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DAY	ST JOHN'S	ST JOSEPH'S	INTENTION
Year B	4.00pm Vigil Mass		Aideen Warner-Curran RIP
Sunday 25 th August TWENTY FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	8.45am Mass		Maurice Doody RIP
		10.00am Mass	K.T. Joseph RIP
	11.15am Mass		Andrea Gabbey Cristofini
		5.00pm Confessions 5.30pm Mass	Mary Flanigan RIP
	Green		
Monday 26 th <i>Feast of Blessed Dominic Barberi</i>		9.30am Mass	People of the Parish
Tuesday 27 th <i>Memorial of St. Monica</i>	9.30am Mass		Wieskaw Ciesielski RIP
Wednesday 28 th <i>Memorial of St. Augustine</i>		9.30am Mass	Mgr. Michael Walsh
Thursday 29 th <i>Memorial of the Passion of St. John the Baptist</i>	9.30am Mass 2.00pm Wedding		Eileen John Birthday Kathleen Roberts & Benjamin Jefferies
Friday 30 th <i>Feria in Ordinary Time</i>	Confessions & Holy Hour 6.00-7.00pm	9.30am Mass	Holy Souls & deceased members of Friends of Suffering Souls
Saturday 31 st <i>Feria in Ordinary Time</i>	10.00am Mass Confession 10.30 – 11am		Andrea Gabbey Cristofini
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
	Green		5.00pm Confessions 5.30pm Mass

WELCOME TO MASS TODAY, especially those who are visiting the parish during this holiday season. For those of you about to embark on a summer break, do have a refreshing and restful time.

THE ASSUMPTION OF OUR LADY - Despite the evening's torrential rain during Mass it disappeared as quickly as it came just in time for the procession. It was a lovely celebration of our Christian hope fulfilled in Blessed Mary. Thanks to all who contributed to the liturgy, and to the Legion of Mary who organised the drinks and nibbles in the garden afterwards.

On the noticeboard at St John's there is information regarding work that needs to be done on the confessionals. Some years ago, the PVC doors were fitted in the confessional room. Unfortunately, this work didn't have the necessary approval needed for work in a listed building, and was deemed to be out of keeping with the church architecture. Beyond that, the confessional is extremely cramped, and so the design will help to alleviate this, as well as making it compatible with safeguarding advice. The plan also includes adapting the room on the opposite side for the repository or piety stall for the sale of Mass cards, etc, which we also badly need.

All information can be found on the Catholic Historic Churches website - catholic-historic-churches.org.uk

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 available now 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. Every Thursday at 6pm, 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.

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

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.

Archbishop Bernard's call to celebrate the Season of Creation -

Archbishop Bernard has released a video ahead of the Season of Creation to encourage you to take up the opportunity which the Holy Father has given us to celebrate the Season.

He says: "As you may know this is something growing year by year as we become more and more aware of our calling as Christians to have a care for the whole of the Created world..."

"Pope Francis is asking us to think about how we care for the whole of Creation as an expression of our own Christian Faith and is referring us to St Paul's letter to the Romans, which speaks about the whole of Creation groaning, but also looking for the freedom which Christ brings us as children of God..."

"**Hope and Act with Creation** is the theme for this year, and I hope you'll be able to pray that we and others will value all that we have in creation as a way of praising God and also caring for those who are most in need."

You can find the full celebration guide as well as other prayers and resources on the Diocesan website.

PARISH CAMINO DE SANTIAGO DE COMPOSTELA – Full details are now available on a leaflet which is available at the back of all churches.

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.

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

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.

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.

PLANT SALES – Many of you will have bought plants from the sales over the last couple of months. £254.71 was raised for church funds. A huge thank you to Ann Hughes for supplying her home-grown plants. This will go into the *Bicentenary Fabric Fund* for St John's.

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:

- 25 Timothy O'Connor 1999
- 26 Joan Taylor 2021; Anne McKie 2010; Bridget Shand 2003; Mary Burns 1991; Bertha Widdicombe 1990
- 27 Peter Mulvaney 2010; Charles Adams 2008; Anthony (John) Vale 2005; Rose Watts 1989
- 28 Pete Barnes 2020; Maureen Coady 2015; Noreen Skyte 2003; Samuel Tuzzio 1998; Mary Carolan 1996
- 29 Gladys Emerson 2008; Elizabeth Beaumont 2005; Rev. Francis Toole 2004; Francis Tobin 1991;
Cecilia Miller 1985
- 30 Don Bell 2015; Donald Bond 2010; Catherine Bowen 2003; Bertha Grant 2002; Eunice Gregory 1992; Josef
Bartoszewicz 1986; Gladys Sanford 1985
- 31 Bridget Byrne 2008; Rocco Pannozzo 2008; Eileen Wardle 2002; Louis Waddoups 1991

***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: 18th August	<u>ST JOHN'S</u>	<u>ST JOSEPH'S</u>
Gift Aid	£ 80.00	£ 59.00
Non-Gift Aid	£ 598.58	£ 204.39
Contactless Card	£ 130.00	£ 60.00
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

Turn your ear, O Lord, and answer me;
save the servant who trusts in you, my God.
Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I cry to you all the day long.

Collect

O God, who cause the minds of the faithful
to unite in a single purpose,
grant your people to love what you command
and to desire what you promise,
that, amid the uncertainties of this world,
our hearts may be fixed on that place
where true gladness is found.
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

Joshua 24:1-2,15-18

Joshua gathered all the tribes of Israel together at Shechem; then he called the elders, leaders, judges and scribes of Israel, and they presented themselves before God. Then Joshua said to all the people, 'If you will not serve the Lord, choose today whom you wish to serve, whether the gods that your ancestors served beyond the River, or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you are now living. As for me and my House, we will serve the Lord.'

The people answered, 'We have no intention of deserting the Lord and serving other gods! Was it not the Lord our God who brought us and our ancestors out of the land of Egypt, the house of slavery, who worked those great wonders before our eyes and preserved us all along the way we travelled and among all the peoples through whom we journeyed? What is more, the Lord drove all those peoples out before us, as well as the Amorites who used to live in this country. We too will serve the Lord, for he is our God.'

Responsorial Psalm

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/.***

The Lord turns his face against the wicked
to destroy their remembrance from the earth.

The Lord turns his eyes to the just
and his ears to their appeal. ***R/.***

They call and the Lord hears
and rescues them in all their distress.
The Lord is close to the broken-hearted;
those whose spirit is crushed he will save. ***R/.***

Many are the trials of the just man
but from them all the Lord will rescue him.
He will keep guard over all his bones,
not one of his bones shall be broken. ***R/.***

Evil brings death to the wicked;
those who hate the good are doomed.
The Lord ransoms the souls of his servants.
Those who hide in him shall not be condemned. ***R/.***

Second reading

Ephesians 5:21-32

Give way to one another in obedience to Christ. Wives should regard their husbands as they regard the Lord, since as Christ is

head of the Church and saves the whole body, so is a husband the head of his wife; and as the Church submits to Christ, so should wives to their husbands, in everything. Husbands should love their wives just as Christ loved the Church and sacrificed himself for her to make her holy. He made her clean by washing her in water with a form of words, so that when he took her to himself she would be glorious, with no speck or wrinkle or anything like that, but holy and faultless. In the same way, husbands must love their wives as they love their own bodies; for a man to love his wife is for him to love himself. A man never hates his own body, but he feeds it and looks after it; and that is the way Christ treats the Church, because it is his body – and we are its living parts. *For this reason, a man must leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two will become one body.* This mystery has many implications; but I am saying it applies to Christ and the Church.

Gospel Acclamation

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

Gospel

John 6:60-69

After hearing his doctrine many of the followers of Jesus said, 'This is intolerable language. How could anyone accept it?' Jesus was aware that his followers were complaining about it and said, 'Does this upset you? What if you should see the Son of Man ascend to where he was before?'

'It is the spirit that gives life,
the flesh has nothing to offer.
The words I have spoken to you are spirit
and they are life.'

'But there are some of you who do not believe.' For Jesus knew from the outset those who did not believe, and who it was that would betray him. He went on, 'This is why I told you that no one could come to me unless the Father allows him.' After this, many of his disciples left him and stopped going with him.

Then Jesus said to the Twelve, 'What about you, do you want to go away too?' Simon Peter answered, 'Lord, who shall we go to? You have the message of eternal life, and we believe; we know that you are the Holy One of God.'

Prayer over the Offerings

O Lord, who gained for yourself a people by adoption
through the one sacrifice offered once for all,
bestow graciously on us, we pray,
the gifts of unity and peace in your Church.
Through Christ our Lord.

Communion Antiphon

The earth is replete with the fruits of your work, O Lord;
you bring forth bread from the earth
and wine to cheer the heart.

Prayer after Communion

Complete within us, O Lord, we pray,
the healing work of your mercy
and graciously perfect and sustain us,
so that in all things we may please you.
Through Christ our Lord.