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| DAY | ST JOHN'S | ST JOSEPH'S | INTENTION |
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| Year B Sunday 11th August NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME Green | 4.00pm Vigil Mass | | Barbara Hole RIP |
| | 8.45am Mass | | Joseph & Verna Emembolu Golden Wedding Anniversary |
| | | 10.00am Mass | People of the Parish |
| | 11.15am Mass | | Rose Kikowska RIP |
| | | <i>5.00pm Confessions</i> 5.30pm Mass | Frank Mc Tager |
| Monday 12 th <i>Feria in Ordinary Time</i> | | 9.30am Mass | Maureen Rooney |
| Tuesday 13 th <i>Feria in Ordinary Time</i> | 9.30am Mass | | Andrea Gabbey Cristofini |
| Wednesday 14 th <i>Memorial of St. Maximilian</i> <i>Mary Kolbe</i> | | 9.30am Mass | Kathleen O Keefe |
| Thursday 15 th Solemnity of The Assumption of The Blessed Virgin Mary | 9.30am Mass 6.30pm Mass & Procession | | Sr. Mary Assumpta Charles O' Donnell RIP |
| Friday 16 th <i>Feria in Ordinary Time</i> | <i>Confessions & Holy Hour</i> <i>6.00-7.00pm</i> | 9.30am Mass | Andrzej Piccinni |
| Saturday 17 th | 10.00am Mass <i>Confession 10.30 – 11am</i> | | Margaret Kenny RIP |
| Year B Sunday 18th August TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME Green | 4.00pm Vigil Mass | | Kathleen & Michael Szykarewicz RIP |
| | 8.45am Mass | | Sherin & Ann in Thanksgiving |
| | | 10.00am Mass | Noreen Muldoon |
| | 11.15am Mass | | People of the Parish |
| | | <i>5.00pm Confessions</i> 5.30pm Mass | Marie Reape RIP |

Welcome to Mass. A special welcome to those of you who are visiting the parish today.

This Thursday is the lovely summer feast of the Assumption of Our Lady. This is a Holy Day of Obligation. Being the summer holiday season there will be two Masses at St John's – 9.30am and 6.30pm.

The 6.30pm Mass will conclude with a candlelit procession to the grotto of Our Lady, followed by a celebration drink (soft drinks and wine) in the presbytery garden organised by the Legion of Mary.

This feast of Our Lady commemorates Mary's life in this world coming to its end. In the Eastern Church it is often called the Dormition of Our Lady – for it marks her 'falling asleep'. The Western Church has long called it the Assumption of Our Lady because of the testimony springing from the early Church that Mary's body – unique in having been the tabernacle of the Word made Flesh – did not know decay, but that she was raised up, body and soul, to the glory of heaven. In the Apostles Creed we profess the faith of the Church in the resurrection of the body and life everlasting. So, what is our Christian hope is already experienced by the Blessed Virgin Mary, and so we seek her prayers as we walk our pilgrim way, that where she now is we will one day know ourselves.

Words from Pope Benedict as he pondered this feast: 'How does the Assumption of Mary help our journey?...In the Assumption we see that there is room in God for man, God himself is the house with many rooms of which Jesus speaks (John 14:12); God is man's home, in God there is God's space. And Mary, by uniting herself, united to God, does not distance herself from us. She goes not to an unknown galaxy, but whoever approaches God comes closer, for God is close to us all; and Mary, united to God, shares in the presence of God, is so close to us, to each one of us.' (Castle Gandolfo 2012).

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY - Following on from the last meeting there will be the follow-up meeting this Tuesday at 7.30pm in the Dupuis Centre. It will be led by two of the area representatives of the SVP. If you didn't manage to get to the last meeting, but are still interested, you are welcome to come along. It is hoped that following this we will be ready to begin the process of setting up a group to serve the parish and those in special need.

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. These are held on the first Tuesday of the month at 7pm in the Dupuis Centre.

POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR AUGUST – For political leaders: We pray that political leaders be at the service of their own people, working for integral human development and for the common good, especially caring for the poor and those who have lost their jobs.

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. More information to follow but if you would like to be involved with this event please contact Nicola. We are hoping that many of the stall holders who have been involved with the Food Festival in the past will live to take part.

YOUTH SUMMER CAMP - Some of our young people have returned from a joyful and spirit filled week at Alton Castle where they received excellent spiritual input from **Fr Marco**, Summer Camp Chaplain and inspiring talks from **Jimmy Mitchell**, an American Evangelist who unpacked our theme for the week which was **Sanctuary**.

We had uplifting and contemporary music ministry which engaged our young people, Mass every day, Confession, Adoration.

The kids had lots of fun with a whole range of activities from messy games, ninja warrior, Alton Towers.

Our young people met other young Catholics from all over the UK and enjoyed new friendships.

A blessed week indeed for our young people!

PARISH CAMINO DE SANTIAGO DE COMPOSTELA - Since arriving in Banbury, loads of people have said to me how much they would love to walk the Camino of Santiago de Compostela. It seems a good idea then to do it together as a parish; fun, fitness and faith all in one! The proposal is to do the 'English Route', (119KM from Ferrol to Santiago) during school holidays of Lent 2025 (Sat 5th – Sat 12th April). For now, please put the dates in your diary if you're interested, more information to come in the next few weeks. Fr Sean.

ALPHA COURSE - Why am I here? What's the meaning of life? Ask the big questions at Alpha: beginning September 5th, 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. Please let Fr Sean know if you would be willing to volunteer for 1 week of catering. (fr.sean.gough@rcaob.org.uk).

WEEKLY GOSPEL SHARING – For everyone, a weekly time of prayer, reflection and sharing on the coming Sunday's Gospel Reading. Beginning Thursday August 22nd, 6pm, in the Dupuis centre.

MARY'S MEALS – July's lunch raised £501.52 including £235 of gift aid. Thank you to all of our amazing helpers. The next lunch will be on Friday 30th August.

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.

PARISH COACH TRIP - Date for your diary - November 20th Matinee performance of 'Here you go again' the life story of Dolly Parton'. Price includes coach, theatre and dinner following the performance. Cost is £70 pp - please book your place with Marilena on 07891 178920 or mjkearns@hotmail.co.uk

200 CLUB JULY WINNERS – 1st prize, No. 111 - £143.75. 2nd prize, No. 16 - £86.25. 3rd prize, No. 32 - £57.50.

LIVE STREAMING OF MASS – If you watch mass from home via the webcam because you are unable to come to church, we would be interested to know which masses you follow. This will help us with future planning and to enable us to collate this information, please let the Fr. Philip know by emailing the parish office. Stjohn.banbury@rcaob.org.uk
THERE IS A NEW WEB ADDRESS FOR THE LIVE STREAMING OF MASSES, this is www.mcn.live

Please pray for the dead ...

*Of your charity, pray for the repose of the souls of those who have died recently, particularly
Colleen Rothwell – Gilroy.*

Pray also for those whose anniversaries occur this coming week:

- 11 Peter Fisher 2021; Julian Ising 2011; Margaret Nolan 2006; Nan Ellington 2005; Edward Langlands 1986
- 12 Patrick McIntyre 1996; Joseph Kearns 1989; Hildegard Perkins 1984
- 13 Bob Taylor 2018; Mike Ayckbourn 2017; Jimmy Barlow 2015; Peter Bisson 2003; John Benton 1992; Paula Lawrence 1990; Olive Waddoups 1990; Kathleen Bolton 1986
- 14 Marie McArdle 2023; Anthony Jackson 2018; Eileen Morris 2009; Maria (Rhoda) Day 1999
- 15 Doug Mold 2022; John Collins 2022; Esmond Currion 1989; Don Letherbarrow 1986
- 16 Michael McNamara 2015; Joan Roche 1998; Neisha Boyle 1988; Edward Baldwin 1988; Ignacy Pyszniak 1985
- 17 Mary Carey 2021; Catherine Golden 2012; Isabel Wyatt 2007; Albert Heath 1995; Martha Byrne 1989; Martin Lannigan 1986

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: 4th August | <u>ST JOHN'S</u> | <u>ST JOSEPH'S</u> |
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| Gift Aid | £ 53.50 | £ 172.00 |
| Non-Gift Aid | £ 490.86 | £ 236.45 |
| Contactless Card | £ 300.00 | £ 55.00 |
| QR Code | £ 5.00 | |
| June Standing Orders | £ 3158.00 | £ 1245.00 |

Thank you for your support.

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

Look to your covenant, O Lord,
and forget not the life of your poor ones for ever.
Arise, O God, and defend your cause,
and forget not the cries of those who seek you.

Collect

Almighty ever-living God,
whom, taught by the Holy Spirit,
we dare to call our Father,
bring, we pray, to perfection in our hearts
the spirit of adoption as your sons and daughters,
that we may merit to enter into the inheritance
which you have promised.
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

1 Kings 19:4-8

Elijah went into the wilderness, a day's journey, and sitting under a furze bush wished he were dead. 'O Lord,' he said 'I have had enough. Take my life; I am no better than my ancestors.' Then he lay down and went to sleep. But an angel touched him and said, 'Get up and eat.' He looked round, and there at his head was a scone baked on hot stones, and a jar of water. He ate and drank and then lay down again. But the angel of the Lord came back a second time and touched him and said, 'Get up and eat, or the journey will be too long for you.' So he got up and ate and drank, and strengthened by that food he walked for forty days and forty nights until he reached Horeb, the mountain of God.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 33(34):2-9

Taste and see that the Lord is good. 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

Ephesians 4:30-5:2

Do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God who has marked you with his seal for you to be set free when the day comes. Never have grudges against others, or lose your temper, or raise your voice to anybody, or call each other names, or allow any sort of

spitefulness. Be friends with one another, and kind, forgiving each other as readily as God forgave you in Christ.

Try, then, to imitate God as children of his that he loves and follow Christ loving as he loved you, giving himself up in our place as a fragrant offering and a sacrifice to God.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

If anyone loves me he will keep my word,
and my Father will love him,
and we shall come to him.

Alleluia!

Gospel

John 6:41-51

The Jews were complaining to each other about Jesus, because he had said, 'I am the bread that came down from heaven.' 'Surely this is Jesus son of Joseph' they said. 'We know his father and mother. How can he now say, "I have come down from heaven"?' Jesus said in reply, 'Stop complaining to each other.

'No one can come to me
unless he is drawn by the Father who sent me,
and I will raise him up at the last day.

It is written in the prophets:

They will all be taught by God,

and to hear the teaching of the Father,
and learn from it,

is to come to me.

Not that anybody has seen the Father,
except the one who comes from God:
he has seen the Father.

I tell you most solemnly,
everybody who believes has eternal life.

'I am the bread of life.

Your fathers ate the manna in the desert
and they are dead;

but this is the bread that comes down from heaven,
so that a man may eat it and not die.

I am the living bread which has come down from heaven.

Anyone who eats this bread will live for ever;

and the bread that I shall give is my flesh,
for the life of the world.'

Prayer over the Offerings

Be pleased, O Lord, to accept the offerings of your Church,
for in your mercy you have given them to be offered

and by your power you transform them
into the mystery of our salvation.

Through Christ our Lord.

Communion Antiphon

O Jerusalem, glorify the Lord,
who gives you your fill of finest wheat.

Prayer after Communion

May the communion in your Sacrament
that we have consumed, save us, O Lord,
and confirm us in the light of your truth.
Through Christ our Lord.