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## ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST

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DAY	ST JOHN'S	ST JOSEPH'S	INTENTION
Year B	<b>4.00pm Vigil Mass</b>		Tom Mannion RIP
<b>Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> April</b>	<b>8.45am Mass</b>		Hannah & Iannah
<b>THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER</b>		<b>10.00am Mass</b>	People of The Parish
White	<b>11.15am Mass</b>		Patrick & Norah Breen RIP
		<i>5.00pm Confessions</i> <b>5.30pm Mass</b>	Elizabeth Hackett RIP
Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> <i>Easter Feria</i>		<b>9.30am Mass</b>	Mary Bills RIP
Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup> <i>Easter Feria</i>	<b>9.30am Mass</b>		Teresa Leonard RIP
Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup> <i>Easter Feria</i>		<b>9.30am Mass</b> <i>Holy Hour 10am</i>	Holy Souls
Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> <i>Easter Feria</i>	<b>9.30am Mass</b> <b>12 Noon Funeral Service</b>		Elizabeth Hackett RIP Philip Mason
Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> <i>Easter Feria</i>	<b>1.15pm Funeral Mass</b> (Mass of the Angels) <i>Confession &amp; Holy Hour</i> 6.00-7.00pm	<b>9.30am Mass</b>	David Stainsby Int. Emma Carolina Medina
Saturday 20 <sup>th</sup> <i>Easter Feria</i>	<b>10.00am Mass</b> <i>Confession 10.30 – 11am</i>		Elizabeth Hackett RIP
	<b>4.00pm Vigil Mass</b>		Aleyamma Xavier
Year B	<b>8.45am Mass</b>		Tomasz Radziwonowicz RIP
<b>Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> April</b>		<b>10.00am Mass</b>	Mary Bills RIP
<b>FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER</b>	<b>11.15am Mass</b>		Martin Leonard RIP
White		<i>5.00pm Confessions</i> <b>5.30pm Mass</b>	People of the Parish

The Easter season last for fifty days, and during this time we have the opportunity to ponder Christ's resurrection and what Easter means for us. Some time ago, the late Pope Benedict spoke about the Easter Sequence we pray and hear in the liturgy of Easter and which speaks of Mary Magdalene's visit to the tomb and her encounter with the Risen Lord:

Every Christian relives the experience of Mary Magdalene. It involves an encounter which changes our lives: the encounter with a unique Man who lets us experience all God's goodness and truth, who frees us from evil not in a superficial and fleeting way, but sets us free radically, heals us completely and restores our dignity. This is why Mary Magdalene calls Jesus "my hope": he was the one who allowed her to be reborn, who gave her a new future, a life of goodness and freedom from evil. "Christ my hope" means that all my yearnings for goodness find in him a real possibility of fulfilment: with him I can hope for a life that is good, full and eternal, for God himself has drawn near to us, even sharing our humanity.

But Mary Magdalene, like the other disciples, was to see Jesus rejected by the leaders of the people, arrested, scourged, condemned to death and crucified. It must have been unbearable to see Goodness in person subjected to human malice, truth derided by falsehood, mercy abused by vengeance. With Jesus' death, the hope of all those who had put their trust in him seemed doomed. But that faith never completely failed: especially in the heart of the Virgin Mary, Jesus' Mother, its flame burned even in the dark of night. In this world, hope cannot avoid confronting the harshness of evil. It is not thwarted by the wall of death alone, but even more by the barbs of envy and pride, falsehood and violence. Jesus passed through this mortal mesh in order to open a path to the kingdom of life. For a moment Jesus seemed vanquished: darkness had invaded the land, the silence of God was complete, hope a seemingly empty word.

And lo, on the dawn of the day after the Sabbath, the tomb is found empty. Jesus then shows himself to Mary Magdalene, to the other women, to his disciples. Faith is born anew, more alive and stronger than ever, now invincible since it is based on a decisive experience: "Death with life contended: combat strangely ended! Life's own champion, slain, now lives to reign". The signs of the resurrection testify to the victory of life over death, love over hatred, mercy over vengeance: "The tomb the living did enclose, I saw Christ's glory as he rose! The angels there attesting, shroud with grave-clothes resting."

**Please remember in your prayers** Emma whose Funeral Mass is on Friday at 1.15pm. Emma was a young member of the St. John's children's liturgy group, and very sadly died in hospital in the United States. Friday's Mass will precede the burial of ashes, and as is customary for a young child, the Mass offered will be the Mass of the Angels. Please pray for her Mum and Dad, Gisela and Edinson, and little brother Eduardo.

Next Sunday, the fourth Sunday of Easter, is known as Good Shepherd Sunday and Vocations Sunday. The second collection that day is the Clergy Training Fund. This is the fund which prepares men for the priesthood and diaconate in our diocese. Please be generous with this.

It's also a day of prayer for vocations to the priesthood. Do include this intention in your prayers through the week and beyond. Please also encourage a culture of vocations in our families and parish community.

In much of our culture (and in the media that reflects it) lifelong vocation – whether to priesthood, religious life or marriage....not to mention the Catholic faith itself - certainly runs against the grain! Vocations come from where faith is robust.

**MARY'S MEALS** – The next lunch will be on Fri 26<sup>th</sup> April, please confirm your place with Sue Allen. Our last lunch raised £569.26 for this wonderful charity.

**THE BANBURY CATENIANS** - have organised a guided tour to the Historic St Mary's Church Bloxham on the 27th April starting at 10.45am at a cost of £5. The tour will bring to life the history, architecture and art of the church. We have a number of places available if you are interested please contact me Rodney Kane . My contact number is 07518 355230.

**ANNUAL THANKSGIVING MASS FOR MARRIAGE** - An invitation is extended to married couples, those celebrating a milestone anniversary and those preparing to marry this year, to our annual Mass for Marriage at St Chad's Cathedral on Saturday 4th May at 12 Noon, followed by light refreshments. Please visit [www.vocations.org.uk/marriage-mass](http://www.vocations.org.uk/marriage-mass).

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION GIFT & CARD SALE** – Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> May between 10am -12 noon and Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> May between the morning masses at St. John's Church. There is a lovely selection of items for sale, cash or card accepted.

**SICK OR HOUSEBOUND** – If you know of anyone in hospital or at home and not able to come to church, please let us know so that we can arrange a visit if possible.

**MISSIO RED BOX** – In 2023 St. Joseph's raised £654.17 through our red boxes and donations to Missio and the Mill Hill Missionaries. Thank you.

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

**200 CLUB** – Congratulations to the winners of the March draw. 1<sup>st</sup> prize: No. 113, £148.75; 2<sup>nd</sup> prize: No.78, £89.25; 3<sup>rd</sup> prize: No55, £59.50.

If you would like to join the 200 Club, please contact the parish office to sign up.

**Please pray for the dead ...**

*Of your charity, pray for the repose of the souls of those who have died recently, particularly  
Colin Goodall, Philip Mason and Emma Clamens.*

*Pray also for those whose anniversaries occur this coming week:*

- 14 Mary Hughes 2013; Lysbeth Wagstaff 2009; Edward Broadhead 2007; Janet Bennett 1996; Anna Davis 1990
- 15 Sean McNutt 2009; Florence Ison 1995
- 16 Kyle Byfield 2015; John Ashdown 2015; Ernest Hutchings 2000; Ellen Powers 1990; Ivy Oxlade 1986
- 17 Pamela Boss 2021; Barbara De Havilland 2020; Derek Rossenrode 2020; Margaret Zawisza 2011; Martin Jones 2010; Betty Towle 2008; Stella Cumpstey 2004; Olga McMenamin 1998; Margaret Taylor 1996; Margaret Forster 1985
- 18 Joan Watts 2021; Gladys Barnett 1991; Elizabeth Hayes 1986
- 19 Maureen O’Flynn 2020; David Godfrey 2018; Frederick Stublely 2009; Walter Kenna 2006; Edith Hutchings 2002; Violet Drennan 1999; Patrick Lovelock 1994; Rev. Fr. Reginald Slade 1988; Thomas Skinner 1986; William Sefton 1983
- 20 Dolly Lim 2021; Katherine White 2015; Francis Woollam 2010; Philip Tooley 2006; William Boss 1990; Alain Ritter 1989; Albert Jennings 1987; James McCarthy 1986

***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**

<b>Weekly Income:</b>	<b><u>07 APRIL</u></b>	<b><u>ST JOHN’S</u></b>	<b><u>ST JOSEPH’S</u></b>
Gift Aid:	£ 70.00	£ 37.00	
Non-Gift Aid:	£ 661.64	£ 329.35	
Contactless Card:	£ 125.00	-----	
QR code	£ 5.00	-----	
Holy Places	£ 692.26	£ 261.25	

**Next weekend’s second collection is for The Clergy Training Fund.**

**GENERAL TIMES FOR SACRAMENTS AND OTHER CELEBRATIONS**

<b>St. John’s:</b>	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)
<b>St. Joseph’s:</b>	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 <sup>rd</sup> 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](mailto:sg.stjohn.banbury@rcaob.org.uk) or alternatively the Diocesan Safeguarding team can be contacted on 0121 230 6240/ [safeguarding@rcaob.org.uk](mailto:safeguarding@rcaob.org.uk) if you have any concern.

### Entrance Antiphon

Cry out with joy to God, all the earth;  
O sing to the glory of his name.  
O render him glorious praise, alleluia.

### Collect

May your people exult for ever, O God,  
in renewed youthfulness of spirit,  
so that, rejoicing now in the restored glory of our  
adoption,  
we may look forward in confident hope  
to the rejoicing of the day of resurrection.  
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

**Acts 3:13-15,17-19**

Peter said to the people: 'You are Israelites, and it is the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, the God of our ancestors, who has glorified his servant Jesus, the same Jesus you handed over and then disowned in the presence of Pilate after Pilate had decided to release him. It was you who accused the Holy One, the Just One, you who demanded the reprieve of a murderer while you killed the prince of life. God, however, raised him from the dead, and to that fact we are the witnesses.

'Now I know, brothers, that neither you nor your leaders had any idea what you were really doing; this was the way God carried out what he had foretold, when he said through all his prophets that his Christ would suffer. Now you must repent and turn to God, so that your sins may be wiped out.'

### Responsorial Psalm

**Psalm 4:2,4,7,9**

*Lift up the light of your face on us, O Lord. R/.*

When I call, answer me, O God of justice;  
from anguish you released me, have mercy and hear  
me! *R/.*

It is the Lord who grants favours to those whom he loves;  
the Lord hears me whenever I call him. *R/.*

'What can bring us happiness?' many say.  
Lift up the light of your face on us, O Lord. *R/.*

I will lie down in peace and sleep comes at once  
for you alone, Lord, make me dwell in safety. *R/.*

### Second reading

**1 John 2:1-5**

I am writing this, my children,  
to stop you sinning;  
but if anyone should sin,  
we have our advocate with the Father,  
Jesus Christ, who is just;  
he is the sacrifice that takes our sins away,  
and not only ours,  
but the whole world's.

We can be sure that we know God  
only by keeping his commandments.  
Anyone who says, 'I know him',  
and does not keep his commandments,

is a liar,  
refusing to admit the truth.  
But when anyone does obey what he has said,  
God's love comes to perfection in him.

### Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!  
Lord Jesus, explain the Scriptures to us.  
Make our hearts burn within us as you talk to us.  
Alleluia!

### Gospel

**Luke 24:35-48**

The disciples told their story of what had happened on the road and how they had recognised Jesus at the breaking of bread.

They were still talking about all this when Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, 'Peace be with you!' In a state of alarm and fright, they thought they were seeing a ghost. But he said, 'Why are you so agitated, and why are these doubts rising in your hearts? Look at my hands and feet; yes, it is I indeed. Touch me and see for yourselves; a ghost has no flesh and bones as you can see I have.' And as he said this he showed them his hands and feet. Their joy was so great that they still could not believe it, and they stood there dumbfounded; so he said to them, 'Have you anything here to eat?' And they offered him a piece of grilled fish, which he took and ate before their eyes.

Then he told them, 'This is what I meant when I said, while I was still with you, that everything written about me in the Law of Moses, in the Prophets and in the Psalms has to be fulfilled.' He then opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, 'So you see how it is written that the Christ would suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, and that, in his name, repentance for the forgiveness of sins would be preached to all the nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses to this.'

### Prayer over the Offerings

Receive, O Lord, we pray,  
these offerings of your exultant Church,  
and, as you have given her cause for such great gladness,  
grant also that the gifts we bring  
may bear fruit in perpetual happiness.  
Through Christ our Lord.

### Communion Antiphon

The disciples recognized the Lord Jesus  
in the breaking of the bread, alleluia.

### Prayer after Communion

Look with kindness upon your people, O Lord,  
and grant, we pray,  
that those you were pleased to renew by eternal mysteries  
may attain in their flesh  
the incorruptible glory of the resurrection.  
Through Christ our Lord.