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| DAY | ST JOHN'S | ST JOSEPH'S | INTENTION |
|---------------------------------------|---|---|------------------------------------|
| <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 |
| Monday 13 th | | 9.30am Mass | Joe Durcan RIP |
| <i>Easter Feria</i> | | | |
| Tuesday 14 th | 9.30am Mass | | Special Intention |
| <i>Feast of St. Matthias, Apostle</i> | | | |
| Wednesday 15 th | | 9.30am Mass <i>10am Holy Hour</i> | Holy Souls |
| <i>Easter Feria</i> | | | |
| Thursday 16 th | 9.30am Mass | | Michael Digby RIP |
| <i>Easter Feria</i> | 10.30am School Mass | | Holy Souls |
| Friday 17 th | | 9.30am Mass | Juan Herrera |
| <i>Easter Feria</i> | <i>Confession & Holy Hour</i> <i>6.00-7.00pm</i> | | |
| Saturday 18 th | 10.00am Mass <i>Confession 10.30 – 11am</i> | | Hannah & Iannah |
| <i>Easter Feria</i> | 4.00pm Vigil Mass | | Oran O'Kane |
| Year B | 8.45am Mass | | Shean Sherin in Thanksgiving. |
| Sunday 19th May | | 10.00am Mass | People of the Parish |
| SOLEMNITY OF PENTECOST | 11.15am Mass | | Holy Souls |
| Red | | <i>5.00pm Confessions</i> 5.30pm Mass | Holy Souls |

Welcome to Mass, with a special welcome to anyone visiting the parish today.

Today's Sunday celebration is a bit of an in-between Sunday! Last Thursday we celebrated the wonderful feast of the Ascension of the Lord, and, after Jesus is parted from their sight, the apostles and disciples return to Jerusalem to await the gift Jesus had promised – the coming of the Holy Spirit. During these days between our Lord's Ascension and the coming of the Holy Spirit, the Apostles spent this time at prayer with Mary, the Mother of Jesus. It is the first ever novena, and is where the tradition of nine days of prayer – a novena – comes from. We could permeate these days of waiting with prayer, and maybe to let some words of Cardinal Mercier guide us:

I am going to reveal to you the secret of sanctity and happiness. Every day for five minutes control your imagination and close your eyes to all the noises of the world in order to enter into yourself. Then, in the sanctuary of your baptized soul (which is the temple of the Holy Spirit) speak to that Divine Spirit, saying to Him:

**O Holy Spirit, beloved of my soul, I adore You.
Enlighten me, guide me, strengthen me, console me.
Tell me what I should do; give me Your orders.
I promise to submit myself to all that You desire of me
and to accept all that You permit to happen to me.
Let me only know Your Will.**

If you do this, your life will flow along happily, serenely, and full of consolation, even in the midst of trials. Grace will be proportioned to the trial, giving you the strength to carry it and you will arrive at the Gate of Paradise, laden with merit. This submission to the Holy Spirit is the secret of sanctity.

In the coming days a good number of younger parishioners will be receiving the sacrament of Confirmation, and next Sunday Jon Fawcett will be received into the Full-Communion of the Catholic Church at St Joseph's. Please remember them all in your prayers.

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 FUNDRAISING - A huge thank you to our Parish community for baking and buying cakes to raise money for our young people to attend FLAME 2025. We raised a total of **£541.24** over the last two weekends which is fantastic! This will fund 11 young people to go to FLAME.

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 parish office for further details.

Divine Mercy Reflection - Saturday 25 May 2024 from 1 pm - 4:30 pm at *St. Anthony of Padua Catholic Church, 115 Headley Way, Headington, Oxford, OX3 7SS* given by The Divine Mercy Apostolate, London. The Reflection will include the Holy Rosary, teachings on the Message of Mercy, Stations of the Cross, Holy Mass, Hour of Mercy with Adoration and Benediction and Veneration of the Image of Merciful Jesus. All Welcome. Please call Millie on 07957594646 for more information.

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 a subject leader for PE, an Assistant Headteacher, 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 taxpayer. Thank you for your continued generosity.

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

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.

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:*

- 12 Patrick Stevens 2022; Alice Watts 2000; Winifred Shaw 1998; Florence Hillier 1986
- 13 Brian Reilly 2004; Muriel D'Silva 2001; Rocco Di'Benedetto 1996
- 14 Nellie Wilding 1992; Charles O'Sullivan 1987; William Herbert 1984
- 15 Ann Pockett 2020; Tony Mizzi 2017; Michael Vale 2013; Dorothy Tuzzio 2012; Emma Mifsud 2005; Kenneth Avenel-Evans 2005; John Cunnane 2003; Elizabeth Knight 1999; John Webber 1995; Ernest Bonner 1994; Norman Walsh 1993; Ivy Brock 1983
- 16 Philip Hemmings 2010; William Cole 1994; James McLoughlin 1987
- 17 Janet Wallace 2018; Bridie Murray 2015; Thomas Boscott 2014; Anthony Mitchell 2008; Tom Larkin 2002
- 18 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, 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

| Weekly Income: | 05 MAY | ST JOHN'S | ST JOSEPH'S |
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| Gift Aid: | | £ 25.00 | £ 128.00 |
| Non-Gift Aid: | | £ 677.25 | £ 279.60 |
| Contactless Card: | | £ 277.00 | £ 26.00 |
| QR code | | £ 25.00 | ----- |

This weekend's collection is for Catholic Communications.

GENERAL TIMES FOR SACRAMENTS AND OTHER CELEBRATIONS

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| 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 Lord, hear my voice, for I have called to you;
of you my heart has spoken: Seek his face;
hide not your face from me, alleluia.

Collect

Graciously hear our supplications, O Lord,
so that we, who believe that the Saviour of the human race
is with you in your glory,
may experience, as he promised,
until the end of the world,
his abiding presence among us.
Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
God, for ever and ever.

First reading

Acts 1:15-17,20-26

One day Peter stood up to speak to the brothers – there were
about a hundred and twenty persons in the congregation:
‘Brothers, the passage of scripture had to be fulfilled in which
the Holy Spirit, speaking through David, foretells the fate of
Judas, who offered himself as a guide to the men who arrested
Jesus – after having been one of our number and actually
sharing this ministry of ours. Now in the Book of Psalms it
says:

Let someone else take his office.

‘We must therefore choose someone who has been with us the
whole time that the Lord Jesus was travelling round with us,
someone who was with us right from the time when John was
baptising until the day when he was taken up from us – and he
can act with us as a witness to his resurrection.’

Having nominated two candidates, Joseph known as
Barsabbas, whose surname was Justus, and Matthias, they
prayed, ‘Lord, you can read everyone’s heart; show us therefore
which of these two you have chosen to take over this ministry
and apostolate, which Judas abandoned to go to his proper
place.’ They then drew lots for them, and as the lot fell to
Matthias, he was listed as one of the twelve apostles.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 102(103):1-2,11-12,19-20

The Lord has set his sway in heaven. R/.

My soul, give thanks to the Lord
all my being, bless his holy name.

My soul, give thanks to the Lord
and never forget all his blessings. *R/.*

For as the heavens are high above the earth
so strong is his love for those who fear him.

As far as the east is from the west
so far does he remove our sins. *R/.*

The Lord has set his sway in heaven
and his kingdom is ruling over all.

Give thanks to the Lord, all his angels,
mighty in power, fulfilling his word. *R/.*

Second reading

1 John 4:11-16

My dear people,
since God has loved us so much,
we too should love one another.
No one has ever seen God;
but as long as we love one another
God will live in us
and his love will be complete in us.
We can know that we are living in him
and he is living in us

because he lets us share his Spirit.

We ourselves saw and we testify
that the Father sent his Son
as saviour of the world.

If anyone acknowledges that Jesus is the Son of God,
God lives in him, and he in God.

We ourselves have known and put our faith in
God’s love towards ourselves.

God is love
and anyone who lives in love lives in God,
and God lives in him.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

I will not leave you orphans, says the Lord;
I will come back to you,
and your hearts will be full of joy.
Alleluia!

Gospel

John 17:11-19

Jesus raised his eyes to heaven and said:

‘Holy Father,
keep those you have given me true to your name,
so that they may be one like us.

While I was with them,
I kept those you had given me true to your name.
I have watched over them
and not one is lost

except the one who chose to be lost,
and this was to fulfil the scriptures.

But now I am coming to you
and while still in the world I say these things
to share my joy with them to the full.

I passed your word on to them,
and the world hated them,
because they belong to the world
no more than I belong to the world.

I am not asking you to remove them from the world,
but to protect them from the evil one.

They do not belong to the world
any more than I belong to the world.

Consecrate them in the truth;
your word is truth.

As you sent me into the world,
I have sent them into the world,
and for their sake I consecrate myself
so that they too may be consecrated in truth.’

Prayer over the Offerings

Accept, O Lord, the prayers of your faithful
with the sacrificial offerings,
that through these acts of devotedness
we may pass over to the glory of heaven.
Through Christ our Lord.

Communion Antiphon

Father, I pray that they may be one
as we also are one, alleluia

Prayer after Communion

Hear us, O God our Saviour,
and grant us confidence,
that through these sacred mysteries
there will be accomplished in the body of the whole Church
what has already come to pass in Christ her Head.
Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.