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DAY	ST JOHN'S	ST JOSEPH'S	INTENTION
<b>Year B</b>  <b>Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> November</b> <b>THIRTY FIRST SUNDAY IN</b> <b>ORDINARY TIME</b>  <b>Green</b>	<b>4.00pm Vigil Mass</b>		Deceased members of the Sullivan Family
		<b>8.30am St. Thomas' Wroxton</b>	People of the Parish
	<b>8.45am Mass</b>		Deceased members of The Griffin Family
		<b>10.00am Mass</b>	Special Intention
	<b>11.15am Mass</b>		Bright Family Special Intentions
		<i>5.00pm Confessions</i> <b>5.30pm Mass</b>	Special Intentions
Monday 4 <sup>th</sup>  <i>Memorial of St. Charles Borromeo</i>		<b>9.30am Mass</b>	Rita Ellis RIP
Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup>  <i>Feria in Ordinary Time</i>	<b>9.30am Mass</b> <b>11.00am Funeral Mass</b>		Special Intentions Diana Little
Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup>  <i>Feria in Ordinary Time</i>		<b>9.30am Rosary &amp; Benediction</b>	
Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup>  <i>Feria in Ordinary Time</i>	<b>9.30am Mass</b> <b>10.30am School Mass</b>		Special Intentions Maurice Doody RIP
Friday 8 <sup>th</sup>  <i>Feria in Ordinary Time</i>	<i>Confessions &amp; Holy Hour</i> <i>6.00-7.00pm</i>	<b>9.30am Mass</b>	Special Intentions
Saturday 9 <sup>th</sup>  <b>FEAST OF THE DEDICATION OF THE LATERAN BASILICA</b>	<b>10.00am Mass</b> <i>Confession 10.30 – 11am</i>		Special Intentions
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	<b>8.45am Mass</b>		Alfred William Ashford RIP
		<b>10.00am Mass</b>	Sr. Maureen Murphy RIP
	<b>11.15am Mass</b>		People of the Parish
		<i>5.00pm Confessions</i> <b>5.30pm Mass</b>	Special Intentions

**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.**

**ST JOSEPH'S ROOF** - As we have been watching water occasionally pour forth into St Joseph's church during heavy rain –by the look of it, for some years – our architects came up with a solution - the plans of which were put up in the church in early summer. Although the architect put it out to tender after that, no work could begin as we had applied to the National Lottery Fund for a grant. This was made possible as the main work involved is the flat roof above the entrance which connects the church hall and the church. This entrance is important for access not only into church, but into the hall which is used for the Foodbank and community events. This is what gives the project a 'community dividend'.

We are delighted the National Lottery has awarded us £20,000 towards this, which is a tremendous advantage. Thank you to Nicola and the Fund-Raising Officer for the diocese in putting this application together.

Grateful thanks also for a donation of £500 from a parishioner, and other fundraising efforts are on the go which will hopefully bear fruit. All this, with some more fundraising, will make this very doable. Hopefully work on this can begin before we have any more floods!

**THE BLESSING OF GRAVES** - The first of the blessings will be this afternoon at 2pm at Hardwick Hill Cemetery. We begin by gathering together for a reading from scripture and prayers for all who lie at rest there, and those who mourn them. Families/ friends then go to their particular graves, and one of the clergy will come and bless those graves. It is a simple ceremony, but a lovely way of remembering our departed loved ones in this month of the holy souls. Next Sunday we will gather at Southam Road cemetery at 2pm.

Bishop Richard Walker will be visiting St John's on Sunday 17th October and celebrating the 11.15am Mass. Bishop Richard was Parish Priest at St John's, and for a time at St Joseph's from 2014 to 2020 and left during the days of restrictions during the pandemic. Following Mass there will be a gathering in the Dupuis Centre for parishioners to say hello.

**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 need to be returned completed by Sunday 17th of November. The sessions will all take place on Saturday mornings during school term time.

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.

**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.

**CAFOD WORLD GIFTS** – making a world of difference one gift at a time. By buying a World Gift, you can make a world of difference to families fleeing conflict, farmers battling the climate crisis and a community protecting the Amazon. There are gift brochures at the back of church or go online at [cafod.org.uk/worldgifts](http://cafod.org.uk/worldgifts)

**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.

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

*Of your charity, pray for the repose of the souls of those who have died recently,  
Pray also for those whose anniversaries occur this coming week:*

- 03 Pat McCarthy 2014; Agnes McGeough 2012
- 04 Patrick Gale 2022; Jerry Cederlund 2013; Martin Taylor 2008; Kayleigh Hancox 2007; James Wood 2004; Maurice Kearney 1985
- 05 Vera Allen 2014; Albert Holmes 2012; Annie Guilesppe 2003; Kevin McDonagh 1993; Mary Boardman 1987
- 06 John Bolton 2021; Robert Gordon 2013; Sharyn Lloyd 2012; Albert Connor 2008; Edward (John) Coggins 1998; William Gates 1996
- 07 Dorothy Broad 2009; Barbara Cannon 1995
- 08 Elizabeth Price 2023; Christopher Keegan 1996; Sandra Webb 1993; Mary McTaggart 1983
- 09 Patricia Devlin 1998; Anne McLoughlin 1986

***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: 27<sup>th</sup> October</b>	<b><u>ST JOHN'S</u></b>	<b><u>ST JOSEPH'S</u></b>
Gift Aid	£ 127.00	£55.00
Non-Gift Aid	£ 671.88	£224.18
Contactless Card	£ 105.00	£ 40.00
Standing Orders - August	£2953.00	£976.00
- September	£3003.00	£1252.00

**This 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**

Forsake me not, O Lord, my God;  
be not far from me!  
Make haste and come to my help,  
O Lord, my strong salvation!

### **Collect**

Almighty and merciful God,  
by whose gift your faithful offer you  
right and praiseworthy service,  
grant, we pray,  
that we may hasten without stumbling  
to receive the things you have promised.  
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**

#### **Deuteronomy 6:2-6**

Moses said to the people: 'If you fear the Lord your God all the days of your life and if you keep all his laws and commandments which I lay on you, you will have a long life, you and your son and your grandson. Listen then, Israel, keep and observe what will make you prosper and give you great increase, as the Lord the God of your fathers has promised you, giving you a land where milk and honey flow.

'Listen, Israel: the Lord our God is the one Lord. You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your strength. Let these words I urge on you today be written on your heart.'

### **Responsorial Psalm**

#### **Psalm 17(18):2-4,47,51**

*I love you, Lord, my strength. R/.*

I love you, Lord, my strength,  
my rock, my fortress, my saviour.  
My God is the rock where I take refuge;  
my shield, my mighty help, my stronghold.  
The Lord is worthy of all praise,  
when I call I am saved from my foes. *R/.*

Long life to the Lord, my rock!  
Praised be the God who saves me,  
He has given great victories to his king  
and shown his love for his anointed. *R/.*

### **Second reading**

#### **Hebrews 7:23-28**

There used to be a great number of priests under the former covenant, because death put an end to each one of them; but this one, because he remains for ever, can never lose his priesthood. It follows, then, that his power to save is utterly certain, since he is living for ever to intercede for all who come to God through him.

To suit us, the ideal high priest would have to be holy, innocent and uncontaminated, beyond the influence of sinners, and raised up above the heavens; one who would not need to offer sacrifices every day, as the other high priests do for their own sins and then for those of the people, because he has done this once and for all by offering himself. The Law appoints high priests who are men subject to weakness; but the promise on oath, which came after the Law, appointed the Son who is made perfect for ever.

### **Gospel Acclamation**

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

### **Gospel**

#### **Mark 12:28-34**

One of the scribes came up to Jesus and put a question to him, 'Which is the first of all the commandments?' Jesus replied, 'This is the first: Listen, Israel, the Lord our God is the one Lord, and you must love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind and with all your strength. The second is this: You must love your neighbour as yourself. There is no commandment greater than these.' The scribe said to him, 'Well spoken, Master; what you have said is true: that he is one and there is no other. To love him with all your heart, with all your understanding and strength, and to love your neighbour as yourself, this is far more important than any holocaust or sacrifice.' Jesus, seeing how wisely he had spoken, said, 'You are not far from the kingdom of God.' And after that no one dared to question him any more.

### **Prayer over the Offerings**

May these sacrificial offerings, O Lord,  
become for you a pure oblation,  
and for us a holy outpouring of your mercy.  
Through Christ our Lord.

### **Communion Antiphon**

You will show me the path of life,  
the fullness of joy in your presence, O Lord.

### **Prayer after Communion**

May the working of your power, O Lord,  
increase in us, we pray,  
so that, renewed by these heavenly Sacraments,  
we may be prepared by your gift  
for receiving what they promise.  
Through Christ our Lord.