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DAY	ST JOHN'S	ST JOSEPH'S	INTENTION		
Year B	4.00pm Vigil Mass		Mary Carey RIP		
Sunday 30 th June	8.45am Mass		George, Kathleen & Fr. John Bolland RIP		
SOLEMNITY OF SS PETER & PAUL, Apostles		10.00am Mass	Tom Rache Antoni Kikowska RIP		
	11.15am Mass				
Red		5.00pm Confessions 5.30pm Mass	People of the Parish		
Monday 1 st July		9.30am Mass	Eugene Clark RIP		
Feria in Ordinary Time	5.00pm Reception of Body		Muriel Napier-Kowski		
Tuesday 2 nd	9.30am Mass		Nicolai Shkut		
Feria in Ordinary Time	11.00am Funeral Mass		Muriel Napier-Kowski		
Wednesday 3 rd		9.30am Mass 10am Holy Hour	Nikki Hince RIP		
Feast of St. Thomas, Apostle					
Thursday 4 th	9.30am Mass		Murial & Stanley Napier - Kowski		
Feria in Ordinary Time	No School Mass				
Friday 5 th		9.30am Mass	Arthur Shea RIP		
Feria in Ordinary Time	Confession & Holy Hour 6.00-7.00pm				
Saturday 6 th	10.00am Mass <i>Confession 10.30 – 11am</i>		Bill Barnard & Carole Cooper RIP		
Feria in Ordinary Time					
Year B	4.00pm Vigil Mass		Peace in the World People of the Parish		
		8.30am St. Thomas' Wroxton			
Sunday 7 th July	8.45am Mass		Ioana Anguta Martin		
FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME		10.00am Mass	Byran Thompson RIP Renee Gabby Cristofini		
	11.15am Mass				
Green		5.00pm Confessions 5.30pm Mass	Eileen Bloome RIP		

Welcome to Mass, and especially to those who are visiting St John's or St Joseph's today.

To any at Mass who isn't Catholic, although it isn't possible to receive Holy Communion, you are most welcome to come forward for a blessing if you wish. If you place your right hand on your left shoulder, then the priest or deacon will know to give you a blessing.

Today is the transferred Solemnity of St Peter and St Paul. It is usually observed on the 29th, but as this was Saturday, and it is a holy day of obligation it has been moved to the Sunday. This feast day is one that the diocese of Rome marks with great festivity as the lives of these two apostles became entwined with the life of that nascent Church in Rome. It's quite obvious that neither Peter nor Paul were perfect. Far from it! Despite that, God managed to use these two very different characters and work through them to establish the church in the heart of the Roman Empire, and would become a focus of unity for the whole church as Peter's See. The pastors of the Church are no different today. The doctrine of Papal Infallibility only preserves the pope from error when speaking 'ex cathedra', as chief pastor of the universal Church, on a definitive matter of faith and morals – for Christ promised that the Holy Spirit would lead you into all truth. It protects the pope from solemnly and definitively teaching something as truth what is, in fact, error. Nevertheless, the pope is as capable of making mistakes in, for example, disciplinary matters as much as the next.

Our duty, then, is to pray for the Pope as Peter's Successor as Bishop of Rome and Chief Pastor, that in his ministry he will fulfil his role in confirming his brethren in the faith (Luke22:32).

BANBURY & WARWICK DEANERY - The first meeting of the Deanery Pastoral Council (DPC) meeting was on Weds 8 May 2024: Over 40 lay representatives and parish priests/ deacons met for the first meeting in Bicester. The minutes will appear on the Deanery website soon.

www.banburyandwarwick-catholicdeanery.org.uk

Meanwhile, the main agenda item was around the grouping of the parishes into 5 possible clusters, known as Leamington, Rugby, Bicester & Banbury, Stratford and Kenilworth. It was agreed that the representatives of the parishes on the Deanery PC should meet with the parish priests before the next meeting on 19th September, to discuss the proposed clusters, recommend any improvements and share how parishes within the cluster can support each other in fulfilling the Diocesan Vision.

SOCIAL COMMITTEE MEETING – Monday 15th July at 7.00pm in the Dupuis Centre. 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! Please let one of the clergy or contact the parish office know if you would like to come along.

GOOD GRIEF CAFÉ – The next café meeting is on Saturday 6th July in the Brabazon Room, Dupuis Centre. For anyone who has suffered a bereavement, join us for support and refreshments.

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

CATHOLIC PUB TALK - IN CONVERSATION WITH Sr CARINO AND Sr Lucy.

Two young Dominican Nuns, Sister Carino and Sister Lucy, are visiting Banbury on Tuesday 2nd July. During the day they will be giving talks at St. John's Catholic Primary School and Blessed George Napier Secondary School. In the evening parishioners are invited to hear the Sisters in conversation with Brenden Thompson, UK Program Director of Word on Fire. **Time**: 7 pm to 9 pm, **Venue**: Function Room at the Old Auctioneer Pub. Limited to 20 spaces, first-come, first-served. Drinks available to buy.

More information/register:

Email: bthompson@wordonfire.org or Message 07717 223584.

YOUTH GROUP NEWS – Parish Youth Leaders accompanied a Junior Youth Team to **It's A Knockout 2024** last Saturday to Rough Close Scout Activity Centre and Campsite.

It was the 21st Year of It's A Knockout; a great Diocesan Youth Event.

We had Mass in the Woods at the end of the day celebrated by Fr Chris Yule, followed by a BBQ.

We are so proud of our Banbury Youth Team for their competitive spirit whilst working together and encouraging & supporting each other.

Our Team came 5th out of 16 Groups with only points in the difference between the top 5 groups! We plan to return in force for 2025 with a Junior and Senior Team!



Please consider sponsoring a young person to go to Flame 2025. Please use the QR code to donate using JustGiving or put you donation in a clearly marked envelope. It is £50 per young person.



BGN VACANCIES – The school are currently looking for a PE Teacher. Please see the noticeboard or go to the school website for further information.

Please pray for the dead ...

Of your charity, pray for the repose of the souls of those who have died recently, particularly Muriel (Christine) Napier-Kowski and Mary Dant

Pray also for those whose anniversaries occur this coming week:

- David Compton 2004; Anthony Rennie 1992; Kathleen Donnelly 1990; Thomas Byrne 1986; Eunice Franklin 1985
- O1 Josie Hayward 2023; James Mangan 2004; Margaret Budd 1994
- 02 Maura Carey 2021; Yvonne Walden 2008; Frederick Glynn 1996; Paul Piotrowski 1989
- 03 Daniel Birch 2006; Mgr. Patrick Corrigan 2002
- O4 Suzanne Parish 2004; Benedict Walsh 1999; Johann Stadtfeld 1995; Kitty Dexter 1995; Michael Maguire 1986
- O5 Arthur Shea 2018; Margaret Tompkins 2013; Andrew Busby 2008; Theresa Ryan 2004; Mary Black 2003; Maureen French 1995; Walter Sycz 1987; Mary White 1985
- Olga Galvin 2018; Stephen Corsi 2011; Anne Febers 1994; Eugenie Parkes 1994; Gladys D'Ardenne 1987; Ronald Douglas Hilling 1977

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, 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:	23rd June		ST JOHN'S		ST JOSEPH'S	
	Gift Aid:	£	75.00	£	58.00	
	Non-Gift Aid:	£	565.80	£	221.05	
	Contactless Card:	£	380.00	£	30.00	
	QR code	£				
	Day for Life			£	113.28	

Thank you for your support.
This weekend's second collection is for Peter's Pence.

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 3rd 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

These are the ones who, living in the flesh, planted the Church with their blood; they drank the chalice of the Lord and became the friends of God.

Collect

O God, who on the Solemnity of the Apostles Peter and Paul give us the noble and holy joy of this day, grant, we pray, that your Church may in all things follow the teaching of those through whom she received the beginnings of right religion.

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 12:1-11

King Herod started persecuting certain members of the Church. He beheaded James the brother of John, and when he saw that this pleased the Jews he decided to arrest Peter as well. This was during the days of Unleavened Bread, and he put Peter in prison, assigning four squads of four soldiers each to guard him in turns. Herod meant to try Peter in public after the end of Passover week. All the time Peter was under guard the Church prayed to God for him unremittingly.

On the night before Herod was to try him, Peter was sleeping between two soldiers, fastened with double chains, while guards kept watch at the main entrance to the prison. Then suddenly the angel of the Lord stood there, and the cell was filled with light. He tapped Peter on the side and woke him. 'Get up!' he said 'Hurry!' - and the chains fell from his hands. The angel then said, 'Put on your belt and sandals.' After he had done this, the angel next said, 'Wrap your cloak round you and follow me.' Peter followed him, but had no idea that what the angel did was all happening in reality; he thought he was seeing a vision. They passed through two guard posts one after the other, and reached the iron gate leading to the city. This opened of its own accord; they went through it and had walked the whole length of one street when suddenly the angel left him. It was only then that Peter came to himself. 'Now I know it is all true' he said. 'The Lord really did send his angel and has saved me from Herod and from all that the Jewish people were so certain would happen to me.'

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 33(34):2-9

From all my terrors the Lord set me free. R/.

I will bless the Lord at all times, his praise always on my lips; in the Lord my soul shall make its boast. The humble shall hear and be glad. R/.

Glorify the Lord with me.

Together let us praise his name.

I sought the Lord and he answered me;
from all my terrors he set me free. R/.

Look towards him and be radiant; let your faces not be abashed. This poor man called, the Lord heard him and rescued him from all his distress. **R/.**

The angel of the Lord is encamped around those who revere him, to rescue them. Taste and see that the Lord is good. He is happy who seeks refuge in him. **R/.**

Second reading

2 Timothy 4:6-8,17-18

My life is already being poured away as a libation, and the time has come for me to be gone. I have fought the good fight to the end; I have run the race to the finish; I have kept the faith; all there is to come now is the crown of righteousness reserved for me, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will give to me on that Day; and not only to me but to all those who have longed for his Appearing.

The Lord stood by me and gave me power, so that through me the whole message might be proclaimed for all the pagans to hear; and so I was *rescued from the lion's mouth*. The Lord will rescue me from all evil attempts on me, and bring me safely to his heavenly kingdom. To him be glory for ever and ever. Amen.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

You are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church.
And the gates of the underworld can never hold out against it.
Alleluia!

Gospel

Matthew 16:13-19

When Jesus came to the region of Caesarea Philippi he put this question to his disciples, 'Who do people say the Son of Man is?' And they said, 'Some say he is John the Baptist, some Elijah, and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.' 'But you,' he said 'who do you say I am?' Then Simon Peter spoke up, 'You are the Christ,' he said 'the Son of the living God.' Jesus replied, 'Simon son of Jonah, you are a happy man! Because it was not flesh and blood that revealed this to you but my Father in heaven. So I now say to you: You are Peter and on this rock I will build my Church. And the gates of the underworld can never hold out against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven: whatever you bind on earth shall be considered bound in heaven; whatever you loose on earth shall be considered loosed in heaven.'

Prayer over the Offerings

May the prayer of the Apostles, O Lord, accompany the sacrificial gift that we present to your name for consecration, and may their intercession make us devoted to you in celebration of the sacrifice.

Through Christ our Lord.

Communion Antiphon

Peter said to Jesus: You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.

And Jesus replied: You are Peter, and upon this rock I will build my Church.

Prayer after Communion

Grant us, O Lord, who have been renewed by this Sacrament, so to live in the Church, that, persevering in the breaking of the Bread and in the teaching of the Apostles, we may be one heart and one soul, made steadfast in your love.

Through Christ our Lord.