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DAY	ST JOHN'S	ST JOSEPH'S	INTENTION
	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
Monday 20 th <i>Memorial of Mary, Mother of the Church</i>		9.30am Mass	Solomon Fernandez
Tuesday 21 st <i>Feria in Ordinary Time</i>	9.30am Mass	7.00pm Mass with Confirmation	Special Intention
Wednesday 22 nd <i>Feria in Ordinary Time</i>	7.00pm Mass with Confirmation	9.30am Mass <i>10am Holy Hour</i>	Jane Hatfield RIP
Thursday 23 rd <i>Feast of Our Lord Jesus Christ, Eternal High Priest</i>	9.30am Mass 10.30am School Mass		Holy Souls Holy Souls
Friday 24 th <i>Feria in Ordinary Time</i>	<i>Confession & Holy Hour</i> <i>6.00-7.00pm</i>	9.30am Mass	Eileen Shea in Thanksgiving
Saturday 25 th	10.00am Mass <i>Confession 10.30 – 11am</i>		Holy Souls
<i>Memorial of St Bede the Venerable</i>	4.00pm Vigil Mass		Alex Leonard RIP
Year B	8.45am Mass		Jan Blonski RIP
Sunday 26th May		10.00am Mass	John Hiron RIP
SOLEMNITY OF THE MOST HOLY TRINITY	11.15am Mass		Personal Intention
White		<i>5.00pm Confessions</i> 5.30pm Mass	For the sick in the Parish

WELCOME TO MASS - especially to those who are visiting the parish today. Today is the Feast of Pentecost and the last day of Eastertide.

Pentecost is a word that simply means 50th – today is the 50th day of Easter.

Even so, Pentecost truly has its origin in the Jewish feast that falls fifty days after Passover – usually called Shavuot (Pentecost was a Greek not a Hebrew word). The feast marked, for Jews in Israel, both the beginning of the wheat harvest, but also the gift of the Ten Commandments to Moses on Mount Sinai. As such, it was a significant feast wherever Jews found themselves, and so was one of the great feasts of the year when Jewish pilgrims from all over the diaspora would make their way, if circumstances permitted, to the Temple in Jerusalem. So, whilst the Passover commemorated the freeing of Israel from slavery in Egypt, Shavuot (or Pentecost) commemorated the gift of the Torah - the Law – given to the people of Israel through Moses.

This is why, on this day when the Holy Spirit came on the apostles, Jerusalem was packed with people from all areas of the Middle East and parts of Europe and Africa – Jews of the diaspora, as well as proselytes – gentile converts to Judaism. Today's first reading from the Acts of the Apostles tells us of all the places that the pilgrims had come from.

Today's feast is a sign of the Church's catholicity - its universal mission. The Church is the bearer of the Gospel of Jesus Christ, which is for all people, of all places, and for all time – and so the apostles communicate the Gospel in such a way that all could understand.

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL - Recently the Archbishop encouraged the parishes of the diocese to form pastoral councils to help in our mission of proclaiming the gospel. Last week there was an initial meeting with parishioners invited from various areas and groups of the parish, both from St Joseph's and St John's, to explore how we can take this forward. It is to work in conjunction with the Deanery Pastoral Council to explore the Diocesan Vision. As was mentioned at the Visitation there are four areas that we will focus on: Evangelisation; Christian Formation; Liturgy and worship and Social outreach.

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 7th – Saturday 13th 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 : sarahB@svp.org.uk khutchinson@cafod.org.uk

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.

THE MARIAPOLIS - a summer gathering organised by Focolare for people of all backgrounds and ages, provides an opportunity to build a small, temporary society based on the life of the gospel, mutual respect and understanding. The programme will include moments of worship, reflection, workshops, games, outings and activities for all ages. Focolare is an international movement that seeks to bring about unity through putting the words of the Gospel into practice in daily life, drawing together people of all Christian traditions and many other religions.

Further information, including a booking form the website is: <https://www.focolare.org/gb/mariapolis-bookings-are-open-now/>

If you wish, please feel free to contact mariapolis@focolare.org.uk, or phone Margaret Wilkerson on 07769 819565 or Nicholas Innocent 07981 281015.

COULD YOU BE A SEED OF HOPE? The Archdiocese of Birmingham is inviting enthusiastic individuals to create a network of **Environment Champions**. To celebrate Laudato Si week (19-26 May), please help us get as many parish/cluster/deanery Environment Champions as we can.

Your mission is to be a channel of communication between the Archdiocese and your parish, cluster or deanery, to promote Care of Creation and to enthuse others to help in responding to Pope Francis' call in Laudato Si to a spirituality which supports an ecological conversion.

You will receive the full support of the Care for Creation Committee as part of the diocesan effort to act as stewards of creation.

<https://www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk/seedofhope>

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.

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.

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>

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.

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:*

- 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:	<u>12 MAY</u>	<u>ST JOHN'S</u>	<u>ST JOSEPH'S</u>
Gift Aid:	£ 65.00	£ 54.00	£ 54.00
Non-Gift Aid:	£ 758.88	£ 224.46	£ 224.46
Contactless Card:	£ 95.00	£ 26.00	£ 26.00
QR code	£ 5.00	-----	-----
Catholic Communications	£ 232.89	£ 62.41	£ 62.41

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

The Spirit of the Lord has filled the whole world
and that which contains all things
understands what is said, alleluia.

Collect

O God, who by the mystery of today's great feast
sanctify your whole Church in every people and nation,
pour out, we pray, the gifts of the Holy Spirit
across the face of the earth
and, with the divine grace that was at work
when the Gospel was first proclaimed,
fill now once more the hearts of believers.
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 2:1-11

When Pentecost day came round, they had all met in one room,
when suddenly they heard what sounded like a powerful wind from
heaven, the noise of which filled the entire house in which they were
sitting; and something appeared to them that seemed like tongues
of fire; these separated and came to rest on the head of each of
them. They were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and began to speak
foreign languages as the Spirit gave them the gift of speech.

Now there were devout men living in Jerusalem from every nation
under heaven, and at this sound they all assembled, each one
bewildered to hear these men speaking his own language. They were
amazed and astonished. 'Surely' they said 'all these men speaking are
Galileans? How does it happen that each of us hears them in his own
native language? Parthians, Medes and Elamites; people from
Mesopotamia, Judaea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and
Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya round Cyrene; as well as
visitors from Rome – Jews and proselytes alike – Cretans and Arabs;
we hear them preaching in our own language about the marvels of
God.'

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 103(104):1,24,29-31,34

Send forth your spirit, O Lord, and renew the face of the earth. R/.

Bless the Lord, my soul!

Lord God, how great you are,
How many are your works, O Lord!

The earth is full of your riches. *R/.*

You take back your spirit, they die,
returning to the dust from which they came.

You send forth your spirit, they are created;
and you renew the face of the earth. *R/.*

May the glory of the Lord last for ever!

May the Lord rejoice in his works!

May my thoughts be pleasing to him.

I find my joy in the Lord. *R/.*

Second reading

Galatians 5:16-25

If you are guided by the Spirit you will be in no danger of yielding to
self-indulgence, since self-indulgence is the opposite of the Spirit, the
Spirit is totally against such a thing, and it is precisely because the
two are so opposed that you do not always carry out your good
intentions. If you are led by the Spirit, no law can touch you. When
self-indulgence is at work the results are obvious: fornication, gross
indecent and sexual irresponsibility; idolatry and sorcery; feuds and
wrangling, jealousy, bad temper and quarrels; disagreements,
factions, envy; drunkenness, orgies and similar things. I warn you
now, as I warned you before: those who behave like this will not
inherit the kingdom of God. What the Spirit brings is very different:
love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, trustfulness,
gentleness and self-control. There can be no law against things like
that, of course. You cannot belong to Christ Jesus unless you crucify
all self-indulgent passions and desires.

Since the Spirit is our life, let us be directed by the Spirit.

Sequence Veni, sancte Spiritus

Holy Spirit, Lord of Light, From the clear celestial height Thy pure beaming radiance give.	Bend the stubborn and will Melt the frozen, warm the chill Guide the steps that go astray.
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Come, thou Father of the poor, Come with treasures which endure Come, thou light of all that live!	Thou, on us who evermore Thee confess and thee adore, With thy sevenfold gifts descend
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Thou, of all consolers best, Thou, the soul's delightful guest, Dost refreshing peace bestow	Give us comfort when we die Give us life with thee on high Give us that never end.
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Thou in toil art comfort sweet
Pleasant coolness in the heat
Solace in the midst of woe.

Light immortal, light divine,
Visit thou these hearts of thine,
And our inmost being fill:

If thou take thy grace away,
Nothing pure in man will stay
All his good is turned to ill.

Heal our wounds, our strength renew
On our dryness pour thy dew
Wash the stains of guilt away:

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful
and kindle in them the fire of your love.

Alleluia!

Gospel

John 15:26-27,16:12-15

Jesus said to his disciples:

'When the Advocate comes,
whom I shall send to you from the Father,
the Spirit of truth who issues from the Father,
he will be my witness.
And you too will be witnesses,
because you have been with me from the outset.

'I still have many things to say to you
but they would be too much for you now.
But when the Spirit of truth comes
he will lead you to the complete truth,
since he will not be speaking as from himself
but will say only what he has learnt;
and he will tell you of the things to come.

He will glorify me,
since all he tells you
will be taken from what is mine.
Everything the Father has is mine;
that is why I said:

*All he tells you
will be taken from what is mine.'*

Prayer over the Offerings

Grant, we pray, O Lord,
that, as promised by your Son,
the Holy Spirit may reveal to us more abundantly
the hidden mystery of this sacrifice
and graciously lead us into all truth.
Through Christ our Lord.

Communion Antiphon

They were all filled with the Holy Spirit
and spoke of the marvels of God, alleluia.