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DAY	ST JOHN'S	ST JOSEPH'S	INTENTION
<i>Easter Feria</i>	4.00pm Vigil Mass		Hannah & Iannah
Year B		8.30am St. Thomas' Wroxton	Holy Souls
Sunday 5th May	8.45am Mass		People of the Parish
SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER		10.00am Mass	Holy Souls
White	11.15am Mass		Generoso Crispino
		<i>5.00pm Confessions</i> 5.30pm Mass	Sheila Mangan Int.
Monday 6 th		9.30am Mass	Mona & Terry Browne RIP
<i>Easter Feria</i>			
Tuesday 7 th	9.30am Mass		Holy Souls
<i>Easter Feria</i>			
Wednesday 8 th		9.30am Mass <i>10am Holy Hour</i>	The Malone Family
<i>Easter Feria</i>			
Thursday 9 th	9.30am Mass	9.30am Mass	Holy Souls
Solemnity of the Ascension of The Lord	10.45am School Mass		Holy Souls
White	6.30pm Mass		Holy Souls
Friday 10 th		9.30am Mass	Rachel Smith RIP
<i>Memorial of St. John of Avila</i>	<i>Confession & Holy Hour</i> <i>6.00-7.00pm</i>		
Saturday 11 th	10.00am Mass <i>Confession 10.30 – 11am</i>		Holy Souls
<i>Easter Feria</i>	4.00pm Vigil Mass		Michael & Kathleen Szykarewicz RIP
Year B	8.45am Mass		People of the Parish
Sunday 12th May		10.00am Mass	Holy Souls
SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER	11.15am Mass		Leo & Stephanie Tucker RIP
White		<i>5.00pm Confessions</i> 5.30pm Mass	Holy Souls

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.

FLAME 2025 – Saturday 15th March 2025. Tickets are now available for the biggest biennial Catholic gathering of young people and adults in the UK at Wembley Arena! Ticket allocation and reservation need to be made now to secure places.

Cost: £49 (includes ticket & coach transport to London).

£10 deposit needed by 31st May.

Please contact Marie Westmoreland @ marie.westmoreland.uk@gmail.com

Please get in contact with Marie for further information.

FLAME is pitched for people 14 yrs and upwards.

Children in school years Y7 & Y8 are welcome too if accompanied by a parent.

We recommend FLAME to our young people and adults as a fantastic faith experience to be among 10,000 other Catholics from around the UK for an event of inspirational speakers, music and prayer. Fr Sean is hoping to join us too!

YOUTH BAKE SALE - After this morning's 10am mass at St. Joseph's Church.

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

FR. SEAN FUNDRAISING – Thank you so much for your kind donations, I have now reached the target amount which is truly fantastic.

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.

Fr Sean.



AUXILIARY BISHOPS - The Holy Father Pope Francis has appointed Mgr Timothy Menezes, Dean of St Chad's Cathedral, and Canon Richard Walker, Vicar General, to be new Auxiliary Bishops to serve our Archdiocese. Many of you will remember Cn. Richard from his time here as our Parish Priest and will be delighted to hear this news.

Please keep them both in your prayers. Information regarding the Episcopal Ordination of Bishops-Elect Mgr Timothy and Canon Richard will be shared in due course.

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. These classes are led by Fr. Sean and are held on the first Tuesday of every month at 7pm in the Dupuis Centre. Please contact the parish office if you would like to attend a class so that we can confirm your place.

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.

MARY'S MEALS – April's lunch raised £621.78, thank you for your continuing support and generosity. The date of the next lunch is Friday 31st May.

BGN VACANCIES – BGN School are currently recruiting for an Assistant Headteacher, Assistant Subject Teacher in Science, a Science Teacher and a Teacher of Modern Foreign Languages (maternity cover). Please see the notice board or go to the school website for more information.

200 CLUB – April's winning tickets are; 1st prize: £146.25, No. 25; 2nd prize: £87.75, No. 126; 3rd prize: £58.50, No 141. Congratulations!

CONTACTLESS CARD DONATIONS – There is now a card reader available at St. Joseph's church, please do not forget to gift aid your donations if you are a tax payer. Thank you for your continued generosity.

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 160 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. If you have an notices that you would like to be highlighted on the group, please contact Nicola in the Parish office.

CAFOD - A Year of Encounter. With a UK general election due sometime this year, politicians will be looking for our votes. We have a responsibility as Catholics to make sure that parties commit to tackling issues such as poverty and injustice. Raising our voices and contacting parliamentary candidates as a parish community will send a strong signal to those standing for election in our local constituencies. A *Year of Encounter* is a joint initiative between CAFOD and St Vincent de Paul Society (SVP), equipping Catholics to ask key questions of local candidates at the key moments. Please see cafod.org.uk/encounter for more information.

Please pray for the dead ...

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

- 05 Derek Gardener 1994; Caleb Yexley 2000
- 06 Catalina Perez 2020; Christopher Farmer 2013; Bernard Middleton 2013; Gwen Coggins 2013; Patrick Forde 1995; Rosamund Wetherall 1988
- 07 Robert Hillier 2013; Annie Stevens 2012; Francis Taylor 2007; David Turner 2004; Jerzy Kochout 1997; May Davis 1996; Sylvia Turner 1989
- 08 Violet Jackson 2009; Maria Grossi 2006; Gabrielle Reynolds 2005; James Boyle 2001; Winifrid Shears 2000; Michael Szykarewicz 1999; Charles Bradley 1996; Dorothy Mawle 1988
- 09 Dermot Keohane 2015; Patricia Morin 2007; Philip Cotter 2006
- 10 Norah Humphrey 2015; Francis Byrne 2004; Reginald Burke 1983
- 11 Mary Upton 2013; William Quinn 2012; Robert Kirby 1994; Georgina Almond 1988; George Maxwell 1984

***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>28 APRIL</u>	<u>ST JOHN'S</u>	<u>ST JOSEPH'S</u>
Gift Aid:	£ 55.00	£ 47.00	
Non-Gift Aid:	£ 724.33	£ 251.67	
Contactless Card:	£ 102.00	-----	
QR code	£ -----	-----	
CAFOD Sudan Appeal	£ 475.29	£ 177.71	

Next weekend's collection is for Catholic Communications.

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

Proclaim a joyful sound and let it be heard;
proclaim to the ends of the earth:
The Lord has freed his people, alleluia.

Collect

Grant, almighty God,
that we may celebrate with heartfelt devotion these days of joy,
which we keep in honour of the risen Lord,
and that what we relive in remembrance
we may always hold to in what we do.
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 10:25-26,34-35,44-48

As Peter reached the house Cornelius went out to meet him, knelt at his feet and prostrated himself. But Peter helped him up. 'Stand up,' he said 'I am only a man after all!'

Then Peter addressed them: 'The truth I have now come to realise' he said 'is that God does not have favourites, but that anybody of any nationality who fears God and does what is right is acceptable to him.'

While Peter was still speaking the Holy Spirit came down on all the listeners. Jewish believers who had accompanied Peter were all astonished that the gift of the Holy Spirit should be poured out on the pagans too, since they could hear them speaking strange languages and proclaiming the greatness of God. Peter himself then said, 'Could anyone refuse the water of baptism to these people, now they have received the Holy Spirit just as much as we have?' He then gave orders for them to be baptised in the name of Jesus Christ. Afterwards they begged him to stay on for some days.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 97(98):1-4

The Lord has shown his salvation to the nations. R/.

Sing a new song to the Lord
for he has worked wonders.
His right hand and his holy arm
have brought salvation. **R/.**

The Lord has made known his salvation;
has shown his justice to the nations.
He has remembered his truth and love
for the house of Israel. **R/.**

All the ends of the earth have seen
the salvation of our God.
Shout to the Lord, all the earth,
ring out your joy. **R/.**

Second reading

1 John 4:7-10

My dear people,
let us love one another
since love comes from God
and everyone who loves is begotten by God and knows God.
Anyone who fails to love can never have known God,
because God is love.
God's love for us was revealed
when God sent into the world his only Son
so that we could have life through him;
this is the love I mean:
not our love for God,
but God's love for us when he sent his Son
to be the sacrifice that takes our sins away.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!
Jesus said: 'If anyone loves me he will keep my word,
and my Father will love him,
and we shall come to him.'
Alleluia!

Gospel

John 15:9-17

Jesus said to his disciples:
'As the Father has loved me,
so I have loved you.
Remain in my love.
If you keep my commandments
you will remain in my love,
just as I have kept my Father's commandments
and remain in his love.
I have told you this
so that my own joy may be in you
and your joy be complete.
This is my commandment:
love one another, as I have loved you.
A man can have no greater love
than to lay down his life for his friends.
You are my friends,
if you do what I command you.
I shall not call you servants any more,
because a servant does not know
his master's business;
I call you friends,
because I have made known to you
everything I have learnt from my Father.
You did not choose me:
no, I chose you;
and I commissioned you
to go out and to bear fruit,
fruit that will last;
and then the Father will give you
anything you ask him in my name.
What I command you
is to love one another.'

Prayer over the Offerings

May our prayers rise up to you, O Lord,
together with the sacrificial offerings,
so that, purified by your graciousness,
we may be conformed to the mysteries of your mighty love.
Through Christ our Lord.

Communion Antiphon

If you love me, keep my commandments, says the Lord,
and I will ask the Father and he will send you another Paraclete,
to abide with you for ever, alleluia.

Prayer after Communion

Almighty ever-living God,
who restore us to eternal life in the Resurrection of Christ,
increase in us, we pray, the fruits of this paschal Sacrament
and pour into our hearts the strength of this saving food.
Through Christ our Lord.