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| DAY | ST JOHN'S | ST JOSEPH'S | INTENTION |
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| Year B Sunday 6 th October TWENTY SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY Green | 4.00pm Vigil Mass | | Michael Kenny RIP |
| | | 8.30am Mass at St. Thomas' Wroxton | For the Souls in Purgatory |
| | 8.45am Mass | | Geoffery Plumb & Keith Rhodes RIP |
| | | 10.00am Mass | Patricia Breen RIP |
| | 11.15am Mass | | Patricia Ostler RIP |
| | | 5.00pm Confessions 5.30pm Mass | People of the Parish |
| Monday 7 th <i>Memorial of Our Lady of the Rosary</i> | | 9.30am Mass | Chris White RIP |
| Tuesday 8 th <i>Feria in Ordinary Time</i> | 9.30am Mass | | Holy Souls |
| Wednesday 9 th <i>Feast of St. John Henry Newman</i> | 11.00am Funeral Mass | 9.30am Mass | Tina Mc Attavey RIP Patricia Ostler |
| Thursday 10 th <i>Feria in Ordinary Time</i> | 9.30am Mass 10.30am School Mass | | Private Intention Rebecca Richardson RIP |
| Friday 11 th <i>Feria in Ordinary Time</i> | Confessions & Holy Hour 6.00-7.00pm | 9.30am Mass | Rachel Smith RIP |
| Saturday 12 th <i>Feria in Ordinary Time</i> | 10.00am Mass Confession 10.30 – 11am | | Holy Souls |
| Year B Sunday 13 th October TWENTY EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY Green | 4.00pm Vigil Mass | | Michael & Kathleen Szykarewicz RIP |
| | 8.45am Mass | | Joseph O' Connor |
| | | 10.00am Mass | Honor & Sean Murphy |
| | 11.15am Mass | | People of the Parish |
| | | | 5.00pm Confessions 5.30pm Mass |

Today we welcome to the parish Fr. Stephen Kimani from the St Patrick's Missionary Society who will make an appeal for the work they do mostly in Africa and South America. What began as an Irish missionary society just over 100 years ago is now truly international.

The Mass schedule here on the first Sunday of the month is quite busy with six Masses. Fr Stephen will try and get to meet as many of us as possible to share news of the work they do.

WORLD STREET FOOD MARKET - A huge thanks to all who organised, set up and cleared up, cooked delicious dishes from around the world, and those came along and supported last Saturday's World Street Food market. It was a sellout! It was a great opportunity for us to gather together and chat.

The Social Committee are planning a programme of activities over the coming few months. They will be well worth attending! So keep your eyes peeled on the newsletter for future events.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2025 - Application forms will be available for collection at the end of Masses from one of the clergy on the weekends 20th and 27th October. They will need to be returned completed by Sunday 17th of November.

The sessions will all take place on Saturday mornings during school term time. If it isn't possible for your child to commit to this for this year, then they can delay preparing for Holy Communion to the following year. The earliest children can make their first Holy Communion in this diocese is Year 3 of primary school.

Preparation will begin at the end of November, and all dates will be sent to you once your child's application has been processed.

CONFIRMATION - No dates have been proposed for this by the Bishop as yet. When we have news we will communicate it at Mass as usual.

THE POPE'S CALL TO PRAYER AND FASTING FOR THE PEACE OF THE WORLD -

The Holy Father asks that tomorrow - Monday 7 October, the memorial of Our Lady of the Rosary - to be a day of fasting and prayer for peace in the world wherever there is conflict.

Lord Jesus Christ, You are the true King of peace.

In You alone is found perfect freedom.

Free our world from conflict. Bring unity to troubled nations.

Let Your glorious peace reign in every heart.

Dispel all darkness and evil. Protect the dignity of every human life. Replace hatred with Your love.

Give wisdom to world leaders. Free them from selfish ambition. Eliminate all violence and war.

Glorious Virgin Mary, St Michael the Archangel, every angel and saint, pray for peace.

Pray for unity amongst the nations. Pray for unity amongst all people.

Pray for the most vulnerable. Pray for those suffering.

Pray for the fearful. Pray for those most in need. Pray for us all.

Jesus, Son of the living God, have mercy on us.

Jesus, hear our prayer. Jesus I trust in You. Amen.

CAFOD FAMILY FAST DAY – HARVEST APPEAL.

Daniel, a young man in Democratic Republic of Congo, is carving a better future for his family with carpentry skills he learned in a CAFOD-funded training centre. Give to CAFOD today and you'll fund training tools, equipment and safe spaces so more people like Daniel can learn new skills and fulfil their God-given potential. Use the envelopes in church or give online at cafod.org.uk/envelope

There will be a second collection in church on next weekend.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL The next meeting is on Tuesday 8th October at 7.00pm in the Wall Room. All are welcome to attend.

MONDAY LUNCH CLUB The next lunch club is on 14th October. An opportunity to meet new people and enjoy home cooked meals in our parish rooms. Please contact Marilena to book your place on 07891 178920.

We are also looking for support in running the Lunch Club. No experience required just energy and a smile. Please contact Marilena if interested.

RAFFLE PRIZES FOR LUNCH CLUB There is a raffle at every lunch club however we are running very low on prizes. If you have any unwanted gifts or items that would be suitable for the raffle, please can you bring them to the parish office.

PARISH THEATRE TRIP Those who have booked a place on the theatre trip to see 'Here you come again' in Milton Keynes, please can you pay the balance before the 14th October. Payment can be left at the parish office. Please leave your name with your payment.

MARY'S MEALS – September's lunch raised £427.84 which will feed 22 children for a year. Thank you for your generous support.

BGN VACANCIES The school are currently recruiting for a Chef Manager, a Letting Assistant as well as subject leaders of Science and PE. Please see the noticeboard or go to the school website for more information.

BGN SCHOOL FAMILY FUN PRIZE BINGO NIGHT Friday 18th October, 6.30 – 8pm. Tickets available to buy on the door.

YOUTH BAKE SALE - A huge thank you to the Parish Community for supporting our youth Bake Sale last weekend at St. John's church.

We raised £406.31 which will go towards the £1,421 cost of tickets for FLAME.

The Youth Group is covering the cost of the tickets for FLAME so our young people can attend the biggest Catholic gathering of young people in Wembley Arena on 15th March 2025. We are most grateful for your support.

HOMEMADE JAMS AND TREATS - Will be sold after 10am Mass at St Joseph's on Sunday 13th October.

Money raised will also go towards fundraising for the tickets for FLAME 2025.

Please pray for the dead ...

*Of your charity, pray for the repose of the souls of those who have died recently, particularly
John Bussey, Robert Sherington, Sheila Livesy, & Pat Ostler
Pray also for those whose anniversaries occur this coming week:*

- 06 Ruth Frame 2000; Katica Stadfeld 1985; Reginald Bloice 1985
- 07 Rosemarie Grabowska 2016; Joy Oxlade 2011; Rosario Oya 2010; Denise Thomas 1993; Doreen Cooney 1988; Catherine Barraclough 1987; Maud Parkinson 1987; Aaron Lowe 1985
- 08 Paul Kelly 2020; James Byrne 2000; Brenda Gardiner 1996
- 09 Paddy Breen 2016; Margaret Van Averbeke 2014; Giovanni Malvatani 2006; Hilda (Pat) Murphy 2005; Hanoria (Nora) Hayes 2004
- 10 Rick Gilroy 2015; Lionel (Tony) Wright 2008; John Loughlan 1983
- 11 Daniel Brady 2022; John Gilligan 2005; Thomas Crosse 1989
- 12 Patricia Joan Stirling 2008; Margaret Cawsey 2006; Mary Phipps 1989; Clorinda Grossi 1998; Dennis Donovan 1985; Peter Cheung Sung 1984

***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: 29th September | <u>ST JOHN'S</u> | <u>ST JOSEPH'S</u> |
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| Gift Aid | £ 112.00 | £ 212.00 |
| Non-Gift Aid | £ 535.02 | £ 252.17 |
| Contactless Card | £ 23.00 | £ 50.00 |

Thank you for your support.

This weekend's second collection is for a Mission Appeal

Next weekend's second collection is for CAFOD

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

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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 Saturday, 6.30 – 8pm for children Yr 6 & 7 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

Within your will, O Lord, all things are established,
and there is none that can resist your will.
For you have made all things, the heaven and the earth,
and all that is held within the circle of heaven;
you are the Lord of all.

Collect

Almighty ever-living God,
who in the abundance of your kindness
surpass the merits and the desires of those who entreat you,
pour out your mercy upon us
to pardon what conscience dreads
and to give what prayer does not dare to ask.
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

Genesis 2:18-24

The Lord God said, 'It is not good that the man should be alone. I will make him a helpmate.' So from the soil the Lord God fashioned all the wild beasts and all the birds of heaven. These he brought to the man to see what he would call them; each one was to bear the name the man would give it. The man gave names to all the cattle, all the birds of heaven and all the wild beasts. But no helpmate suitable for man was found for him. So the Lord God made the man fall into a deep sleep. And while he slept, he took one of his ribs and enclosed it in flesh. The Lord God built the rib he had taken from the man into a woman, and brought her to the man. The man exclaimed:

'This at last is bone from my bones,
and flesh from my flesh!
This is to be called woman,
for this was taken from man.'

This is why a man leaves his father and mother and joins himself to his wife, and they become one body.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 127(128)

May the Lord bless us all the days of our life. R/.

O blessed are those who fear the Lord
and walk in his ways!
By the labour of your hands you shall eat.
You will be happy and prosper. **R/.**

Your wife like a fruitful vine
in the heart of your house;
your children like shoots of the olive,
around your table. **R/.**

Indeed thus shall be blessed
the man who fears the Lord.
May the Lord bless you from Zion
in a happy Jerusalem
all the days of your life!
May you see your children's children.
On Israel, peace! **R/.**

Second reading

Hebrews 2:9-11

We see in Jesus one who was for a short while made lower than the angels and is now crowned with glory and splendour because he submitted to death; by God's grace he had to experience death for all mankind.

As it was his purpose to bring a great many of his sons into glory, it was appropriate that God, for whom everything exists and through whom everything exists, should make perfect, through suffering, the leader who would take them to their salvation. For the one who sanctifies, and the ones who are sanctified, are of the same stock; that is why he openly calls them brothers.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!
Your word is truth, O Lord:
consecrate us in the truth.
Alleluia!

Gospel

Mark 10:2-16

Some Pharisees approached Jesus and asked, 'Is it against the law for a man to divorce his wife?' They were testing him. He answered them, 'What did Moses command you?' 'Moses allowed us' they said 'to draw up a writ of dismissal and so to divorce.' Then Jesus said to them, 'It was because you were so unteachable that he wrote this commandment for you. But from the beginning of creation God made them male and female. This is why a man must leave father and mother, and the two become one body. They are no longer two, therefore, but one body. So then, what God has united, man must not divide.' Back in the house the disciples questioned him again about this, and he said to them, 'The man who divorces his wife and marries another is guilty of adultery against her. And if a woman divorces her husband and marries another she is guilty of adultery too.'

People were bringing little children to him, for him to touch them. The disciples turned them away, but when Jesus saw this he was indignant and said to them, 'Let the little children come to me; do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs. I tell you solemnly, anyone who does not welcome the kingdom of God like a little child will never enter it.' Then he put his arms round them, laid his hands on them and gave them his blessing.

Prayer over the Offerings

Accept, O Lord, we pray,
the sacrifices instituted by your commands
and, through the sacred mysteries,
which we celebrate with dutiful service,
graciously complete the sanctifying work
by which you are pleased to redeem us.
Through Christ our Lord.

Communion Antiphon

The Lord is good to those who hope in him,
to the soul that seeks him.

Prayer after Communion

Grant us, almighty God,
that we may be refreshed and nourished
by the Sacrament which we have received,
so as to be transformed into what we consume.
Through Christ our Lord.