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## ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST

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DAY	ST JOHN'S	ST JOSEPH'S	INTENTION
YEAR C	4.00pm Vigil Mass		Moira Mc Guckin
SUNDAY 19 <sup>th</sup> JANUARY SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	8.45am Mass		Donald Gillam RIP
		10.00am Mass	Patsy Harber RIP
	11.15am Mass		K.J. Joseph RIP
	Green	5.00pm Confessions 5.30pm Mass	People of the Parish
Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> <i>Feria in Ordinary Time</i>		9.30am Mass	Dennis Mc Caughey
Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup> <i>St. Agnes</i>	9.30am Mass 12.30pm Funeral Service		Gwen Ingham Birthday Intention Adham Chahin
Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> <i>Feria in Ordinary Time</i>		9.30am Mass	Special Intentions
Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup> <i>Feria in Ordinary Time</i>	9.30am Mass 10.30am School Mass		Edwin, Mathew & Shiny Holy Souls
Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> <i>St. Francis de Sales</i>	6.00pm – 7.00pm Confession & Holy Hour	9.30am Mass	Polly Fleming & Mary McGlacken
Saturday 25 <sup>th</sup> <i>Conversion of St. Paul</i>	10.00am Mass Confession 10.30 – 11am		Julie Donaldson RIP
YEAR C	4.00pm Vigil Mass		Catherine O' Sullivan RIP
SUNDAY 26 <sup>th</sup> JANUARY THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	8.45am Mass		Stefania Blonska RIP
		10.00am Mass	People of the Parish
	11.15am Mass		James Torney RIP
	Green	5.00pm Confessions 5.30pm Mass	Tracey & Richard Ruare & Family

**WELCOME TO MASS**, and a special welcome to any visitors today. We have entered into the season of Tempus per Annum or Ordinary Time. These are the times of year which are outside the special seasons of Advent and Christmastide, Lent and Eastertide which have their own distinctive character. Ordinary does sound a little 'mundane'! But it really comes from ordinalis meaning numbered or ordered – and these Sundays and weeks are numbered – and so today is the second Sunday of Ordinary Time. This season is in two parts – the day following the last day of Christmas (last Sunday's feast of the Baptism of the Lord) up until Shrove Tuesday, and then from the day following Pentecost until Advent.

The liturgical colour of these days is green.

These Sundays in Ordinary Time do remind us that we gather each Sunday to offer Holy Mass simply because Sunday is the day of Christ's resurrection. No greater reason can there be to gather at the altar and exercise our duty and our joy.

There is, however, one feast that will interrupt the Sunday flow this year, and that will be on February 2nd when we celebrate the Presentation of the Lord or Candlemas. This was the end of Christmastide in the old calendar and marked the visit of Mary and Joseph to the Temple with the infant Jesus. The Crib in our churches will remain up until this feast – a custom it is good to emulate in your homes.

**ADVANCE NOTICE – PLAINCHANT DAY** Fr. Guy Nichols of the Birmingham Oratory will be coming to St. John's to lead a day singing plainchant or plainsong on Saturday 8th March. He has done similar days in a number of parishes of the diocese, and it will be good to welcome him here. Plainchant is the ancient chant of the Church used to lift the words of the Mass and the Divine Office. It might be a surprise to many, but the Second Vatican Council encouraged Catholics to be familiar with it and 'that it should have pride of place in liturgical services.' Indeed, there has been a renewed interest in this part of our tradition amongst younger Catholics, and is a beautiful part of our heritage. This day is not one for experts – in fact total beginners are very welcome – and it should be a fun day as well as instructive, with chants both in English and Latin. You do not need to read music – and plainchant notation is different anyway! The day will begin after the 10am Mass (about 10.45am) and, with a break for lunch, will conclude with the 4pm Vigil Mass - where no doubt some of what has been learned will be used in the celebration of Mass. There will be a participant's fee of £10 to cover costs. If you wish to attend, please email the parish office so we have a good idea of printing needs.

**THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM** is usually celebrated on Sundays after Mass as it is the sacrament of the resurrection. Catholic parents are obliged to see that their infants are baptized, and the Church encourages parents to have them baptized within the first few months of their birth if possible. If you wish your child to be baptized, there is a preparation meeting on the first Tuesday of the month in the Dupuis Centre. If you wish to attend this, please email the office so that we know who will be coming.

**GOSPEL SHARING GROUP** meets on Thursdays at 6pm. We pray over the Gospel reading for the coming Sunday. If you would like to know more. Please speak to Fr Sean.

**"SOUP & A SMILE" AT A WARM HUB** – Starting on Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> January between 12.30pm and 2.00pm, and then running every Tuesday during these colder weeks in the Dupuis Centre. Run by St. Vincent De Paul Society volunteers for anyone who would appreciate a warm and friendly place to spend a couple of hours. Donations welcome. Contact Nicola on 07795 681226.

**ST JOHN'S SINGERS** who help to lead the music at the 8.45am and 11.15 Masses on Sundays need new members to develop the music in the liturgy. You don't need to read music but just have a musical ear. There are people in the congregation with great voices – so if you are 18+ and would like to have a brief chat about what's involved, pop up to the choir loft at the back of church after Mass today.

**PARISH LENT CAMINO PILGRIMAGE** – Ahead of the pilgrimage there will be several chances to join training walks and to celebrate Holy Mass together. The dates are 25<sup>th</sup> Jan, 8<sup>th</sup> Feb and 22<sup>nd</sup> Feb. The first walk will meet at 8.30am at St. Thomas' church in Wroxtton.

**PATRICIANS** – Fri. 24<sup>th</sup> Jan at 7pm in the Brabazon Room, Dupuis Centre. All Catholics welcome to join this friendly discussion group, gain confidence talking about our Faith with others. Topic: How can all Christians share their Faith? 'What can Christians not yet, all share together?'

**MARY'S MEALS** – Fri 31<sup>st</sup> Jan. This month's lunch is now full.

**BOOKING NOW OPEN FOR THIS YEAR'S DIOCESAN LOURDES PILGRIMAGE** - The pilgrimage runs from Saturday 24 - Friday 30 May 2025 with the theme: "With Mary, Pilgrims of Hope".

If you would like to travel to Lourdes but in need of assistance we can help. Assisted pilgrims have the support of doctors, nurses, carers and hospitaliers throughout their time on pilgrimage. You will participate fully in the pilgrimage and experience the love of God through the care, love and friendship of volunteers.

Please contact the Lourdes Pilgrimage Office to discuss assistance requirements: 0121 230 6288 or [admin.lourdes@rcaob.org.uk](mailto:admin.lourdes@rcaob.org.uk)

As well as applications from assisted pilgrims we're also keen to hear from doctors, nurses and carers eager to volunteer their time and experience Lourdes.

If Our Lady is calling you please answer and give to others. We look forward to hearing from you.

<https://www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk/lourdes-pilgrimage>

**ST. JOHN'S QUIZ NIGHT** Friday 7<sup>th</sup> February. Tickets are now available at £6.00 per person teams of 8 max. Bring your own refreshments. There will be a raffle on the night. Please contact Marilena asap to reserve your tickets.

**Highclere Castle (Downton Abbey)** Wednesday 16th April. Entrance to house and Gardens, Coach and two course meal on return journey is £65.00 pp. If you wish to book your place, a £20 deposit is required and full payment by 1st March 2025. Limited places available. contact Marilena 07891 178920 / [mjkearns@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:mjkearns@hotmail.co.uk)

**BGN VACANCY** – The school is currently looking to recruit a subject leader of Computing. Please see noticeboard or look on the school website for further information.

**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:*

- 19 Ida Crognale 2021; Mary Keenan 2015; Joyce Solomon 2015; Gabriel Perez 2013; Joyce Beauchamp 2007; Alan Mates 2004; Bridget Murphy 1999; Leon Miranda 1995; Julia Needham 1994; Nemesio Oya 1987
- 20 Rod Ostler 2021; Patrick Cummings 2015; Andre Marron 2010; Kate Blackman 2004; Mary Jeacock 1995; Thomas Morris 1991; Kathleen Cuttel 1967
- 21 Mateusz Dabrowski 2024, Ann Blair 2009; Dorothy Parke 2005; Mary Morbey 2005; David Honer 2001; Sheelagh Johnson 2000; Eric Meadows 1990; Margaret Toole 1990; Keiran O'Donnell 1987; Simon Pape 1980
- 22 Mateusz Dabrowski 2024; Margaret Cummings 2011; James Houlihan 2007; Robin Sanderson 2001; Isobel Haley 2001; Julia Tustian 2001; Patricia Witts 1985;
- 23 Dom Dyfrig Harris OSB 2012; Maura Mangan 2012; Nancy Buttler 2010; Jacqueline Hitching 2009; Harry Forster 1987
- 24 Monica Lafferty 2018; Philip Hayward 2017; Eileen Hicks 2006; Frederick Cartledge 2005; George Kelly 1983
- 25 William Martin 2009; Thomas Marron 2007; John Reck 2002; Bridget Talbot 1991; Debra Meadows 1984

***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, Ruth Aris, Cora Barnard, Peter Barton, 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, Eileen Shea, Nicky Smith, Elaine Steer.*

**PARISH FINANCIAL MATTERS**

<b>Weekly Income: 12<sup>th</sup> January</b>	<b><u>ST JOHN'S</u></b>	<b><u>ST JOSEPH'S</u></b>
Gift Aid	£ 117.00	£ 58.00
Non-Gift Aid	£ 512.20	£ 275.83
Contactless Card	£ 180.00	£ 40.00
Standing Orders – November	£2103.00	£ 911.00

***Thank you for all your support.***

**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)
	Gospel Sharing	Thursdays 6.00pm (Presbytery)
<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

All the earth shall bow down before you, O God,  
and shall sing to you,  
shall sing to your name, O Most High!

### Collect

Almighty ever-living God,  
who govern all things,  
both in heaven and on earth,  
mercifully hear the pleading of your people  
and bestow your peace on our times.  
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

**Isaiah 62:1-5**

For Sion's sake I will not keep silent,  
and for Jerusalem's sake I will not be quiet,  
until her righteousness goes forth as brightness,  
and her salvation as a burning torch.  
The nations shall see your righteousness,  
and all the kings your glory,  
and you shall be called by a new name  
that the mouth of the LORD will give.  
You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the LORD,  
and a royal diadem in the hand of your God.  
You shall no more be termed Forsaken,  
and your land shall no more be termed Desolate,  
but you shall be called My Delight Is in Her,  
and your land Married;  
for the LORD delights in you,  
and your land shall be married.  
For as a young man marries a young woman,  
so shall your sons marry you,  
and as the bridegroom rejoices over the bride,  
so shall your God rejoice over you.

**Responsorial Psalm Ps 96(95):1-2a. 2b-3. 7-8a. 9-10ac. R3**

***Proclaim the wonders of the Lord among all the peoples. R/.***

O sing a new song to the LORD;  
sing to the LORD, all the earth.

O sing to the LORD; bless his name. **R/.**

Proclaim his salvation day by day.

Tell among the nations his glory,  
and his wonders among all the peoples. **R/.**

Ascribe to the LORD, you families of peoples,  
ascribe to the LORD glory and power;  
ascribe to the LORD the glory of his name. **R/.**

Worship the LORD in holy splendour.

O tremble before him, all the earth.

Say to the nations, 'The LORD is king.'

He will judge the peoples in fairness. **R/.**

### Second reading

**1 Corinthians 12:4-11**

Brothers and Sisters: There are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of service, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who empowers them all in everyone. To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. For to one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another

the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the ability to distinguish between spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. All these are empowered by one and the same Spirit, who apportions to each one individually as he wills.

### Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia.

God called us through the gospel,  
so that we may obtain the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ.  
Alleluia.

### Gospel

**John 2:1-11**

At that time: There was a wedding at Cana in Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. Jesus also was invited to the wedding with his disciples. When the wine ran out, the mother of Jesus said to him, 'They have no wine.' And Jesus said to her, 'Woman, what does this have to do with me? My hour has not yet come.' His mother said to the servants, 'Do whatever he tells you.'

Now there were six stone water jars there for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding seventy or one hundred litres. Jesus said to the servants, 'Fill the jars with water.' And they filled them up to the brim. And he said to them, 'Now draw some out and take it to the master of the feast.' So they took it. When the master of the feast tasted the water now become wine, and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), the master of the feast called the bridegroom and said to him, 'Everyone serves the good wine first, and when people have drunk freely, then the poor wine. But you have kept the good wine until now.'

This, the first of his signs, Jesus did at Cana in Galilee, and manifested his glory. And his disciples believed in him.

### Prayer over the Offerings

Grant us, O Lord, we pray,  
that we may participate worthily in these mysteries,  
for whenever the memorial of this sacrifice is celebrated  
the work of our redemption is accomplished.  
Through Christ our Lord.

### Communion Antiphon

You have prepared a table before me,  
and how precious is the chalice that quenches my thirst.

### Prayer after Communion

Pour on us, O Lord, the Spirit of your love,  
and in your kindness  
make those you have nourished  
by this one heavenly Bread  
one in mind and heart.  
Through Christ our Lord.