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DAY	ST JOHN'S	ST JOSEPH'S	INTENTION
Year B	4.00pm Vigil Mass		Phil Mannion Ints
Sunday 1 st September TWENTY SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME		8.30am Mass St.Thomas' Wroxton	In Thanksgiving
	8.45am Mass		Andrea Gabbey Cristofini
		10.00am Mass	Hannah Gallagher RIP
	11.15am Mass		Stephen Olowoye Birthday Ints
		5.00pm Confessions 5.30pm Mass	People of the Parish
	Monday 2 nd <i>Feria in Ordinary Time</i>		9.30am Mass
Tuesday 3 rd <i>Feast of St. Gregory the Great</i>	9.30am Mass		The Family Shea
Wednesday 4 th <i>Feria in Ordinary Time</i>		9.30am Mass	Helen Mc Cane
Thursday 5 th <i>Feria in Ordinary Time</i>	9.30am Mass		Andrea Gabbey Cristofini
Friday 6 th <i>Feria in Ordinary Time</i>	Confessions & Holy Hour 6.00-7.00pm	9.30am Mass	Lena Cleary RIP
Saturday 7 th <i>Feria in Ordinary Time</i>	10.00am Mass Confession 10.30 – 11am		All Priests, Deacons & Seminarians
Year B	4.00pm Vigil Mass		Mary Moran RIP
Sunday 8 th September TWENTY THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY Green	8.45am Mass		Tobias O' Connor
		10.00am Mass	People of the Parish
	11.15am Mass		Varghese Joseph
		5.00pm Confessions 5.30pm Mass	Peter Fagan RIP

WELCOME TO MASS, and a special greeting to anyone who is visiting the parish today. It is always good to welcome any who are not Catholics to the celebration of Mass. Although those who are not Catholics are unable to receive Holy Communion, you are welcome to come forward for a blessing. If you place your right hand on your left shoulder the priest or deacon will know to give you a blessing. This applies to children who have not yet made their first holy communion, as well as to any Catholics who are unable to receive holy communion at this time.

This week, as we begin the month of September, things begin to get back to normal as the young people return to school as the long summer holiday draws to a close. Of course, for those not tied to school timetables it is often the time to escape as the prices drop! If you are still to get some holiday, enjoy your time away. As our schools return this week, we keep those in our schools in our prayers, both pupils and staff. Some children amongst us may well be looking forward to their first day at school. Others will be moving up to High School, or beginning further education or lives in the world of work. For all those making new starts we ask God's blessing.

LIVE STREAMING - Thanks to those who responded to the request for information as to the use of live streaming aimed primarily towards the needs of the sick and housebound. It will give us an opportunity to evaluate the various needs articulated, alongside the latest guidelines from the diocese in relation to GDPR legislation.

ST. JOSEPH'S ROOF - The diocese has now given permission for this work repairing the roof at St Joseph's. This has been increasingly recurrent problem at St Joseph's for a number of years. The roof connecting the hall and the church will be replaced, and a number of jobs will be tackled on the main church roof. The cost of the work will be £49,000. This will be a challenge for us to raise these funds, so any fundraising ventures welcome. We are also in the process of applying for grants from various bodies due to the Hall's community use.

SOCIAL EVENT – WORLD STREET FOOD MARKET to be held on Saturday 28th September at 7pm in the Dupuis Centre. A great opportunity for our parish communities to come together and sample some of the wonderful cuisines which reflects the diversity of our parish. **Tickets on sale after mass or from the parish office. £15 p.p. which includes a glass of wine or a soft drink and 4 different food dishes.**

WEEKLY GOSPEL SHARING – For everyone, a weekly time of prayer, reflection and sharing on the coming Sunday's Gospel Reading. Thursday at **5pm**, (please note new time) in the Dupuis centre.

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL – In response to the Archbishop's letter for parishes to form a pastoral council, various representatives from St. John's and St. Joseph's came together to look at how we can work towards the Diocesan Vision. The next meeting is on the 5th September.

As well as our clergy, the members of our PPC are David Burke, Elizabeth Burak, Roberta Briffa, Kevin Quinn, Ian Tompkins, Benedict Hume and Nicola Mollard. If there is anything you would like to discuss with them, they will be happy to assist if possible.

MARY'S MEALS –The next lunch will be on **Friday 27th September.**

CONSENT FOR USE OF LIVE IMAGES – To comply with recent updates of GDPR requirements, anyone who is on the sanctuary must sign a consent form allowing their image to be broadcast. This includes Altar Servers, Ministers of the Word and of the Eucharist. For anyone under the age of 16, the consent form should be completed by a parent or legal guardian. These forms can be collected from the parish office or the sacristy.

PIONEERING PARISHES: HOW LOCAL CHURCH COMMUNITIES CAN BECOME GUARDIANS OF CREATION –

Online event hosted by CAFOD, the Catholic Bishop's Conference of England & Wales & St. Mary's University.

Wednesday 4th September 7pm – 8pm.

Drawing inspiration from this year's Season of Creation theme "To Hope and Act with Creation" and the collaborative "Guardians of Creation" project, the event will showcase how innovative parishes can serve as inspirational models for others. Full information can be found on the Archdiocese of Birmingham website.

ALPHA COURSE - Why am I here? What's the meaning of life? Ask the big questions at Alpha: beginning 5th September at 7pm in St. Joseph's Hall. A weekly course (9 weeks) on the meaning of life. Each session begins with a meal, then a video, then an open discussion. Open to all, but please especially consider inviting your non-Christian and non-practising friends and family.

GOOD GRIEF CAFÉ – The next café meeting is on Saturday 7th September in the Brabazon Room, Dupuis Centre. For anyone who has suffered a bereavement, join us for support and refreshments.

MONDAY LUNCH CLUB - The next lunch club is on 9th September. Please join us for this monthly event where you can meet new people for good food and nice company. You must however book your space with Marilena on 07891 178920.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL – The next meeting is on Tuesday 10th September at 7.30pm in the Brabazon Room. All are welcome to attend.

JUNIOR YOUTH GROUP - For school years 6 & 7. Meeting at St Joseph's Hall on **Saturday 14th, September** 6.30pm - 8pm.

SENIOR YOUTH GROUP - For school years 8 – 13, Youth Mass at 5.30pm at St Joseph's Church on **Sunday 15th September** and Youth Meeting afterwards in the Hall, 6.30pm - 8.30pm. **Youth Rosary at 5pm** before Mass.

HARVESTING THE WHEAT - One of our youth leaders, David Burke kindly cleared a patch of ground at St Joseph's last year of weeds and stones so that the seed would be grown in **good soil**. This activity with our youth was in relation to the **Parable of the Sower**. As a planted seed starts to grow, the word of God, likened to a seed, starts to deepen and grow within a person. The success of the seed is dependent on what kind of soil it grows in.

There are four types of soil in the parable - the hard path, rocky, thorny, and good soil. Other than the hard path, every soil could produce a plant of some sort. **Each soil represents a person's heart, and only one type of soil produces a rich harvest.** We will be harvesting the wheat **after 10am Mass at St Joseph's this Sunday 1st September** and invite our youth & the young people in our Parish to join us.

Please pray for the dead ...

*Of your charity, pray for the repose of the souls of those who have died recently, particularly
John Grisewood.*

Pray also for those whose anniversaries occur this coming week:

- 01 Pamela Sims 2022; Colin Hughes 2014; Rose Pannozzo 2007; Hilda Campbell 2006; Elizabeth Tarbuck 2003; Susan O'Brien 2000; Janet Ryan 1998
- 02 Bruce Carruthers 2015; Grace Faulkner 2003
- 03 Bernice Darby 2018; Peter Jackson 2002
- 04 Tony Stevens 2015; Damian O'Donnell 2009; Frank Harper 1994; George (Mick) Hone 1989
- 05 Breifne MacDonagh 2007; Amy Rose Kearns 2001; Mary Wilson 1989; Arthur Chiltern 1991
- 06 Mary Moran 2023; Sarah Kinsella 2012; Guglielino Manetta 1997; Thomas Ash 1995; William Cringle 1994
- 07 Terence Boss 2018; Peggy Saunders 2015; Donald McCleaf 2010; Denis Wagstaff 2002; Mary Donovan 1995; Elizabeth McAuley 1983

***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: 25th August	<u>ST JOHN'S</u>	<u>ST JOSEPH'S</u>
Gift Aid	£ 80.00	£ 49.00
Non-Gift Aid	£ 465.06	£ 174.86
Contactless Card	£ 137.00	£ 50.00
QR Code	£ 5.00	
July Standing Orders	£ 3459.00	£ 1037.00

Thank you for your support.

GIFT AID – If you pay tax on your income, please consider completing a Gift Aid form and the church can claim the tax you have paid. It does not cost you anything extra. For every £1 donated, we will receive another 25p

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

Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I cry to you all the day long.
O Lord, you are good and forgiving,
full of mercy to all who call to you.

Collect

God of might, giver of every good gift,
put into our hearts the love of your name,
so that, by deepening our sense of reverence,
you may nurture in us what is good
and, by your watchful care,
keep safe what you have nurtured.
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

Deuteronomy 4:1-2,6-8

Moses said to the people: 'Now, Israel, take notice of the laws and customs that I teach you today, and observe them, that you may have life and may enter and take possession of the land that the Lord the God of your fathers is giving you. You must add nothing to what I command you, and take nothing from it, but keep the commandments of the Lord your God just as I lay them down for you. Keep them, observe them, and they will demonstrate to the peoples your wisdom and understanding. When they come to know of all these laws they will exclaim, "No other people is as wise and prudent as this great nation." And indeed, what great nation is there that has its gods so near as the Lord our God is to us whenever we call to him? And what great nation is there that has laws and customs to match this whole Law that I put before you today?'

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 14(15):2-5

The just will live in the presence of the Lord. R/.

Lord, who shall dwell on your holy mountain?
He who walks without fault;
he who acts with justice
and speaks the truth from his heart;
he who does not slander with his tongue. **R/.**

He who does no wrong to his brother,
who casts no slur on his neighbour,
who holds the godless in disdain,
but honours those who fear the Lord. **R/.**

He who keeps his pledge, come what may;
who takes no interest on a loan
and accepts no bribes against the innocent.
Such a man will stand firm for ever. **R/.**

Second reading

James 1:17-18,21-22,27

It is all that is good, everything that is perfect, which is given us from above; it comes down from the Father of all light; with him there is no such thing as alteration, no shadow of a change. By his own choice he made us his children by the message of the truth so that we should be a sort of first-fruits of all that he had created.

Accept and submit to the word which has been planted in you and can save your souls. But you must do what the word tells you, and not just listen to it and deceive yourselves.

Pure, unspoilt religion, in the eyes of God our Father is this: coming to the help of orphans and widows when they need it, and keeping oneself uncontaminated by the world.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Your words are spirit, Lord, and they are life;
you have the message of eternal life.
Alleluia!

Gospel

Mark 7:1-8,14-15,21-23

The Pharisees and some of the scribes who had come from Jerusalem gathered round Jesus, and they noticed that some of his disciples were eating with unclean hands, that is, without washing them. For the Pharisees, and the Jews in general, follow the tradition of the elders and never eat without washing their arms as far as the elbow; and on returning from the market place they never eat without first sprinkling themselves. There are also many other observances which have been handed down to them concerning the washing of cups and pots and bronze dishes. So these Pharisees and scribes asked him, 'Why do your disciples not respect the tradition of the elders but eat their food with unclean hands?' He answered, 'It was of you hypocrites that Isaiah so rightly prophesied in this passage of scripture:

This people honours me only with lip-service,
while their hearts are far from me.
The worship they offer me is worthless,
the doctrines they teach are only human regulations.

You put aside the commandment of God to cling to human traditions.' He called the people to him again and said, 'Listen to me, all of you, and understand. Nothing that goes into a man from outside can make him unclean; it is the things that come out of a man that make him unclean. For it is from within, from men's hearts, that evil intentions emerge: fornication, theft, murder, adultery, avarice, malice, deceit, indecency, envy, slander, pride, folly. All these evil things come from within and make a man unclean.'

Prayer over the Offerings

May this sacred offering, O Lord,
confer on us always the blessing of salvation,
that what it celebrates in mystery
it may accomplish in power.
Through Christ our Lord.

Communion Antiphon

How great is the goodness, Lord,
that you keep for those who fear you.

Prayer after Communion

Renewed by this bread from the heavenly table,
we beseech you, Lord,
that, being the food of charity,
it may confirm our hearts
and stir us to serve you in our neighbour.
Through Christ our Lord.