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DAY	ST JOHN'S	ST JOSEPH'S	INTENTION
<i>Easter Feria</i>	4.00pm Vigil Mass		Eamon Boyle RIP
Year B	8.45am Mass		Tekla Dembska RIP
Sunday 28th April		10.00am Mass	People of the Parish
FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER	11.15am Mass		Jery in Thanksgiving
White		<i>5.00pm Confessions</i> 5.30pm Mass	Holy Souls
Monday 29 th <i>Feast of St Catherine of Siena</i>		9.30am Mass	Michael Parsons RIP
Tuesday 30 th <i>Easter Feria</i>	9.30am Mass		Annette Boon RIP
Wednesday 1 st <i>Memorial of St. Joseph the Worker</i>	7.00pm Memorial Mass	9.30am Mass at School	V J Mathew RIP Rachel Smith RIP
Thursday 2 nd <i>Memorial of St Athanasius</i>	9.30am Mass 10.30am School Mass		Michael Kearns RIP Holy Souls
Friday 3 rd <i>Feast of Ss Philip and James, Apostles</i>	<i>Confession & Holy Hour</i> <i>6.00-7.00pm</i>	9.30am Mass	Mary Bills RIP
Saturday 4 th	10.00am Mass <i>Confession 10.30 – 11am</i>		Jerron Xavier
<i>Feast of the English Martyrs</i>	4.00pm Vigil Mass		Hannah & Iannah
Year B	8.45am Mass		People of the Parish
Sunday 5th May		10.00am Mass	Holy Souls
SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER	11.15am Mass		Generoso Crispino
White		<i>5.00pm Confessions</i> 5.30pm Mass	Sheila Mangan

CAFOD'S SUDAN CRISIS APPEAL - Millions of families in Sudan, forced to flee their homes amid conflict, now face yet another urgent crisis – extreme hunger. Please give to CAFOD's Sudan Crisis Appeal in church or at cafod.org.uk/sudanappeal. Your donation will help CAFOD's partners to support more families with food packages and emergency cash payments as well as rebuilding water pipelines so clean water can reach communities who need it. Thank you for your generosity and prayers.

You can also text Text **CAFODSUDAN** to **70450** to donate £10.

YOUTH BAKE SALE - After this morning's Masses at St John's Church - 8.45am & 11.15am.

Sunday 5th May at St Joseph's after the 10am Mass.

Please support this youth initiative to raise funds for Flame 2025 and other youth events.

FR. SEAN FUNDRAISING – Since moving to Banbury at the end of 2023, being chaplain at BGN School has been a joy and a privilege. I love working with young people, especially having the opportunity to share the Good News of Jesus Christ with them! I was therefore very happy when I was invited to join the school to be their chaplain on their pilgrimage to the Shrine of Our Lady in Lourdes in May, 2024.

I'm very eager not to add anything further to the costs of the young people and their families by imposing my own cost onto their bill; they have already worked so hard to fundraise! Therefore, if you would be willing to make a contribution to help support me in going, I would be most grateful.



Please donate securely online using Just giving using the QR code on the left or the following link:
justgiving.com/crowdfunding/frseanlourdes or with cash in a clear marked envelope. Many thanks!

I will offer three masses whilst in Lourdes for the intention of all benefactors and will also pray the rosary at the Grotto of Our Lady for your intentions. Thanks so much!
Fr Sean.

FLAME 2025 – Saturday 15th March 2025. Tickets are now available for the biggest Catholic gathering of young people and adults in the UK at Wembley Arena! The cost is £49 which includes the ticket & coach transport to the venue. Please contact Marie Westmoreland @ marie.westmoreland.uk@gmail.com as soon as possible to secure your place, a £10 deposit must be received by the 31st May. The event is for young people of 14 yrs and above however children in school years 7 or 8 can attend if accompanied by a parent or legal guardian. Flame is a fantastic faith experience which is attended by 10,000 Catholic youth from all over the UK, it is an event of music and inspirational speakers. Fr. Sean is hoping to join us too! Please get in touch with Marie for further information.

MASS INTENTIONS: The Mass is the greatest prayer because it is the perfect offering of Christ to the Father, making present the Paschal Mystery of His death and resurrection. It is a longstanding tradition in the Church that a Priest may be requested to offer a Mass for a specific intention, even if you can't physically be present at that Mass. You can ask for mass to be offered for the Repose of the Soul of the deceased, in thanksgiving, for the sick or any other good intention. If you would like to have a mass offered for your intention, please use one of the mass intention envelopes available at the back of church. It is customary to offer a donation (typically about £10) for the priest who offers mass for your intention. Envelopes can either be handed into the office or put into the presbytery post-box.

PADRE PIO – The next meeting is at 10.30am on Tuesday 30th April in the Tandy Room.

ST. JOSEPH THE WORKER FEAST DAY - On Wednesday 1st May, the parish mass will be celebrated in St Joseph's Catholic Primary School, at the usual time of 9.30 a.m. The staff and children of St Joseph's would like to extend a warm welcome to parishioners to join us in school on this, our Patronal Feast Day.

MASS FOR RACHEL SMITH - Please join us for Mass on Wednesday 1st May at 7pm to celebrate the life of Miss Rachel Smith (R.I.P) who taught RE at BGN for the entirety of her teaching career. She is so hugely missed by her friends and colleagues, and we come together on this evening to remember her. The BGN choir which was such a beloved part of Rachel's life will be in attendance and past members are most welcome to join.

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.

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

LUNCH CLUB – The next lunch is on Mon 13th May at 12.30pm in the Dupuis Centre. Please contact Marilena to confirm your attendance.

BGN VACANCIES – BGN School are currently recruiting for an Assistant Subject teacher in Science and a Science Teacher. Please see the notice board or go to the school website for more information.

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

PARISH WHATSAPP COMMUNITY – Since the parish Whatsapp community was created a few months ago over 150 people have joined! It has proved a is a great way to send out important messages to our community and the newsletter is posted on it every Friday. Best part is, only administrators of the group can post messages, so no spam. A QR code for joining is on the front.

Please pray for the dead ...

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

- 28 Eamon Boyle 2022; Dorothy Jubey 2020; Eileen O’Sullivan 2014; Pamela Rawson 2013; Francesca Thomas; Catrina Ashwell 2001; Edward Lawrence 1995; John Mullally 1992; Hilda Bower 1987
- 29 Mary Griffin 2018; Bridget Hayes 2001
- 30 Wendy Dailly 2016; Bill Gibbs 2014; Denis Pethebridge 2013; David Kirk 2006; Elizabeth Preedy 1994
- 01 John Brennan 2022; Jamie Smith 2021; June Cullimore 2017; John McLaughlin 2014; Lucia Yates 2008; Tyrone Noble 2007; Thomas O’Cleary 2000; Tom Hutchings 1998
- 02 Stephanie Tucker 2021; Michael Kearns 2016; James Ferris 1999
- 03 Vincent Burns 2019; Walter Breakwell 1989; Leonard Palmer 1986; James Kinsella 1983
- 04 No recorded anniversaries

***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>21 APRIL</u>	<u>ST JOHN’S</u>	<u>ST JOSEPH’S</u>
Gift Aid:	£ 30.00	£ 37.00	
Non-Gift Aid:	£ 719.14	£ 285.50	
Contactless Card:	£ 145.00	-----	
QR code	£ 10.00	-----	
Clergy Training Fund	£ 700.00	£ 147.65	

This weekend’s second collection is for CAFOD’s Sudan Crisis Appeal.

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

O sing a new song to the Lord,
for he has worked wonders;
in the sight of the nations
he has shown his deliverance, alleluia.

Collect

Almighty ever-living God,
constantly accomplish the Paschal Mystery within us,
that those you were pleased to make new in Holy Baptism
may, under your protective care, bear much fruit
and come to the joys of life eternal.
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 9:26-31

When Saul got to Jerusalem he tried to join the disciples, but they were all afraid of him: they could not believe he was really a disciple. Barnabas, however, took charge of him, introduced him to the apostles, and explained how the Lord had appeared to Saul and spoken to him on his journey, and how he had preached boldly at Damascus in the name of Jesus. Saul now started to go round with them in Jerusalem, preaching fearlessly in the name of the Lord. But after he had spoken to the Hellenists, and argued with them, they became determined to kill him. When the brothers knew, they took him to Caesarea, and sent him off from there to Tarsus.

The churches throughout Judaea, Galilee and Samaria were now left in peace, building themselves up, living in the fear of the Lord, and filled with the consolation of the Holy Spirit.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 21(22):26-28,30-32

You, Lord, are my praise in the great assembly. R/.

My vows I will pay before those who fear him.

The poor shall eat and shall have their fill.

They shall praise the Lord, those who seek him.

May their hearts live for ever and ever! *R/.*

All the earth shall remember and return to the Lord,

all families of the nations worship before him;

They shall worship him, all the mighty of the earth;

before him shall bow all who go down to the dust. *R/.*

And my soul shall live for him, my children serve him.

They shall tell of the Lord to generations yet to come,
declare his faithfulness to peoples yet unborn:

‘These things the Lord has done.’ *R/.*

Second reading

1 John 3:18-24

My children,

our love is not to be just words or mere talk,

but something real and active;

only by this can we be certain

that we are children of the truth

and be able to quieten our conscience in his presence,

whatever accusations it may raise against us,

because God is greater than our conscience and he knows
everything.

My dear people,

if we cannot be condemned by our own conscience,

we need not be afraid in God’s presence,

and whatever we ask him,

we shall receive,

because we keep his commandments

and live the kind of life that he wants.

His commandments are these:

that we believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ

and that we love one another

as he told us to.

Whoever keeps his commandments

lives in God and God lives in him.

We know that he lives in us

by the Spirit that he has given us.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Make your home in me, as I make mine in you.

Whoever remains in me bears fruit in plenty.

Alleluia!

Gospel

John 15:1-8

Jesus said to his disciples:

‘I am the true vine,

and my Father is the vinedresser.

Every branch in me that bears no fruit

he cuts away,

and every branch that does bear fruit

he prunes to make it bear even more.

You are pruned already,

by means of the word that I have spoken to you.

Make your home in me, as I make mine in you.

As a branch cannot bear fruit all by itself,

but must remain part of the vine,

neither can you unless you remain in me.

I am the vine,

you are the branches.

Whoever remains in me, with me in him,

bears fruit in plenty;

for cut off from me you can do nothing.

Anyone who does not remain in me

is like a branch that has been thrown away – he withers;

these branches are collected and thrown on the fire,

and they are burnt.

If you remain in me

and my words remain in you,

you may ask what you will

and you shall get it.

It is to the glory of my Father that you should bear much fruit,

and then you will be my disciples.’

Prayer over the Offerings

O God, who by the wonderful exchange effected in this
sacrifice

have made us partakers of the one supreme Godhead,

grant, we pray,

that, as we have come to know your truth,

we may make it ours by a worthy way of life.

Through Christ our Lord.

Communion Antiphon

I am the true vine and you are the branches, says the Lord.

Whoever remains in me, and I in him, bears fruit in plenty,

alleluia.

Prayer after Communion

Graciously be present to your people, we pray, O Lord,

and lead those you have imbued with heavenly mysteries

to pass from former ways to newness of life.

Through Christ our Lord.