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DAY	ST JOHN'S	ST JOSEPH'S	INTENTION
Year B Sunday 8th September TWENTY THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY Green	4.00pm Vigil Mass		Mary Moran RIP
	8.45am Mass		Tobias O' Connor
		10.00am Mass	People of the Parish
	11.15am Mass		Varghese Joseph
		<i>5.00pm Confessions</i> 5.30pm Mass	Peter Fagan RIP
Monday 9 th <i>Feria in Ordinary Time</i>		9.30am Mass	In Thanksgiving
Tuesday 10 th <i>Feria in Ordinary Time</i>	9.30am Mass		Angelique Langlade
Wednesday 11 th <i>Feria in Ordinary Time</i>		9.30am Mass	Mary Flanigan RIP
Thursday 12 th <i>Feria in Ordinary Time</i>	9.30am Mass 10.30am School Mass		Holy Souls Rebecca Richardson RIP
Friday 13 th <i>Memorial of St. John Chrysostom</i>	<i>Confessions & Holy Hour</i> <i>6.00-7.00pm</i>	9.30am Mass	Holy Souls & deceased members of Friends of suffering Souls
Saturday 14 th <i>Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross</i>	10.00am Mass <i>Confession 10.30 – 11am</i>		Holy Souls
Year B Sunday 15th September TWENTY FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY Green	4.00pm Vigil Mass		Kay Kelly Intentions
	8.45am Mass		Geraldine Mannion Intentions
		10.00am Mass	People of the Parish
	11.15am Mass		Jane Goodyear RIP
		<i>5.00pm Confessions</i> 5.30pm Mass	Holy Souls

WELCOME TO MASS, September is the Month of Our Lady of Sorrows.

This month, in normal years, there would usually be three feasts of Our Lady – though as two this year fall on Sundays there is just one. This Sunday (8th) would usually be the feast of Our Lady's birthday, and the 15th (the following Sunday) would have been Our Lady of Sorrows. This just leaves the Feast of Our Lady of Walsingham on Tuesday the 24th.

Our Lady's birthday is a feast of joy – something that St Joachim and St Anne would have experienced at the birth of their long-awaited child, destined to be the Mother of God. But the Feast of Our Lady of Sorrows reminds us that Mary's vocation as Mother of Christ would involve sorrow as well as joy.

The tradition of the Church, much articulated by St Bernard, spoke of the Seven Sorrows of Mary. Sometimes statues of Blessed Mary as Our Lady of Sorrows have the disturbing image of seven swords piercing Our Lady's heart. These seven sorrows we read about in the gospels: The prophecy of Simeon at the Temple where he told her that a sword of sorrow would pierce her heart (Luke 2:35); the flight into Egypt (Matthew 2:13-15); the loss of the child Jesus for three days (Luke 2:41-50); Mary meets Jesus on the way to Calvary, followed by the body of Jesus being taken down from the Cross (John 19:25-37); and finally the burial of Jesus (John 19: 38-42).

The devotion to Our Lady of Sorrows speaks eloquently of the vocation of parenthood which can involve pain, anxiety and suffering, as well as joy. Also, it reminds us that Mary's particular vocation was as the first disciple of her Son – which included following him to the Cross.

The Feast of Our Lady of Walsingham speaks of England's ancient National Shrine – the shrine of the Incarnation and the Annunciation in which Gabriel's visit to young Mary in Nazareth is commemorated. One collect for the Annunciation brings all this beautifully together:

Pour forth, we beseech you, O Lord, your grace into our hearts; that we, to whom the incarnation of Christ, your Son, was made known by the message of an angel, may by His Passion and Cross be brought to the glory of His Resurrection.

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 Wall Room which is upstairs in the Dupuis centre.

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

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.

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

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.

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.

ALPHA COURSE - Why am I here? What's the meaning of life? Ask the big questions at Alpha: every Thursday in 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.

MONDAY LUNCH CLUB - The next lunch club is on 9th September. Please contact Marilena to confirm your place on 07891 178920.

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.**

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

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.

YOUTH BAKE SALE - Sunday 29th September after both morning Masses at St John's.

Donations of baked goods kindly accepted to sell on the day to raise funds for our Junior & Senior Youth Groups. Thank you.

ZOO CLUB WINNERS – 1st prize – No 33, £143.75. 2nd prize – No. 9, £86.25 and 3rd Prize – No.23, £57.50

NEXT WEEKEND'S SECOND COLLECTION – CATHOLIC EVANGELISATION HOME MISSION.

Please pray for the dead ...

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

Pray also for those whose anniversaries occur this coming week:

- 08 Thomas Hawtin 2004; Zuzana Ramsdale 2003; John Dobson 1993; Frances French 1992
09 Kevin Hill 2018; Frances Lenihan 2017; William Myles 2009; Thomas Lowrie 2005; Michael Gromnicki 1995;
Richard Roberts 1985
10 Sean Curtis 2021; Mary Scarsbrook 2020; Marion Gallimore 2019; Cathie Nolan 2007; Maureen Walsh 2006; Gerrardo Di Bratto
2003; Mary Tomalin 1997; William Duffy 1992; Thomas Dagger 1989
11 Cecilia Richardson 2010; Mieczyslaw Krupski 2007; Francis Towner 1991; Mary Whitley 1988
12 Margaret Peacock 2018; Sean Mangan 2014; Christine Grossi 2000; Janet Baldwin 1998; Henri Goergen 1987;
William Vale 1986
13 Luigi Riccucci 2015; George Peters 1988; Elizabeth Pope 1984
14 Monica Howes 2014; Margaret Gibbs 2012; Michael McElhinney 2002; Beatrice Barber 2000; Leslie Green 2000;
Teresa Butler 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: 1st September	<u>ST JOHN'S</u>	<u>ST JOSEPH'S</u>
Gift Aid	£ 74.00	£ 154.00
Non-Gift Aid	£ 726.03	£ 297.46
Contactless Card	£ 390.00	£ 75.00
QR Code	£ 0.00	
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

You are just, O Lord, and your judgement is right;
treat your servant in accord with your merciful love.

Collect

O God, by whom we are redeemed and receive adoption,
look graciously upon your beloved sons and daughters,
that those who believe in Christ
may receive true freedom
and an everlasting inheritance.
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

Isaiah 35:4-7

Say to all faint hearts,
'Courage! Do not be afraid.
Look, your God is coming,
vengeance is coming,
the retribution of God;
he is coming to save you.'

Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened,
the ears of the deaf unsealed,
then the lame shall leap like a deer
and the tongues of the dumb sing for joy;
for water gushes in the desert,
streams in the wasteland,
the scorched earth becomes a lake,
the parched land springs of water.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 145(146):7-10

My soul, give praise to the Lord. R/.

It is the Lord who keeps faith for ever,
who is just to those who are oppressed.
It is he who gives bread to the hungry,
the Lord, who sets prisoners free. ***R/.***

It is the Lord who gives sight to the blind,
who raises up those who are bowed down.

It is the Lord who loves the just,
the Lord, who protects the stranger. ***R/.***

The Lord upholds the widow and orphan
but thwarts the path of the wicked.

The Lord will reign for ever,
Zion's God, from age to age. ***R/.***

Second reading

James 2:1-5

My brothers, do not try to combine faith in Jesus Christ,
our glorified Lord, with the making of distinctions between
classes of people. Now suppose a man comes into your
synagogue, beautifully dressed and with a gold ring on, and
at the same time a poor man comes in, in shabby clothes,
and you take notice of the well-dressed man, and say,
'Come this way to the best seats'; then you tell the poor
man, 'Stand over there' or 'You can sit on the floor by my
foot-rest.' Can't you see that you have used two different

standards in your mind, and turned yourselves into judges,
and corrupt judges at that?

Listen, my dear brothers: it was those who are poor
according to the world that God chose, to be rich in faith
and to be the heirs to the kingdom which he promised to
those who love him.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!
Speak, Lord, your servant is listening:
you have the message of eternal life.
Alleluia!

Gospel

Mark 7:31-37

Returning from the district of Tyre, Jesus went by way of
Sidon towards the Sea of Galilee, right through the
Decapolis region. And they brought him a deaf man who
had an impediment in his speech; and they asked him to
lay his hand on him. He took him aside in private, away
from the crowd, put his fingers into the man's ears and
touched his tongue with spittle. Then looking up to heaven
he sighed; and he said to him, 'Ephphatha', that is, 'Be
opened.' And his ears were opened, and the ligament of
his tongue was loosened and he spoke clearly. And Jesus
ordered them to tell no one about it, but the more he
insisted, the more widely they published it. Their
admiration was unbounded. 'He has done all things well,'
they said 'he makes the deaf hear and the dumb speak.'

Prayer over the Offerings

O God, who give us the gift of true prayer and of peace,
graciously grant that through this offering,
we may do fitting homage to your divine majesty
and, by partaking of the sacred mystery,
we may be faithfully united in mind and heart.
Through Christ our Lord.

Communion Antiphon

Like the deer that yearns for running streams,
so my soul is yearning for you, my God;
my soul is thirsting for God, the living God.

Prayer after Communion

Grant that your faithful, O Lord,
whom you nourish and endow with life
through the food of your Word and heavenly Sacrament,
may so benefit from your beloved Son's great gifts
that we may merit an eternal share in his life.
Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.