.00 am Exposition	P.T. Chacko
Thursday 7 th <i>Lent Feria</i>	9.30 am Mass 10.30am Mass at <i>St. John's School</i>		Special Intention <i>Hussey Fam & Friends Deceased</i>
Friday 8 th <i>Lent Feria</i>	6.45 am Mass 6.00 pm Stations of the Cross <i>Confessions 6.00 – 7pm</i>	9.30 am Mass	Albert Hackett RIP Joseph Madathamcheril RIP
Saturday 9 th	10.00 am Mass <i>Confessions 10.30 – 11am</i>		Elizabeth O'Neill RIP
Year B	4.00 pm Vigil Mass		Kathleen & Michael Szykarewicz RIP
Sunday 10 th March FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT	8.45am Mass		John Smith RIP
		10.00 am Mass	People of the Parish
	11.15 am Mass		Dorothy Wright & Family
	Violet		5.00pm Confessions 5.30 pm Mass

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT - In today's gospel reading we hear of Jesus cleansing the Temple. The Temple was, for the Jewish people, the holiest place on earth. It was the House of the Lord. Its purpose was for the worship of God, and for that alone. Nevertheless, in the not too far distant future, this great Temple will be one day torn down by the Romans – in the not far too distant future by the Romans. But by then, it's purpose will already have become a part of the past – as Jesus was now the true Temple – for in him the true God dwelt. This Temple would itself be torn down on Good Friday – but recreated anew at Easter in the resurrection.

St Paul, in his letter to the Corinthians, said to his listeners and readers: 'Do you not know that your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit? Through our baptism, the Holy Spirit has entered our hearts and lives.

Lent is a time when we are encouraged to make our Easter Duties. One of these duties is to seek the Lord's mercy in the Sacrament of Mercy – Confession. It's the easiest of things to avoid ...as nobody knows, apart from Our Lord. Nevertheless, it is so important – for it is the removal, through God's grace, of everything that has no place in the Temple of the Christian heart. Confession is a cleansing of that Temple – the place where God, in his mercy, has deigned to make his home.

TODAY - 6.15pm at St Joseph's Church. An inspirational talk by the Catholic American **Evangelist Jimmy Mitchell**.

Learn how a life of faith and trust in God, has enabled the Holy Spirit to work powerfully in Jimmy's life and in the lives of countless young people through his gifted evangelisation. A unique opportunity to hear a talented speaker in our Parish. **All welcome to attend, especially young people from school age Yr5 & upwards, parents and those who work our young people.**

CHAPLAINCY FOR BANBURY - This is an ecumenical group of lay people who exercise a ministry of chaplaincy in the Town Centre. It is different from the street pastors who work mostly in the evenings, but is a valued daytime chaplaincy amongst the shops and workers of the town. If you enjoy meeting people, have a few hours to spare in the week, and are interested in this work you can contact them on chaplaincy4banbury@gmail.com There will be an introductory training sessions on Tuesday 12th March, 7.30pm, at The Haven, 61-63 Calthorpe St.

CAFOD - Thank you for giving to CAFOD's Family Fast Day Appeal. Thank you for giving to CAFOD's Family Fast Day appeal this Lent. Your generous donations, given in love, will support families around the world and help them with the resources to feed their families for good. You can still give online at cafod.org.uk

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!

A MESSAGE FROM JITHIN - "Dear friends, firstly I just want to say thank you for all your prayers and support for vocations. I enjoy each and every friendly encounters at the end of mass on Sundays and I do keep you all in my prayers too.

Time has flown by and I am now in the 5th year of formation (4th year at St Mary's college, Oscott). I have just finished my extended pastoral placement in Aldridge and have started my second degree back at the seminary. It has been an amazing journey and I feel very happy and content with it all. All being well, our year group will be ordained deacons in December 2025 and then to the priesthood the following summer. Let us continue to keep one another in prayer as we go through our lives with its joys and struggles."

UNIVERSE NEWSPAPER – If you would be interested in buying this weekly newspaper, please contact the Parish Office.

PARISH QUIZ NIGHT – Thank you to all those who supported the annual parish Quiz Night. We raised £550 towards parish funds. Well done to 'Marilena's Mob' who won and thank you to Jamie our Quiz Master.

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

MARY'S MEALS – This month's lunch raised £666.72 for the charity. The next lunch will be on Fri 22nd March, one week earlier than usual because of Easter.

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.

BGN VACANCIES – Currently seeking Drama and Computing Teachers. See noticeboard for further details. www.eteach/careers/bgn-oxon

Please pray for the dead ...

Of your charity, pray for the repose of the souls of those who have died recently, particularly Thomas Mannion, John Harrison, Mary Mordaunt Halina Watts and Costanza Pannozo.

Pray also for those whose anniversaries occur this coming week:

- 03 Gerald Martin 2015; Robert Linden 1989
- 04 David Munro 2021; Mary Hobbs 2021; Elvira Burak 2017; Alex Fleming 2016; Chrislin Bose 2015; Ben Lay 2007; Grace Dyson 2000; Generoso Crispino 1996; Charles Stubbs 1995; Mary Reck 1987
- 05 Gabriele Di Cuffa 2004; Margaret Bourne 2004; Francis Marron 2001; Margaret Morris 1999; Elizabeth Peters 1989; John Lafferty 1987; Mary O'Neill 1985
- 06 Maria Marshall 2018; Joseph Wareham 2016; Christine Donovan 2008; Margaret Addison 1993; Cyril Pearson 1983; Mary McManus
- 07 Michael Coleman 2002
- 08 Anne Cullin 1999; Dennis Tarbuck 1995
- 09 Fergus Noone 2015; Mary Waddoups 2006; Bridget Lafferty 1990; Leslie Moreby 1987
- 10 Charles McAleese 2018; Roberta Baskerville 1992; Benjamin Bailey 1987; Owen Gaffrey 1984

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:	£	19.55	£ 41.00
Non-Gift Aid:	£	524.44	£ 324.55
Contactless Card:	£	144.50	-----
QR code	£	20.00	-----
Standing Orders for January	£	3374.00	£ 1088.00
CAFOD	£	669.02	£ 284.51

***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

My eyes are always on the Lord,
for he rescues my feet from the snare.
Turn to me and have mercy on me,
for I am alone and poor.

Collect

O God, author of every mercy and of all goodness,
who in fasting, prayer and almsgiving
have shown us a remedy for sin,
look graciously on this confession of our lowliness,
that we, who are bowed down by our conscience,
may always be lifted up by your mercy.
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**Exodus 20:1-17**

God spoke all these words. He said, 'I am the Lord your God who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery.

'You shall have no gods except me.

'You shall not make yourself a carved image or any likeness of anything in heaven or on earth beneath or in the waters under the earth; you shall not bow down to them or serve them. For I, the Lord your God, am a jealous God and I punish the father's fault in the sons, the grandsons, and the great-grandsons of those who hate me; but I show kindness to thousands of those who love me and keep my commandments.

'You shall not utter the name of the Lord your God to misuse it, for the Lord will not leave unpunished the man who utters his name to misuse it.

'Remember the sabbath day and keep it holy. For six days you shall labour and do all your work, but the seventh day is a sabbath for the Lord your God. You shall do no work that day, neither you nor your son nor your daughter nor your servants, men or women, nor your animals nor the stranger who lives with you. For in six days the Lord made the heavens and the earth and the sea and all that these hold, but on the seventh day he rested; that is why the Lord has blessed the sabbath day and made it sacred.

'Honour your father and your mother so that you may have a long life in the land that the Lord your God has given to you.

'You shall not kill.

'You shall not commit adultery.

'You shall not steal.

'You shall not bear false witness against your neighbour.

'You shall not covet your neighbour's house. You shall not covet your neighbour's wife, or his servant, man or woman, or his ox, or his donkey, or anything that is his.'

Responsorial Psalm**Psalm 18(19):8-11**

You, Lord, have the message of eternal life. R/.

The law of the Lord is perfect,
it revives the soul.

The rule of the Lord is to be trusted,
it gives wisdom to the simple. *R/.*

The precepts of the Lord are right,
they gladden the heart.

The command of the Lord is clear,
it gives light to the eyes. *R/.*

The fear of the Lord is holy,
abiding for ever.

The decrees of the Lord are truth
and all of them just. *R/.*

They are more to be desired than gold,
than the purest of gold
and sweeter are they than honey,
than honey from the comb. *R/.*

Second reading**1 Corinthians 1:22-25**

While the Jews demand miracles and the Greeks look for wisdom, here are we preaching a crucified Christ; to the Jews an obstacle that they cannot get over, to the pagans madness, but to those who have been called, whether they are Jews or Greeks, a Christ who is the power and the wisdom of God. For God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength.

Gospel Acclamation

Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory!
I am the resurrection and the life, says the Lord;
whoever believes in me will never die.
Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory!

Gospel**John 2:13-25**

Just before the Jewish Passover Jesus went up to Jerusalem, and in the Temple he found people selling cattle and sheep and pigeons, and the money-changers sitting at their counters there. Making a whip out of some cord, he drove them all out of the Temple, cattle and sheep as well, scattered the money-changers' coins, knocked their tables over and said to the pigeon-sellers, 'Take all this out of here and stop turning my Father's house into a market.' Then his disciples remembered the words of scripture: Zeal for your house will devour me. The Jews intervened and said, 'What sign can you show us to justify what you have done?' Jesus answered, 'Destroy this sanctuary, and in three days I will raise it up.' The Jews replied, 'It has taken forty-six years to build this sanctuary: are you going to raise it up in three days?' But he was speaking of the sanctuary that was his body, and when Jesus rose from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this, and they believed the scripture and the words he had said.

During his stay in Jerusalem for the Passover many believed in his name when they saw the signs that he gave, but Jesus knew them all and did not trust himself to them; he never needed evidence about any man; he could tell what a man had in him.

Prayer over the Offerings

Be pleased, O Lord, with these sacrificial offerings,
and grant that we who beseech pardon for our own sins,
may take care to forgive our neighbour.
Through Christ our Lord.

Communion Antiphon

The sparrow finds a home,
and the swallow a nest for her young:
by your altars, O Lord of hosts, my King and my God.
Blessed are they who dwell in your house,
for ever singing your praise.

Prayer after Communion

As we receive the pledge
of things yet hidden in heaven
and are nourished while still on earth
with the Bread that comes from on high,
we humbly entreat you, O Lord,
that what is being brought about in us in mystery
may come to true completion.
Through Christ our Lord.