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DAY	ST JOHN'S	ST JOSEPH'S	INTENTION
Year B	4.00pm Vigil Mass		Michael & Kathleen Szykarewicz RIP
Sunday 13 th October TWENTY EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY Green	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	Holy Souls
	Monday 14 th <i>Feria in Ordinary Time</i>		9.30am Mass
Tuesday 15 th <i>Memorial of St. Theresa of Jesus</i>	9.30am Mass		Ann Dagger
Wednesday 16 th <i>Feria in Ordinary Time</i>		9.30am Mass	Sr. Maureen Murphy RIP
Thursday 17 th <i>Memorial of St. Ignatius of Antioch</i>	9.30am Mass 10.30am School Mass		Special Intention Seamus Hannon RIP
Friday 18 th <i>Feast of St. Luke, Evangelist</i>	1.00pm Funeral Mass Confessions & Holy Hour 6.00-7.00pm	9.30am Mass	Brigid & Roy Day RIP Sheila Livesy
Saturday 19 th <i>Feria in Ordinary Time</i>	10.00am Mass Confession 10.30 – 11am		Special Intention
Year B	4.00pm Vigil Mass		Ann Boyle
Sunday 20 th October TWENTY NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY Green	8.45am Mass		People of the Parish
		10.00am Mass	Ann Parkin
	11.15am Mass		Patricia Murphy
		5.00pm Confessions 5.30pm Mass	Jean Costello RIP

JUBILEE YEAR PILGRIMAGE TO WALSINGHAM - Next year, 2025 is a Jubilee Year for the whole Catholic Church. There is a possibility of a Banbury pilgrimage to the Shrine of Our Lady of Walsingham as part of these Jubilee Year celebrations. The proposed dates are Friday 18th to Sunday 20th July.

The Shrine of Our Lady of Walsingham dates from the year 1061, and is therefore among the oldest sites of pilgrimage in Europe.

It is known as England's Nazareth, for the Lady of the Manor – Richeldis - was taken in spirit to the Holy House at Nazareth, and was asked by Our Lady to build a replica of this house where Mary encountered the Angel Gabriel, and where, through her 'yes', the Word was made Flesh. The original shrine was destroyed by the reformers during the reformation, but devotion was revived in the 19th century. For many who have been to Walsingham their experience has often been a day pilgrimage – which by its nature is fairly rushed and involving a lot of travel.

This pilgrimage will give the opportunity to savour what is a lovely area, with great history and importance for us as Catholics.

A pilgrimage is not a retreat, so whilst there we will have Mass, Evening Prayer, Rosary, Processions and Benediction, there will also be opportunity for relaxation and socialising in what is a beautiful Norfolk village.

The estimated cost is approximately £300. This will include coach transport (which is now the most expensive item), Dinner & B&B on Friday and Saturday, and Sunday lunch. There are a variety of ensuite single and twin rooms.

We first need to know if this is viable as we will have to pay deposits to guarantee the rooms. If you could email the office and let Fr Philip know if you are pretty interested, and would be likely to go, by 27th of October so that we can decide on whether it's worth pursuing.

NOVEMBER BLESSING OF GRAVES - This is a beautiful and poignant way of marking the Month of the Holy Souls. We will gather at Hardwick Hill cemetery on Sunday November 3rd at 2pm, and at Southam Road at 2pm on Sunday November 10th. It begins with a few prayers for the faithful buried there and those who mourn, and a scripture reading that speaks of our Christian hope in the face of death. After the short liturgy families/ friends go to the grave of their loved one, and the clergy will come around and bless each of their graves in turn. Hopefully it will be a source of consolation, and a happy thought that, after we have gone, friends or family might visit our graves to pray for us. Previously it was held on Saturday which seemed difficult for many, so we will try Sunday – appropriately the day of the Lord's resurrection.

All Souls Day this year will fall on a Saturday November 2nd, so the 10am Mass that day will be a Requiem Mass at which we will pray by name for all whose funeral rites were celebrated in the parish this past year.

MISSIO RED BOXES – If you have a box to be emptied, please bring it to the parish office or call Sue on 07814 733170 or 01295 596838.

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.

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 this weekend.

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 – There will be no lunch in October due to circumstances beyond our control. The Christmas lunch will be held on Friday 29th November.

ST. JOHN'S SCHOOL VACANCY - The school is currently recruiting for a Teaching Assistant. Please contact the school or look on the school website for more information. www.st-john-banbury.oxon.sch.uk

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

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.

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD – Now is the time for you to be putting your shoeboxes together. If you would like any help or information, please speak to Sue Allen.

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,
Pray also for those whose anniversaries occur this coming week:*

- 13 Joe Brown 2021; Rose Ryder 2018; Kathleen Szykarewicz 2012; Michael Tesla 2008; Michael (Jack) Nadin 1999; Liam Holden 1999; Madeline White 1992.
- 14 Chris McGrath 2022; Patricia Buttler 2010
- 15 Henry Jones 2018
- 16 Thomas McKeown 2013; Edward Burke 1995; Mary Lehane 1988
- 17 John Gammage 1995; Rosania Pannozzo 1994; Catherine Bamborough 1994; John Bortkiewicz 1993; Antonio Cugini 1988
- 18 Marianne Seregi 2023; Theresa James 2009; Maureen Gretton 2007; James Nurden 2003
- 19 Egon Winkler 2018; John O’Sullivan 2014; Anne Boyle 2009; Peggy Towner 2002; James Comiskie 1982
- 20 Gerrard O’Connor 2022; Kath Heritage 2017; Michael Muir 2010; Magdalen Walton 2008; Raffaelina Malvatani 2008; Eva Seeney 2006; Karl Kurze 2004; Deghario Magno 1996; Francis Pearson 1993

***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>
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 CAFOD

Next weekend’s second collection is for WORLD MISSION SUNDAY

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 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

If you, O Lord, should mark iniquities,
Lord, who could stand?
But with you is found forgiveness,
O God of Israel.

Collect

May your grace, O Lord, we pray,
at all times go before us and follow after
and make us always determined
to carry out good works.
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

Wisdom 7:7-11

I prayed, and understanding was given me;
I entreated, and the spirit of Wisdom came to me.
I esteemed her more than sceptres and thrones;
compared with her, I held riches as nothing.
I reckoned no priceless stone to be her peer,
for compared with her, all gold is a pinch of sand,
and beside her silver ranks as mud.
I loved her more than health or beauty,
preferred her to the light,
since her radiance never sleeps.
In her company all good things came to me,
at her hands riches not to be numbered.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 89(90):12-17

Fill us with your love so that we may rejoice. R/.

Make us know the shortness of our life
that we may gain wisdom of heart.
Lord, relent! Is your anger for ever?
Show pity to your servants. *R/.*
In the morning, fill us with your love;
we shall exult and rejoice all our days.
Give us joy to balance our affliction
for the years when we knew misfortune. *R/.*
Show forth your work to your servants;
let your glory shine on their children.
Let the favour of the Lord be upon us:
give success to the work of our hands. *R/.*

Second reading

Hebrews 4:12-13

The word of God is something alive and active: it cuts like any double-edged sword but more finely: it can slip through the place where the soul is divided from the spirit, or joints from the marrow; it can judge the secret emotions and thoughts. No created thing can hide from him; everything is uncovered and open to the eyes of the one to whom we must give account of ourselves.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!
Blessed are you, Father,
Lord of heaven and earth,
for revealing the mysteries of the kingdom
to mere children.
Alleluia!

Gospel

Mark 10:17-30

Jesus was setting out on a journey when a man ran up, knelt before him and put this question to him, 'Good master, what must I do to inherit eternal life?' Jesus said to him, 'Why do you call me good? No one is good but God alone. You know the commandments: You must not kill; You must not commit adultery; You must not steal; You must not bring false witness; You must not defraud; Honour your father and mother.' And he said to him, 'Master, I have kept all these from my earliest days.' Jesus looked steadily at him and loved him, and he said, 'There is one thing you lack. Go and sell everything you own and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me.' But his face fell at these words and he went away sad, for he was a man of great wealth.

Jesus looked round and said to his disciples, 'How hard it is for those who have riches to enter the kingdom of God!' The disciples were astounded by these words, but Jesus insisted, 'My children,' he said to them 'how hard it is to enter the kingdom of God! It is easier for a camel to pass through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter the kingdom of God.' They were more astonished than ever. 'In that case' they said to one another 'who can be saved?' Jesus gazed at them. 'For men' he said 'it is impossible, but not for God: because everything is possible for God.'

Peter took this up. 'What about us?' he asked him. 'We have left everything and followed you.' Jesus said, 'I tell you solemnly, there is no one who has left house, brothers, sisters, father, children or land for my sake and for the sake of the gospel who will not be repaid a hundred times over, houses, brothers, sisters, mothers, children and land – not without persecutions – now in this present time and, in the world to come, eternal life.'

Prayer over the Offerings

Accept, O Lord, the prayers of your faithful
with the sacrificial offerings,
that, through these acts of devotedness,
we may pass over to the glory of heaven.
Through Christ our Lord.

Communion Antiphon

The rich suffer want and go hungry,
but those who seek the Lord lack no blessing.

Prayer after Communion

We entreat your majesty most humbly, O Lord,
that, as you feed us with the nourishment
which comes from the most holy Body and Blood of your Son,
so you may make us sharers of his divine nature.
Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.