



# 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		William Patrick McCarthy Birthday
Sunday 17 <sup>th</sup> November THIRTY SECOND 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
	Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> <i>Feria in Ordinary Time</i>	9.30am Mass	
Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> <i>Feria in Ordinary Time</i>	9.30am Mass ( November Requiem) 12.30pm Funeral Mass		Rhea Da Costa Thanksgiving Mariusz Wrotniak
Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> <i>Feria in Ordinary Time</i>	9.30am Rosary & Benediction		
Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> <i>Memorial of the Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i>	9.30am Mass 10.30am School Mass 5.30pm Reception of Body		Georgette Di Illes Noreen English Vanessa Sawers
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> <i>Memorial of St. Cecilia</i>	11am Funeral Mass Confessions & Holy Hour 6.00-7.00pm	9.30am School	Martin Finn Intentions Vanessa Sawers
Saturday 23 <sup>rd</sup> <i>Feria in Ordinary Time</i>	10.00am Mass Confession 10.30 – 11am		Mary & James Lynch
Year B	4.00pm Vigil Mass		Nora Hanrahan RIP
Sunday 24 <sup>th</sup> November SOLEMNITY OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, THE KING	8.45am Mass		Joseph O' Connor
		10.00am Mass	People of the Parish
	11.15am Mass		George Raphael Bhatti RIP
	Green	5.00pm Confessions 5.30pm Mass	Kim

**WELCOME TO MASS** – Today Bishop Richard Walker will be celebrating the 11.15am Mass. As many of you will remember, Bishop Richard was Parish Priest at St. John's, and for a time at St. Joseph's from 2014 to 2020. Following Mass there will be a gathering in the Dupuis Centre for parishioners to say hello.

**A MESSAGE FOR READERS AT MASS** - Although the scriptures will be very familiar to you, and the cycle of readings remains the same, with the introduction of the new lectionary it will be even more important to prepare the readings well. It's often the case that when words are quite similar, a different sentence structure can make it more tricky in delivery. A number of Sunday Missals have been ordered, and will be here and available from the office in the next few days. They are priced at £15.50. For those who use apps on an iPhone there is a brilliant App called Universalis. This has all the readings for Mass for every day of the year in the new translation - as well as the Divine Office, and much more. It is a fabulous resource for all Catholics.

**CATHOLIC 101** – an exploration of Catholic Basics. If you:

- have decided you would like to become a Catholic,
- just curious about Catholicism and would like to know more
- a Catholic, but feel you missed out on catechesis, or on preparation of the sacraments

then this is for you. If this isn't you, but you may know someone for whom this will be of interest. If so – let them know about it!

The first meeting – about an hour – is on Friday 29th November at 7pm in The Wall in the Dupuis Centre. For more information please scan the QR code on the front of the newsletter.

**CONFIRMATION 2025** - For young people who are in Year 6 in primary school or above, you can begin preparation for the sacrament of Confirmation next spring. Please collect the form from one of the clergy at Mass this Sunday or next Sunday. When you return the form (by Sunday 1st December) please include a copy (not the original) of your baptism certificate. Once details are collated over the following few days, then dates and times of the preparation will be communicated by email.

**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.

**ST. JOSEPH'S ROOF WORK** – Now that the roof work has commenced, all weekday masses will take place at St. John's apart from Fridays when mass will be said at St. Joseph's school. 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 29<sup>th</sup> November at 7pm in the Dupuis Centre.

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2025** - Application forms will need to be returned completed by today. 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 20<sup>th</sup> 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 7<sup>th</sup> 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 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)

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

**NEXT WEEKEND'S SECOND COLLECTION IS FOR THE CATHOLIC YOUTH SERVICE**

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

*Of your charity, pray for the repose of the souls of those who have died recently, particularly Mariusz Wrotniak & Vanessa Sawers.*

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

- 17 George Macleod 2017; Lesley Harris 2012; Kathleen Kenna 2006; Jean Englishby 2003; Bridget Patrick 1999
- 18 Irene Evans 2016; Patrick O’Keeffe 2012; Mary Ann Gaunt 2006
- 19 Bill Tower 2009; Joseph Walton 1996; Mary Turner 1992; William Taylor 1984; Marcelle Kellow 1983
- 20 Gerald Pope 2019; Kerry Wall 2018; Norah Breen 2018; John Keane 2009; Thomas McDonagh 1989
- 21 Mollie Rowan 2016; Isobel Burke 2016; Catherine Shuttleworth 2013; Dorothy Kimberley 1991; John Almond 1989
- 22 Mary Buckland 1994
- 23 Mike Hullett 2013; Ann Smith 2010; John Willis 1999; Josephine Fineran 2002

***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: 10<sup>th</sup> November</b>	<b><u>ST JOHN’S</u></b>	<b><u>ST JOSEPH’S</u></b>
Gift Aid	£ -----	£59.00
Non-Gift Aid	£ -----	£218.17
Contactless Card	£ 149.00	£ 30.00
Standing Orders - September	£3003.00	£1252.00

St. John’s collection will be published next weekend.

**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**

<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

The Lord said: I think thoughts of peace and not of affliction.

You will call upon me, and I will answer you, and I will lead back your captives from every place.

### Collect

Grant us, we pray, O Lord our God, the constant gladness of being devoted to you, for it is full and lasting happiness to serve with constancy the author of all that is good. 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

**Daniel 12:1-3**

‘At that time Michael will stand up, the great prince who mounts guard over your people. There is going to be a time of great distress, unparalleled since nations first came into existence. When that time comes, your own people will be spared, all those whose names are found written in the Book. Of those who lie sleeping in the dust of the earth many will awake, some to everlasting life, some to shame and everlasting disgrace. The learned will shine as brightly as the vault of heaven, and those who have instructed many in virtue, as bright as stars for all eternity.’

### Responsorial Psalm

**Psalm 15(16):5,8-11**

***Preserve me, God, I take refuge in you. R/.***

O Lord, it is you who are my portion and cup;  
it is you yourself who are my prize.

I keep the Lord ever in my sight:  
since he is at my right hand, I shall stand firm. ***R/.***

And so my heart rejoices, my soul is glad;  
even my body shall rest in safety.

For you will not leave my soul among the dead,  
nor let your beloved know decay. ***R/.***

You will show me the path of life,  
the fullness of joy in your presence,  
at your right hand happiness for ever. ***R/.***

### Second reading

**Hebrews 10:11-14,18**

All the priests stand at their duties every day, offering over and over again the same sacrifices which are quite incapable of taking sins away. He, on the other hand, has offered one single sacrifice for sins, and then taken his place forever, at the right hand of God, where he is now waiting until his enemies are made into a footstool for him. By virtue of that one single offering, he has achieved the eternal perfection of

all whom he is sanctifying. When all sins have been forgiven, there can be no more sin offerings.

### Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Stay awake and stand ready,  
because you do not know the hour  
when the Son of Man is coming.  
Alleluia!

### Gospel

**Mark 13:24-32**

Jesus said to his disciples: ‘In those days, after the time of distress, the sun will be darkened, the moon will lose its brightness, the stars will come falling from heaven and the powers in the heavens will be shaken. And then they will see the Son of Man coming in the clouds with great power and glory; then too he will send the angels to gather his chosen from the four winds, from the ends of the world to the ends of heaven.

‘Take the fig tree as a parable: as soon as its twigs grow supple and its leaves come out, you know that summer is near. So with you when you see these things happening: know that he is near, at the very gates. I tell you solemnly, before this generation has passed away all these things will have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

‘But as for that day or hour, nobody knows it, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son; no one but the Father.’

### Prayer over the Offerings

Grant, O Lord, we pray,  
that what we offer in the sight of your majesty  
may obtain for us the grace of being devoted to you  
and gain us the prize of everlasting happiness.  
Through Christ our Lord.

### Communion Antiphon

To be near God is my happiness,  
to place my hope in God the Lord.

### Prayer after Communion

We have partaken of the gifts of this sacred mystery,  
humbly imploring, O Lord,  
that what your Son commanded us to do  
in memory of him  
may bring us growth in charity.  
Through Christ our Lord.