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DAY	ST JOHN'S	ST JOSEPH'S	INTENTION
Year B	4.00pm Vigil Mass		Francis Griffin
Sunday 10 th November THIRTY SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	8.45am Mass		Alfred William Ashford RIP
		10.00am Mass	Sr. Maureen Murphy RIP
	11.15am Mass		People of the Parish
	Green	5.00pm Confessions 5.30pm Mass	Joseph Solomon RIP
	Monday 11 th <i>Memorial of St. Martin of Tours</i>	9.30am Mass	
Tuesday 12 th <i>Memorial of St. Josaphat</i>	9.30am Mass		Luigi Cioffi RIP
Wednesday 13 th <i>Feria in Ordinary Time</i>	9.30am Rosary & Benediction		
Thursday 14 th <i>Feria in Ordinary Time</i>	9.30am Mass 10.30am School Mass		Joan Whelan RIP Private Intention
Friday 15 th <i>Feria in Ordinary Time</i>	9.30am Mass Confessions & Holy Hour 6.00-7.00pm		Special Intentions
Saturday 16 th <i>Feria in Ordinary Time</i>	10.00am Mass Confession 10.30 – 11am		Martin Lynch RIP
Year B	4.00pm Vigil Mass		William Patrick McCarthy Birthday
Sunday 17 th November THIRTY THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	8.45am Mass		Patrick Shoyinka
		10.00am Mass	Cathie & Frank Alexander RIP
	11.15am Mass		Winnie Camilleri RIP
	Green	5.00pm Confessions 5.30pm Mass	Helen Green RIP

WELCOME TO MASS ON THIS REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY - At each of the Masses today we will keep a time of silence at the conclusion of the bidding prayers or, at the 8.45am, at the conclusion of Mass. As well as remembering all those who have died in war, we continue to pray for peace in our troubled world, and for all who serve in our armed forces.

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION - Bishop Richard will be coming to celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation in March next year. This is for young people who are Year 6 and above. If you would like to be Confirmed next year you can collect a Confirmation 2025 letter from one of the priests or deacons after Sunday Mass next week, or the week after. You will need to fill these in and return them by December 8th.

This is important as we need to be able to plan the sessions according to numbers and ages of candidates. The details of the preparation will be communicated by email to those who have applied.

If this isn't possible this time, Confirmation is usually prepared for each year, and so there will be an opportunity in the future.

...And something for adults. We will be starting a group for adults - Catholic 101 - who are Catholics who might be thinking about becoming Catholics; those who aren't Catholics but might want to see what it's all about; and for any Catholics who might feel that they missed out on catechesis, or some of the sacraments for whatever reason, as they were growing up. There will be sessions on various subjects on the basics of the faith for about an hour on Friday evenings in the Dupuis Centre beginning on November 29th. A number of adults have asked about this over the last few months – so this is your opportunity.

THE BLESSING OF GRAVES – This afternoon we will gather at Southam Road cemetery at 2pm.

BISHOP RICHARD WALKER will be visiting St John's on Sunday 17th November 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.

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 21st November 7pm. St Joseph's Church Hall. Free Entry. See posters and leaflets at the back of Church.

ST. JOSEPH'S ROOF WORK – Now that the roof work has commenced, all weekday masses will take place at St. John's. Please check the mass schedule to avoid any mix ups.

CATHOLICISM – an Introduction, is a friendly group for those who want to learn more about the beauty of Catholicism. Although primarily for Non-Catholics, Catholics who feel they have missed out on catechesis in the past are also welcome. The first session will be on Friday 29th November at 7pm in the Dupuis Centre. For more information please scan the QR code on the front of the newsletter.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2025 - Application forms will need to be returned completed by Sunday 17th 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.

THEATRE TRIP 'HERE YOU COME AGAIN' - All those that are booked for the Theatre Trip please meet at St Johns Church at 11.50am for a 12 Noon departure to Milton Keynes Theatre on Wednesday 20th November. Expected return will be after the Meal at the Pickled Ploughman in Adderbury at around 8pm.

ST JOHNS QUIZ - DATE FOR THE DIARY - Return of the Quiz Night will be on Friday 7th February 2025. Further details to follow.

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 15th 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

SECOND COLLECTION – The second collection today and next weekend is for the Christmas flowers for our churches. Please support this if you can and help to make our churches really beautiful this year.

Please pray for the dead ...

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

- 10 Betty Charles 2012; Christina Young 2000; Malcolm Brown 1997; Brenda Burton 1988;
Walter Herbert 1985
- 11 Laura Talbot 2021; Patrick Finn 2009; George Hall 2000; Mary Marron 1993; Jake Thornton 1991; Margaret Keane
1988; Catherine Pell 1988; Maurice Kearney 1985
- 12 Luigi Cioffi 2019; Kirsty Tilbury 2012; John Burns 2006; Frank Kelly 2005; John Dewhurst 2004; Donato Cardarelli 1996;
Jim Newman 1995; Evelyn Lynes 1992; Patrick Smith 1991; George Castle 1990; Austin Spiers 1985
- 13 Marian Hulme 2007; Anne Brock 1995; Agnes Perry 1992; Winifred Barlow 1991
- 14 Joan Whelan 2018; Maureen Murphy 2012; David Grzesiak 2007; Daniel Lillis 1996; Rev. Terry Howes 1994
- 15 David Williams 1992
- 16 Chris Butler 2015; John Talbot 2015; Mary Walsh 2014; Richard Oxlade 2008; Clive Ward 2006; Anne Davenport 1987;
Wayne Grant 1989

***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: 3rd November	<u>ST JOHN'S</u>	<u>ST JOSEPH'S</u>
Gift Aid	£ 141.00	£147.00
Non-Gift Aid	£ 642.79	£268.96
Contactless Card	£ 128.50	£ 25.00
Standing Orders - September	£3003.00	£1252.00
The Johnson Association	£ 307.65	£ 134.20

This weekend's second collection is for Christmas Flowers

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

Let my prayer come into your presence.
Incline your ear to my cry for help, O Lord.

Collect

Almighty and merciful God,
graciously keep from us all adversity,
so that, unhindered in mind and body alike,
we may pursue in freedom of heart
the things that are yours.

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

1 Kings 17:10-16

Elijah the Prophet went off to Sidon. And when he reached the city gate, there was a widow gathering sticks; addressing her he said, 'Please bring me a little water in a vessel for me to drink.' She was setting off to bring it when he called after her. 'Please' he said 'bring me a scrap of bread in your hand.' 'As the Lord your God lives,' she replied 'I have no baked bread, but only a handful of meal in a jar and a little oil in a jug; I am just gathering a stick or two to go and prepare this for myself and my son to eat, and then we shall die.' But Elijah said to her, 'Do not be afraid, go and do as you have said; but first make a little scone of it for me and bring it to me, and then make some for yourself and for your son. For thus the Lord speaks, the God of Israel:

"Jar of meal shall not be spent,
jug of oil shall not be emptied,
before the day when the Lord sends
rain on the face of the earth."

The woman went and did as Elijah told her and they ate the food, she, himself and her son. The jar of meal was not spent nor the jug of oil emptied, just as the Lord had foretold through Elijah.

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

Hebrews 9:24-28

It is not as though Christ had entered a man-made sanctuary which was only modelled on the real one; but it was heaven itself, so that he could appear in the actual presence of God on our behalf. And he does not have to offer himself again

and again, like the high priest going into the sanctuary year after year with the blood that is not his own, or else he would have had to suffer over and over again since the world began. Instead of that, he has made his appearance once and for all, now at the end of the last age, to do away with sin by sacrificing himself. Since men only die once, and after that comes judgement, so Christ, too, offers himself only once to take the faults of many on himself, and when he appears a second time, it will not be to deal with sin but to reward with salvation those who are waiting for him.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Even if you have to die, says the Lord,
keep faithful, and I will give you
the crown of life.

Alleluia!

Gospel

Mark 12:38-44

In his teaching Jesus said, 'Beware of the scribes who like to walk about in long robes, to be greeted obsequiously in the market squares, to take the front seats in the synagogues and the places of honour at banquets; these are the men who swallow the property of widows, while making a show of lengthy prayers. The more severe will be the sentence they receive.'

He sat down opposite the treasury and watched the people putting money into the treasury, and many of the rich put in a great deal. A poor widow came and put in two small coins, the equivalent of a penny. Then he called his disciples and said to them, 'I tell you solemnly, this poor widow has put more in than all who have contributed to the treasury; for they have all put in money they had over, but she from the little she had has put in everything she possessed, all she had to live on.'

Prayer over the Offerings

Look with favour, we pray, O Lord,
upon the sacrificial gifts offered here,
that, celebrating in mystery the Passion of your Son,
we may honour it with loving devotion.
Through Christ our Lord.

Communion Antiphon

The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.
Fresh and green are the pastures where he gives me
repose,
near restful waters he leads me.

Prayer after Communion

Nourished by this sacred gift, O Lord,
we give you thanks and beseech your mercy,
that, by the pouring forth of your Spirit,
the grace of integrity may endure
in those your heavenly power has entered.
Through Christ our Lord.