



# CATHOLIC BANBURY

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## ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST

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DAY	ST JOHN'S	ST JOSEPH'S	INTENTION
Year B	4.00pm Vigil Mass		Oran O'Kane RIP
Sunday 27 <sup>th</sup> October THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	8.45am Mass		Teresa and Scott Black RIP
		10.00am Mass	Eleanor & Thomas Thomason RIP
	11.15am Mass		People of the Parish
	Green	5.00pm Confessions 5.30pm Mass	Kevin & Ina Kearney RIP
Monday 28 <sup>th</sup> <i>Feast of Ss Simon &amp; Jude</i>		9.30am Rosary & Benediction	
Tuesday 29 <sup>th</sup> <i>Feria in Ordinary Time</i>	9.30am Mass		Pia Thomas
Wednesday 30 <sup>th</sup> <i>Feria in Ordinary Time</i>		9.30am Mass	Gabriel Oliver RIP
Thursday 31 <sup>st</sup> <i>Feria in Ordinary Time</i>	9.30am Mass 10.30am School Mass		Special Intention Alfred William Ashford RIP
Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> November <b>SOLEMNITY OF ALL SAINTS</b>	Confessions & Holy Hour 6.00-7.00pm	9.30am Mass	Xavier Marshall RIP
Saturday 2 <sup>nd</sup> <b>ALL SOULS DAY</b>	10.00am Mass Confession 10.30 – 11am 1.00pm Wedding		Deceased members of the Legion of Mary Andrew Newstead & Samantha Cox
Year B	4.00pm Vigil Mass		Deceased members of the Sullivan Family
Sunday 3 <sup>rd</sup> November THIRTY FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME		8.30am St. Thomas' Wroxton	People of the Parish
	8.45am Mass		Deceased members of The Griffin Family
		10.00am Mass	Special Intention
	11.15am Mass		Bright Family Special Intentions
	Green	5.00pm Confessions 5.30pm Mass	

**Welcome to Mass, and a special welcome to anyone who is visiting. There are refreshments available after the 8.45am Mass in the Dupuis Centre, and after the 10am Mass in St Joseph's Hall.**

This coming week there are two important dates in the Catholic calendar – one a feast and Holy Day of Obligation, the other an important commemoration – both reminding us that the Church is far bigger than what we can see.

The first is **All Saints Day** on Friday which celebrates all those who enjoy the glory of heaven. Saints comes from the word for 'holy'. St John the Evangelist simply means 'Holy John the Evangelist.' Some of these holy ones will have been canonised by the Church and have feast days. The far greater number are those who history does not recall. As the Book of the Apocalypse has it: 'After this, I had a vision of a great multitude, which no one could count, from every nation, race, people and tongue. They stood before the throne and before the lamb, wearing white robes and holding palm branches in their hands.' In honouring the saints, we give praise to God who made them so. Sometimes this day was called All Hallows – hallow too speaks of the holy – 'hallowed by thy name' we say in the Our Father – 'may your name be held holy.' Perhaps, in the popular imagination, All Hallows was overshadowed by its eve – All Hallows Eve or Hallowe'en – so it's good to reclaim this day for light, rather than darkness.

The commemoration that follows is **All Souls Day**. Often, we like to think that our loved ones go straight to heaven. Indeed they do if they are perfect – or they die before the age of reason. For most people, though, the fact is that we are sinners, and so wouldn't be able to bear the sight of the perfect love and glory of the Father – no more than can look at the sun. Purgatory prepares us, through the cleansing of sin, to be made ready for the beatific vision. In this sense purgatory can be related to pain as we see the fruits of bad actions and false treasures – to face our true selves – so that the mercy of God can cleanse us. All Souls Day reminds us of how important it is to pray for the faithful departed and offer Holy Mass for them. Also, a plenary indulgence, applicable to the souls in purgatory, is granted to the faithful who devoutly visit a church and there pray at least the Our Father and the Creed under the usual conditions. Mass for the faithful departed will be offered that day (Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> November) at 10am.

**WALSINGHAM JUBILEE PILGRIMAGE - (18th-20th July).**

Thank you to those who have expressed an interest in going on this pilgrimage. We have about 15 so far. If you could let us know this weekend if you wish to go, then we'll see what the possibilities are.

**THE PRODIGAL DAUGHTER** – "One woman's journey from abuse and abortion back into the Father's arms". You are invited to hear International speaker and the national director of Rachel's Vineyard UK Ministry, Rachel Mackenzie, as she shares her powerful testimony of power of God's mercy. A great opportunity to bring along non-Christian friends and family. Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> November 7pm. St Joseph's Church Hall. Free Entry. See posters and leaflets at the back of Church.

**DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES** - Every year, hundreds of pilgrims from across the Archdiocese of Birmingham join together for the Lourdes Pilgrimage. 2025 is the Year of Jubilee and Archbishop Bernard invites you to come with us on this very special occasion in the life of the Archdiocese: "It's a great experience to be together with upwards of 700 fellow pilgrims." The pilgrimage dates have been announced: **Saturday 24 – Friday 30 May 2025**, and you can now express your interest in a place or get more information by scanning the QR code on your phone, or by visiting [www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk/lourdes](http://www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk/lourdes).



**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2025** - Application forms will be available for collection at the end of Masses from one of the clergy this Sunday. They will need to be returned completed by Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> 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. **Parents** – it is really important that you do your bit in bringing the children to Sunday Mass (if you don't already). We have Masses from Saturday at 4pm through to Sunday at 5.30pm. The preparation and catechists are there to help you in preparing your children – they can't do it for you! What is important to you will be important for them – and the opposite will also be true.

**200 CLUB WINNERS** – September winners are No. 49, £142.50. No. 43, £85.50. No. 109, £57. October winners are No. 62, £142.50. No. 100, £85.50. No. 144, £57.

**CHRISTMAS RAFFLE** - Over the next few weeks there will be lists at the back of the Churches for those wishing to donate items for the Grand Christmas Draw. Please if you can contribute to this fund-raising event, we would be most grateful. Raffle tickets will also be available after weekend Masses over the coming weeks.

Please return any unsold tickets to the Parish so we can pass on to others that wish to sell and return any tickets (stubs only) with monies before the 15<sup>th</sup> December - sooner rather than later - thank you.

**BGN VACANCIES** – The school are currently recruiting for an Administrators and a Teacher of Science. For more information, please see our noticeboard or visit the school website.

**ST. JOSEPH'S YOUTH BAKE SALE** – Thank you to all those who donated cakes and who supported us by buying homemade jam and cakes. £223.38 was raised.

**Please pray for the dead ...**

*Of your charity, pray for the repose of the souls of those who have died recently, particularly  
Diana Little.*

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

- 27 Margaret Purves 2014; Joan Evans 2007; Cecilia Butler 1996; Mary Lannigan 1994; Andrew Delaney 1994; William Murphy 1993; Joseph Scales 1987; Thomas Adkin 1985
- 28 Mary Sloane Lawton 2016; Reginald Laville 2007; Stephen McKenna 2006; Phyllis Boraman 2000; Mikolaj Luraszuk 1994
- 29 Mary Willett 1991
- 30 Marie-Jeanne Andrews-Serpe 2011; June McNaughton 2007; Eric Tomalin 1999; Andrew C.G. Lim 1998
- 31 Patrick McCorkindale 2005; Joseph O'Neil 1989; Louis Hancox 1983
- 01 Xavier Marshall 2017; Terence Curtis 2012; John Mortell 2008; Patricia Goode 1993; James Coyle 1997
- 02 Carolyn Gormley 2021; Mabel Granger 2007; Elizabeth Johnson-Thomas 1998; Margaret Lord 1995

***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**

<b>Weekly Income: 20<sup>th</sup> October</b>	<b><u>ST JOHN'S</u></b>	<b><u>ST JOSEPH'S</u></b>
Gift Aid	£ 144.00	£87.00
Non-Gift Aid	£ 562.53	£183.64
Contactless Card	£ 140.00	£ 60.00
World Mission Sunday	£233.89	£88.85
Standing Orders - August	£2953.00	£976.00
- September	£3003.00	£1252.00

**Next weekend's second collection is for The Johnson Association.**

**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**

<b>St. John's:</b>	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)
<b>St. Joseph's:</b>	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 <sup>rd</sup> Saturday, 6.30 – 8pm for children Yr 6 & 7 3 <sup>rd</sup> 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](mailto:sg.stjohn.banbury@rcaob.org.uk) or alternatively the Diocesan Safeguarding team can be contacted on 0121 230 6240/ [safeguarding@rcaob.org.uk](mailto:safeguarding@rcaob.org.uk) if you have any concern.

## Entrance Antiphon

Let the hearts that seek the Lord rejoice;  
turn to the Lord and his strength;  
constantly seek his face.

## Collect

Almighty ever-living God,  
increase our faith, hope and charity,  
and make us love what you command,  
so that we may merit what you promise.  
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

Jeremiah 31:7-9

The Lord says this:  
Shout with joy for Jacob!  
Hail the chief of nations!  
Proclaim! Praise! Shout:  
'The Lord has saved his people,  
the remnant of Israel!'  
See, I will bring them back  
from the land of the North  
and gather them from the far ends of earth;  
all of them: the blind and the lame,  
women with child, women in labour:  
a great company returning here.  
They had left in tears,  
I will comfort them as I lead them back;  
I will guide them to streams of water,  
by a smooth path where they will not stumble.  
For I am a father to Israel,  
and Ephraim is my first-born son.

## Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 125(126)

***What marvels the Lord worked for us! Indeed we were glad.  
R/.***

When the Lord delivered Zion from bondage,  
it seemed like a dream.

Then was our mouth filled with laughter,  
on our lips there were songs. ***R/.***

The heathens themselves said: 'What marvels  
the Lord worked for them!'

What marvels the Lord worked for us!  
Indeed we were glad. ***R/.***

Deliver us, O Lord, from our bondage  
as streams in dry land.

Those who are sowing in tears  
will sing when they reap. ***R/.***

They go out, they go out, full of tears,  
carrying seed for the sowing:  
they come back, they come back, full of song,  
carrying their sheaves. ***R/.***

## Second reading

Hebrews 5:1-6

Every high priest has been taken out of mankind and is appointed to act for men in their relations with God, to offer gifts and sacrifices for sins; and so he can sympathise with those who are ignorant or uncertain because he too lives in the limitations of weakness. That is why he has to make sin offerings for himself as well as for the people. No one takes this honour on himself, but each one is called by God, as Aaron was. Nor did Christ give himself the glory of becoming high priest, but he had it from the one who said to him: *You are my son, today I have become your father*, and in another text: *You are a priest of the order of Melchizedek, and for ever*.

## Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!  
I am the light of the world, says the Lord;  
anyone who follows me will have the light of life.  
Alleluia!

## Gospel

Mark 10:46-52

As Jesus left Jericho with his disciples and a large crowd, Bartimaeus (that is, the son of Timaeus), a blind beggar, was sitting at the side of the road. When he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to shout and to say, 'Son of David, Jesus, have pity on me.' And many of them scolded him and told him to keep quiet, but he only shouted all the louder, 'Son of David, have pity on me.' Jesus stopped and said, 'Call him here.' So they called the blind man. 'Courage,' they said 'get up; he is calling you.' So throwing off his cloak, he jumped up and went to Jesus. Then Jesus spoke, 'What do you want me to do for you?' 'Rabbuni,' the blind man said to him 'Master, let me see again.' Jesus said to him, 'Go; your faith has saved you.' And immediately his sight returned and he followed him along the road.

## Prayer over the Offerings

Look, we pray, O Lord,  
on the offerings we make to your majesty,  
that whatever is done by us in your service  
may be directed above all to your glory.  
Through Christ our Lord.

## Communion Antiphon

We will ring out our joy at your saving help  
and exult in the name of our God.

## Prayer after Communion

May your Sacraments, O Lord, we pray,  
perfect in us what lies within them,  
that what we now celebrate in signs  
we may one day possess in truth.  
Through Christ our Lord.