



# CATHOLIC BANBURY

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## ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST

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DAY	ST JOHN'S	ST JOSEPH'S	INTENTION
	<b>4.00pm Vigil Mass</b>		Alex Leonard RIP
Year B	<b>8.45am Mass</b>		Jan Blonski RIP
<b>Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> May</b>		<b>10.00am Mass</b>	John Hirons RIP
<b>SOLEMNITY OF THE MOST HOLY TRINITY</b>	<b>11.15am Mass</b>		Personal Intention
White		<i>5.00pm Confessions</i> <b>5.30pm Mass</b>	For the sick in the Parish
Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> <i>Feast of St Augustine of Canterbury</i>		<b>9.30am Mass</b>	Edward Cullen
Tuesday 28 <sup>th</sup> <i>Feria in Ordinary Time</i>	<b>9.30am Mass</b>		Mary Griffin
Wednesday 29 <sup>th</sup> <i>The Solemnity of Dedication</i>		<b>10am Holy Hour &amp; Benediction</b>	
Thursday 30 <sup>th</sup> <i>Feria in Ordinary Time</i>	<b>9.30am Mass</b>		Mary Bradbury
Friday 31 <sup>st</sup> <i>Feast of the Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i>	<i>Confession &amp; Holy Hour</i> 6.00-7.00pm	<b>9.30am Mass</b>	Mary Duckett
Saturday 1 <sup>st</sup> June	<b>10.00am Mass</b> <i>Confession 10.30 – 11am</i>		Holy Souls
<i>Memorial of St Justin, Martyr</i>	<b>4.00pm Vigil Mass</b>		Tom Mannion RIP
Year B		<b>8.30am Mass</b> <b>St Thomas' Wroxton</b>	Holy Souls
	<b>8.45am Mass</b>		Marianne Balazs
<b>Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> June</b>		<b>10.00am Mass</b>	Henry Allen
<b>CORPUS CHRISTI</b>	<b>11.15am Mass</b>		Joseph & Caroline Cullen, 40 <sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary
White		<i>5.00pm Confessions</i> <b>5.30pm Mass</b>	Holy Souls

## **TODAY IS THE SOLEMNITY OF THE MOST HOLY TRINITY.**

This feast is different in nature from many of the feasts and solemnities we celebrate throughout the year. Usually, the feasts of the year celebrate something that happened – the Annunciation, Christmas, Easter, the Ascension, the Assumption etc. They also celebrate people – the saints – who inspire us on our pilgrim way and intercede for us – the feasts of St Peter and Paul, St John the Baptist, St Mary Magdalene, St Theresa etc.

However, today's feast – like next Sunday's feast of Corpus Christi – celebrates, not a person or an event, but a doctrine or dogma (sound teaching) of the Church.

Christianity is a religion of revelation. Everything we can say about God He has revealed.

Today's solemnity celebrates the greatest of all mysteries – God himself – who has revealed Himself as one God in three persons – Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

**CONGRATULATIONS** to a good number of our younger parishioners who were confirmed last Tuesday or Wednesday. Thanks also for those who prepared the candidates both in the parish groups and in our two schools. Please pray for them that the gifts of the Holy Spirit may bring forth the fruits of the Holy Spirit in their lives as Catholic Christians.

**SOCIAL COMMITTEE** - Are you someone with ideas and sparkle, young or old, to be part of a group to plan social events across St Joseph's and St John's communities? It would be good to have events through the year for children, families, seniors etc, to help grow a sense of community. It won't mean doing everything, but to be a part of planning and organising – and should be fun! Have a word with one of the clergy or email the office if you could be a part of it.

**FINANCE COMMITTEE** - This is a committee that is necessary, both in Canon Law, and for the financial wellbeing of the parish. It isn't just staring at figures – though accounts are part of it – but the committee is to oversee maintenance and building projects as well as personnel. If you have experience in business, finance, buildings, personnel then you could play an important role in the parish. The Committee oversees the finances of both St Joseph's (with St Thomas) and St John's. It would be good to have an extra voice or two from St Joseph's. The duties aren't onerous – perhaps four or five meetings a year – at a time to suit the members of the committee.

**ST JOHN'S CHOIR** – We are looking for enthusiastic singers to join our music groups for any of the Sunday masses. No experience necessary, just a joy of singing and willingness to take part. Please contact the parish office or chat to one of the musicians after mass.

**BAPTISM PREPARATION CLASS** – Before a date can be arranged for an infant or child under 7's Baptism, the parents or legal guardians must attend a preparation class. Please contact the office for further details.

**LOURDES PRAYERS** – Any prayers for Fr. Sean to take to Lourdes can be left in the basket at the back of St. John's Church today. He will take these when he goes to Lourdes on Monday.

**CARITAS DEVELOPMENT LEAD** - Coleshill, Warwickshire, Home Based and travel across the region, 30 Hours per week. Working days to be discussed with the successful candidate.

Visit [www.fatherhudsons.org.uk](http://www.fatherhudsons.org.uk) for an application form or e-mail [recruitment@fatherhudsons.org.uk](mailto:recruitment@fatherhudsons.org.uk) quoting post reference number P1792 Closing Date Wednesday 5th June 2024 - Interviews Thursday 13th June 2024.

**PADRE PIO** – The next meeting is on Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> May at 10.30am in The Tandy Room.

**GOOD GRIEF CAFÉ** – the next Café meeting is on Sat 1 June, 10.00am-12.00noon in the Brabazon Room, Dupuis Centre. For anyone who has suffered a bereavement, join us for support and refreshments.

**CAFOD** - As we look ahead to next year's Jubilee. CAFOD invites you to Ripples of Hope, a special day of reflection, prayer and spiritual nourishment led by well known and much loved Catholic speaker, teacher and author David Wells. The event will be held on Saturday 8 June 2024 at The Dormer Conference Centre, St Peter Apostle Catholic Church, Leamington Spa, CV32 5AA from 11.00am – 4.00pm (a light lunch will be provided). To attend please register here: <https://cafod.org.uk/news/events/ripples-of-hope>

**200<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF ST. JOHN HENRY NEWMAN'S FIRST SERMON** - On Sunday 23rd June there is a celebration in the village church where this sermon was delivered, Over Worton, OX7 7ER.

You are invited for a talk by Mgr Rod Strange at 3pm, afternoon tea and 5pm Evensong, with Archbishop Bernard preaching.

Places are limited please, to book please contact [fr.david.hartley@rcaob.org.uk](mailto:fr.david.hartley@rcaob.org.uk) to be added to the list.

## **THE CLOSING OF BANBURY AND WARWICK DEANERY**

**VISITATION** - There will be a celebration of Vespers (Evening Prayer) at 7pm on Tuesday 27th June, followed by a meeting in the John Paul II Centre, at which the Archbishop and the Episcopal Vicar will reflect on their visits to the parishes and look towards the future.

**WORK EXPERIENCE** – The St. Vincent de Paul Society and CAFOD are working together to offer residential work experience for 20 young adults in England and Wales. Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> – Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> July in London. Candidates must be between 20-30 years old and have a passion for justice. All accommodation costs, meals and travel to the office throughout the week are covered.

For more information, please contact :

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**ST. JOSEPH'S SCHOOL** - Recently governors from one of our parish primary schools spoke at the end of Mass about joining the governing body. If you are interested or want to know more about giving service in this way please do email [rnuttt@st-josephs-banbury.oxon.sch.uk](mailto:rnuttt@st-josephs-banbury.oxon.sch.uk) or [bblanchfield@st-josephs-banbury.oxon.sch.uk](mailto:bblanchfield@st-josephs-banbury.oxon.sch.uk)

**GIFT AID ENVELOPES** – There are still a number of Gift Aid envelopes to be collected from the parish office, the office is open between 8.30 and 3pm on a Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. Otherwise after weekend masses if more convenient.

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

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

- 26 Veronica Langan 2019; Bridget Phillips 2017; Donald Bonner 2012; Margaret Caufield 1996; Margaret Fox 1987
- 27 Jean Meredith 2005
- 28 Joe O’Connell 2022; Don Coady 2015; Sarah Hopkins 2013; Christopher Kinsey 2002; Ethel Harris 1986
- 29 Sheila Palmer 2021; Robin Aston 2017; Carol Bell 2017; Benito Pannozzo 2015; Joseph O’Neill 2013; Helen Davies 2009; Theresa Piskor 1995
- 30 John Cully 2001; Yvonne Boscott 1994
- 31 Virginia Grossi 2020; Dinah Hartnett 2020; David Vale 2010; Elizabeth May 1998; Henry Bovington-Croucher 1996; Gerard Rees 1993; James Heywood 1990
- 01 Phyllis Gilkes 2019; Marjorie Burr 2007; Michael Breslin 2006; Mary Grimshaw 2002; Sybil Merritt 2002; Jean Bethell 1998; Phyllis Chilton 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, Marianne Balazs, 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>19 MAY</u></b>	<b><u>ST JOHN’S</u></b>	<b><u>ST JOSEPH’S</u></b>
Gift Aid:	£ 65.00	£ 77.00	
Non-Gift Aid:	£ 727.88	£ 286.20	
Contactless Card:	£ 21.00	£ 60.00	
QR code	£ 5.00	-----	

**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 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

Blest be God the Father,  
and the Only Begotten Son of God,  
and also the Holy Spirit,  
for he has shown us his merciful love.

## Collect

God our Father, who by sending into the world  
the Word of truth and the Spirit of sanctification  
made known to the human race your wondrous mystery,  
grant us, we pray, that in professing the true faith,  
we may acknowledge the Trinity of eternal glory  
and adore your Unity, powerful in majesty.  
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

**Deuteronomy 4:32-34,39-40**

Moses said to the people: 'Put this question to the ages that are past, that went before you, from the time God created man on earth: Was there ever a word so majestic, from one end of heaven to the other? Was anything ever heard? Did ever a people hear the voice of the living God speaking from the heart of the fire, as you heard it, and remain alive? Has any god ventured to take to himself one nation from the midst of another by ordeals, signs, wonders, war with mighty hand and outstretched arm, by fearsome terrors – all this that the Lord your God did for you before your eyes in Egypt?

'Understand this today, therefore, and take it to heart: the Lord is God indeed, in heaven above as on earth beneath, he and no other. Keep his laws and commandments as I give them to you today, so that you and your children may prosper and live long in the land that the Lord your God gives you for ever.'

## Responsorial Psalm

**Psalm 32(33):4-6,9,18-20,22**

*Happy the people the Lord has chosen as his own. R/.*

For the word of the Lord is faithful  
and all his works to be trusted.

The Lord loves justice and right  
and fills the earth with his love. *R/.*

By his word the heavens were made,  
by the breath of his mouth all the stars.

He spoke; and it came to be.

He commanded; it sprang into being. *R/.*

The Lord looks on those who revere him,  
on those who hope in his love,  
to rescue their souls from death,  
to keep them alive in famine. *R/.*

Our soul is waiting for the Lord.

The Lord is our help and our shield.

May your love be upon us, O Lord,  
as we place all our hope in you. *R/.*

## Second reading

**Romans 8:14-17**

Everyone moved by the Spirit is a son of God. The spirit you received is not the spirit of slaves bringing fear into your lives again; it is the spirit of sons, and it makes us cry out, 'Abba, Father!' The Spirit himself and our spirit bear united witness that we are children of God. And if we are children we are heirs as well: heirs of God and co-heirs with Christ, sharing his sufferings so as to share his glory.

## Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy  
Spirit;

the God who is, who was, and who is to come.

Alleluia!

## Gospel

**Matthew 28:16-20**

The eleven disciples set out for Galilee, to the mountain where Jesus had arranged to meet them. When they saw him they fell down before him, though some hesitated. Jesus came up and spoke to them. He said, 'All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go, therefore, make disciples of all the nations; baptise them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teach them to observe all the commands I gave you. And know that I am with you always; yes, to the end of time.'

## Prayer over the Offerings

Sanctify by the invocation of your name,  
we pray, O Lord our God,  
this oblation of our service,  
and by it make of us an eternal offering to you.  
Through Christ our Lord.

## Communion Antiphon

Since you are children of God,  
God has sent into your hearts the Spirit of his Son,  
the Spirit who cries out: Abba, Father.

## Prayer after Communion

May receiving this Sacrament, O Lord our God,  
bring us health of body and soul,  
as we confess your eternal holy Trinity and undivided  
Unity.  
Through Christ our Lord.