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DAY	ST JOHN'S	ST JOSEPH'S	INTENTION
Year B	4.00pm Vigil Mass		Avril Ewart RIP
Sunday 16 th June Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time Day for Life Green	8.45am Mass		Janina & Jerzy Galeza RIP
		10.00am Mass	Thomas Galligan
	11.15am Mass		James Foley RIP
		5.00pm Confessions 5.30pm Mass	People of the Parish
Monday 17 th <i>Feria in Ordinary Time</i>		NO MASS 9.30 Exposition, Rosary Benediction	
Tuesday 18 th <i>Dedication of the Cathedral</i>	9.30am Mass		Jacob Aupree
Wednesday 19 th <i>Memorial of St. Romuald, Abbot</i>		9.30am Mass 10am Holy Hour	Mary Bradbury
Thursday 20 th <i>Memorial of St. Alban, Martyr</i>	9.30am Mass		Marie Elizabeth Hughes RIP
Friday 21 st <i>Memorial of St. Aloysius Gonzaga, Religious</i>	Confession & Holy Hour 6.00-7.00pm	9.30am Mass	Bernadette O'Shea
Saturday 22 nd <i>Feast of Ss John Fisher, Bishop and Thomas More, Martyrs</i>	10.00am Mass Confession 10.30 – 11am 1.30pm First Holy Communion		Eileen Mc Carthy
	4.00pm Vigil Mass		Dr. Klemens Jankiewicz RIP
Year B Sunday 23 rd June Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time Green	8.45am Mass		Michael, Bridget & Molly Quinn RIP
		10.00am Mass	Edel Fernandes in Thanksgiving
	11.15am Mass		Shobha in Thanksgiving
		5.00pm Confessions 5.30pm Mass	People of the Parish

DAY FOR LIFE 2024 - Today, being the third Sunday of June, is observed as the Day for Life when we ponder issues and challenges affecting the sanctity of life in our society. This year the theme comes from the opening of Psalm 23 – The Lord is my shepherd – and speaks of compassion and hope at the end of life. Below is the message from the bishops to introduce the theme:

There has been much discussion in the media recently about 'assisted suicide', whereby people who feel they are overburdened with suffering will be facilitated in bringing their lives to a premature end by a change in legislation. The Catholic Church opposes this.

As Catholics, along with many people of other faiths and none, we share a different vision about what it is to be fully human, especially when we are suffering and approaching death in the hope of eternal life. People who are coming towards the end of their lives can feel vulnerable, and recent research shows that many consider themselves to be a burden on their loved ones and wider society. Jesus shows us that life always has dignity and that there is no such thing as a useless life. We are called to defend this gift of life to its natural end and to protect vulnerable citizens from a culture that could pressure them into assisted suicide. We support people with the companionship of a listening ear, appropriate treatment, and the best care, so that their last days can be times of grace, intimacy and love.

Jesus did not send the sick away. Our Lady remained at the foot of the Cross to the very end as Her Son, Jesus, died. Mary is the model of compassionate presence and prayer whom we are called to imitate. People close to death, and their loved ones, often go through similar darkness and pain but can come to a more complete acceptance and find peace in those treasured last moments accompanied by spiritual care.

A prayer of St John Henry Newman well fitted to this Day for Life.

**O Lord, support us all the day long of this troublous life,
until the shadows lengthen, and the evening comes,
and the busy world is hushed,
and the fever of life is over, and our work is done.
Then, Lord, in thy mercy, Grant us a safe lodging,
a holy rest, and peace at the last. Amen.**

200TH 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 to be added to the list.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNIONS - Congratulations to those children of our parish who received their first Holy Communion at St John's on Saturday 8th June and to those who made their first holy communion at St Joseph's yesterday morning. This coming Saturday it is the turn of the group who have been preparing on Saturday mornings at St John's.

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.

YOUTH GROUP – Young people praying the Rosary together at 5pm on Sunday 16th June at St. Joseph's. This will then be followed by a Youth Mass at 5.30pm and Youth Group meet from 6.30pm - 8.30pm.

OPEN GARDENS – The Friends of Agnes Court who raise funds to support the residents of The Leonard Cheshire Disability Care Home will be having their main fundraising event this coming Wednesday, 19th June at Broughton Grange Gardens, Wykham Lane, OX 15 5DS. 6pm – 8.00pm, Entry £10 (cash) per adult – children under 16 free. Light refreshments available.

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.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION THANKSGIVING MASS – Sunday 30th June at 11.15am. For all children who received their FHC at St. John's church this month. There will be a small celebration after mass in the garden.

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 or 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.

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.

BGN SCHOOL OPPORTUNITIES - BGN are looking to hire a Learning Support Assistant as well as teachers of science, Computing and History. Please see the posters at the back of church or look on the school website for further details.

LUNCH CLUB – The next lunch is on Monday 8th July at 12.30pm in The Dupuis Centre. Please contact Marilena to confirm your attendance.

Please pray for the dead ...

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

- 16 Bernard Blair 2023; Eileen Holmes 2015; Margaret Mahony 2007; Thomas Pape 2005; James Higgins 2001; Arthur Jones 2000; Stella Kerley 1995; Winifred McCarthy 1998; Cornelius King 1983
- 17 Joan Moore 2018; Joseph McDonagh 2009; Terence Hobbs 2008; Michael Morris 1998; Ellen Pickings 1996; Peter McMenammin 1996
- 18 Denise Todd 2015; Sharon Gow 2009; Mary O’Driscoll 2007; Denis Hoyle 2001; Thomas Cashman 1987
- 19 Hilary Hicks 2021; Beatrice Garson 2002; William Keenan 1996
- 20 Julia Kybert 2020; Marie Hughes 2014; Maureen Oxlade 2002; Catherine Lawrence 1999
- 21 Florence Boazman 2006; Margaret Robinson 2005; Mary Bell 1993; Vera Norman 1992; Julia King 1985
- 22 Pier Cuneo 2020; Thomas Febers 2010; Martin Egan 2001; Agnes Stringfellow 1995

***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, Anne Nolan, Harry Rhodes, Trish Rossenrode, Eileen Shea, Nicky Smith, Elaine Steer.

PARISH FINANCIAL MATTERS

Weekly Income:	<u>ST JOHN’S</u>		<u>ST JOSEPH’S</u>	
	<u>02 June</u>	<u>09 June</u>	<u>02 June</u>	<u>09 June</u>
Gift Aid:	£ 70.00	£ 35.75	£ 329.00	£ 44.00
Non-Gift Aid:	£746.01	£677.02	£ 247.38	£254.40
Contactless Card:	£247.00	£ 172.00	£ 85.00	£140.00
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First Holy Communion Mass		£ 191.11	£	

This weekend’s second collection is for the ‘Day for Life’ Pro-Life causes.

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 Lord, hear my voice, for I have called to you; be my help.
Do not abandon or forsake me, O God, my Saviour!

Collect

O God, strength of those who hope in you,
graciously hear our pleas,
and, since without you mortal frailty can do nothing,
grant us always the help of your grace,
that in following your commands
we may please you by our resolve and our deeds.
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

Ezekiel 17:22-24

The Lord says this:

‘From the top of the cedar,
from the highest branch I will take a shoot
and plant it myself on a very high mountain.
I will plant it on the high mountain of Israel.
It will sprout branches and bear fruit,
and become a noble cedar.
Every kind of bird will live beneath it,
every winged creature rest in the shade of its branches.
And every tree of the field will learn that I, the Lord, am
the one
who stunts tall trees and makes the low ones grow,
who withers green trees and makes the withered green.
I, the Lord, have spoken, and I will do it.’

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 91(92):2-3,13-16

It is good to give you thanks, O Lord. R/.

It is good to give thanks to the Lord,
to make music to your name, O Most High,
to proclaim your love in the morning
and your truth in the watches of the night. ***R/.***

The just will flourish like the palm tree
and grow like a Lebanon cedar. ***R/.***

Planted in the house of the Lord
they will flourish in the courts of our God,
still bearing fruit when they are old,
still full of sap, still green,
to proclaim that the Lord is just.
In him, my rock, there is no wrong. ***R/.***

Second reading

2 Corinthians 5:6-10

We are always full of confidence when we remember that
to live in the body means to be exiled from the Lord, going

as we do by faith and not by sight – we are full of confidence, I say, and actually want to be exiled from the body and make our home with the Lord. Whether we are living in the body or exiled from it, we are intent on pleasing him. For all the truth about us will be brought out in the law court of Christ, and each of us will get what he deserves for the things he did in the body, good or bad.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!
I call you friends, says the Lord,
because I have made known to you
everything I have learnt from my Father.
Alleluia!

Gospel

Mark 4:26-34

Jesus said to the crowds: ‘This is what the kingdom of God is like. A man throws seed on the land. Night and day, while he sleeps, when he is awake, the seed is sprouting and growing; how, he does not know. Of its own accord the land produces first the shoot, then the ear, then the full grain in the ear. And when the crop is ready, he loses no time: he starts to reap because the harvest has come.’

He also said, ‘What can we say the kingdom of God is like? What parable can we find for it? It is like a mustard seed which at the time of its sowing in the soil is the smallest of all the seeds on earth; yet once it is sown it grows into the biggest shrub of them all and puts out big branches so that the birds of the air can shelter in its shade.’

Using many parables like these, he spoke the word to them, so far as they were capable of understanding it. He would not speak to them except in parables, but he explained everything to his disciples when they were alone.

Prayer over the Offerings

O God, who in the offerings presented here
provide for the twofold needs of human nature,
nourishing us with food
and renewing us with your Sacrament,
grant, we pray,
that the sustenance they provide
may not fail us in body or in spirit.
Through Christ our Lord.

Communion Antiphon

There is one thing I ask of the Lord, only this do I seek:
to live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life.

Prayer after Communion

As this reception of your Holy Communion, O Lord,
foreshadows the union of the faithful in you,
so may it bring about unity in your Church.
Through Christ our Lord.