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DAY	ST JOHN'S	ST JOSEPH'S	INTENTION
YEAR C	4.00pm Vigil Mass		Anne Mulroy RIP
SUNDAY 9th FEBRUARY	8.45am Mass		Lukasz, Ilona Sala & Family
FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME		10.00am Mass	Members of the Mak Family
	11.15am Mass		Holy Souls
Green		<i>5.00pm Confessions</i> 5.30pm Mass	James Oliver RIP
Monday 10 th <i>St. Scholastica</i>		9.30am Mass	Special Intention
Tuesday 11 th <i>Feria in Ordinary Time</i>	9.30am Mass		Zydn Fernandes Birthday Int.
Wednesday 12 th <i>Feria in Ordinary Time</i>		9.30am Mass	Holy Souls
Thursday 13 th <i>Feria in Ordinary Time</i>	9.30am Mass 10.30am St. John's school		Ross Warland RIP Special Intention
Friday 14 th <i>Feast of St. Cyril</i>	<i>6.00pm – 7.00pm</i> <i>Confession & Holy Hour</i>	9.30am Mass	Holy Souls
Saturday 15 th <i>Feria in Ordinary Time</i>	10.00am Mass <i>Confession 10.30 – 11am</i>		Thanksgiving to our Lady, St. Francis of Assisi
YEAR C	4.00pm Vigil Mass		Tom & Lucy Mannion RIP
SUNDAY 16th FEBRUARY	8.45am Mass		People of the Parish
SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME		10.00am Mass	Harold Hood & Family
	11.15am Mass		Holy Souls
Green		<i>5.00pm Confessions</i> 5.30pm Mass	Special Intention

WELCOME TO MASS. It was so good to see so many people at Mass last Sunday for the feast of Candlemas. Today we are back to the liturgical green of Ordinary Time. This early part of Ordinary Time the Gospel focuses on the early public ministry of Jesus with his calling of the apostles and the proclamation of the Kingdom of God.

It has been good to welcome people to Mass who aren't Catholics. It is great that you are here! For those who would like a taster of the faith, and to explore what Catholic Christianity is about, there is a group of adults who meet each Friday night in term time at 7pm upstairs (usually) in the Dupuis Centre. You are most welcome to come along if you wish.

At Holy Mass there is a point where many in the congregation go up to receive Holy Communion. At this point you are welcome to go up for a blessing. If you either place your right and on your left shoulder, or ask the priest or deacon for a blessing, then they will know that this is what you desire. This is not a question of some perceived unworthiness – we are all unworthy - but, for Catholics, Holy Communion is a sign both of our desire for communion with Our Lord, and also our unity in faith and communion with our Archbishop - and through him with the Pope - the successor of the Apostle St Peter.

For Catholics who are coming to receive Holy Communion, if it is your practice to receive the Sacred Host in your hand, it is very important that you consume the host immediately. Please do not move off carrying the host in your hand.

THE FEAST OF OUR LADY OF LOURDES falls this Tuesday. Some years ago, Pope John Paul II declared that this day, each year, be the World Day of Prayer for the sick. The Shrine of Our Lady of Lourdes has been known, since Our Lady first appeared to St Bernadette in 1858, as a place of healing. Mass is at 9.30am. If you are sick yourself, or you who know or care for someone who is sick, try to get to Mass on this day, or visit the Lourdes Grotto outside church. If it isn't bucketing it down, we will have a procession to the Grotto at the end of Mass.

A YEAR OF HOPE: INTRODUCTION TO THE JUBILEE YEAR

How can we respond to Pope Francis' call to be "tangible signs of hope" in this Jubilee Year? Find out by watching [this inspirational event](#) (find it and other Jubilee resources at cafod.org.uk/jubilee). Featuring Fr Jan Nowotnik, Director of Mission at the Catholic Bishops' Conference of England and Wales, CAFOD Director Christine Allen and more. Discover how we can act in faith and in love as pilgrims of hope this Holy Year.

"SOUP & A SMILE" AT A WARM HUB – Tuesday between 12.30pm and 2.30pm, 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.

PARISH LENT CAMINO PILGRIMAGE – Ahead of the pilgrimage there will be several chances to join training walks and to celebrate Holy Mass together. The next dates are, 8th Feb (meet at St. Etheldreda's church in Horley for Mass at 8am followed by 7 mile circular walk) and 22nd Feb.

ST. DAVID'S DAY WALK – A beautiful countryside walk to St. Thomas' church in Wroxton. Saturday 1st March, setting off from St. Joseph's church at 10.30am. All are most welcome. There will be a mass at St. Thomas' followed by a picnic in Wroxton village hall. Funds raised will go towards helping our young people attend the summer camp at Alton castle.

PADRE PIO – Will meet next on Tuesday 25th February & then 18th March after the morning mass.

PLAINCHANT DAY - March 8th 10.45am until the Vigil Mass. To cover expenses the cost will be £10 per participant. Please place in an envelope marked with name and contact number by the end of February and drop into the presbytery or give to one of the clergy.

THANKSGIVING MASS FOR MARRIAGE - REGISTER NOW

Are you celebrating a significant wedding anniversary in 2025? Are you engaged to be married this year? Or would you simply like to give thanks to God for your marriage, and ask for His ongoing blessings?

If so, we would like to invite you to attend this year's Thanksgiving Mass for Marriage.

To be held on **Saturday 3 May**, 12noon, at St Chad's Cathedral. Celebrated by Bishop Richard Walker.

www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk/event/thanksgiving-mass-for-marriage

Please register by Sunday 13 April.

JOSEPH AND THE AMAZING TECHNICOLOUR DREAMCOAT – BGN students will be performing this fantastic show on the 27th, 28th & 29th March. Tickets are available from www.ticketsource.co.uk/blessed-george-napier-school

HIGHCLERE CASTLE (DOWNTON ABBEY) - tickets still available at £62.00 pp to include Coach, entry to House & Gardens and meal on the way back to Banbury, For anyone who has booked and paid their deposit please ensure balance is paid by the end of February 2025.

MARY'S MEALS – Raised £584.66 this money, thank you for your generosity. The next lunch will be on Friday 28th February. Please contact Sue Allen to confirm your place.

Please pray for the dead ...

*Of your charity, pray for the repose of the souls of those who have died recently,
Particularly Carmela Appugliefe, Geraldine Peissel and James Smethurst.
Pray also for those whose anniversaries occur this coming week:*

- 09 Tim O'Mahoney 2020; Henry Walton 2016; Julia Griffin 1989; Elsie Bennett 1985
10 Trevor Mold 2022; Wieslaw Krupski 2006; Doreen Harrison 2004; Terrie Cadd 2001; Verdun Burke 1999; Gladys Vale 1991;
Harold Goodway 1988
11 Marie Scales 2010; Derrick Ault 1996; Mary O'Callaghan 1985; Zofia Frankiewicz; Albert Stockley
12 John Buchanan 2015; Thomas Keegan 2013; Antonio D'Amore 2008; Eileen Beckett 2008; Mary Morris 1995; Ellen Bradley 1987
13 Pat Ryder 2016; Kathleen Mandeman 2003; Ross Warland 2000
14 Finbarr Donovan 1980
15 Winifred O'Connor 2022; Donald Beak 2013; Joseph Cook 2007; Filomena Cypkus 2004; Robert Martin 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, 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, Gwen Ingham, 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

Weekly Income: 2 nd February	<u>ST JOHN'S</u>	<u>ST JOSEPH'S</u>
Gift Aid	£ 137.00	£ 136.00
Non-Gift Aid	£ 657.38	£ 337.27
Contactless Card	£ 111.00	£ 150.00
Standing Orders – December	£ 3363.00	£ 1188.00

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

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)
	Gospel Sharing	Thursdays 6.00pm (Presbytery)
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

O come, let us worship God
and bow low before the God who made us,
for he is the Lord our God.

Collect

Keep your family safe, O Lord, with unfailing care,
that, relying solely on the hope of heavenly grace,
they may be defended always by your protection.
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 6:1-2a, 3-8

In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord sitting upon a throne, high and lifted up; and the train of his robe filled the Temple. Above him stood the seraphim. Each had six wings. And one called to another and said:

‘Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts;
the whole earth is full of his glory!’

And the foundations of the thresholds shook at the voice of him who called, and the house was filled with smoke. And I said: ‘Woe is me! For I am lost; for I am a man of unclean lips, and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips; for my eyes have seen the King, the LORD of hosts!’

Then one of the seraphim flew to me, having in his hand a burning coal that he had taken with tongs from the altar. And he touched my mouth and said: ‘Behold, this has touched your lips; your guilt is taken away, and your sin atoned for.’

And I heard the voice of the Lord saying, ‘Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?’ Then I said, ‘Here I am! Send me.’

Responsorial Psalm Ps 138(137):1-2a. 2bc, 3. 4-5. 7c-8. R1c

In the presence of the angels I praise you, O Lord. R/.

I thank you, LORD, with all my heart;
you have heard the words of my mouth.
In the presence of the angels I praise you.
I bow down towards your holy Temple. **R/.**

I give thanks to your name
for your merciful love and your faithfulness.
On the day I called, you answered me;
you increased the strength of my soul. **R/.**

All earth’s kings shall thank you, O LORD,
when they hear the words of your mouth.
They shall sing of the ways of the LORD,
‘How great is the glory of the LORD!’ **R/.**

With your right hand you save me;
the LORD will accomplish this for me.
O LORD, your merciful love is eternal;
discard not the work of your hands. **R/.**

Second reading

1 Corinthians 15:1-11

I would remind you, brothers and sisters, of the gospel I preached to you, which you received, in which you stand, and by which you are being saved, if you hold fast to the word I preached to you — unless you believed in vain.

For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures, and that he appeared to Cephas,

then to the Twelve. Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers and sisters at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have fallen asleep. Then he appeared to James, then to all the Apostles. Last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to me. For I am the least of the Apostles, unworthy to be called an Apostle, because I persecuted the Church of God. But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace towards me was not in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them, though it was not I, but the grace of God that is with me. Whether then it was I or they, so we preach and so you believed.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia.
Follow me, says the Lord,
and I will make you fishers of men.
Alleluia.

Gospel

Luke 5:1-11

At that time: The crowd was pressing in on Jesus to hear the word of God. He was standing by the lake of Gennesaret, and he saw two boats by the lake, but the fishermen had gone out of them and were washing their nets. Getting into one of the boats, which was Simon’s, he asked him to put out a little from the land. And he sat down and taught the people from the boat. And when he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, ‘Put out into the deep and let down your nets for a catch.’ And Simon answered, ‘Master, we toiled all night and took nothing! But at your word I will let down the nets.’ And when they had done this, they enclosed a large number of fish, and their nets were breaking. They signalled to their partners in the other boat to come and help them. And they came and filled both the boats, so that they began to sink. But when Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus’ knees, saying, ‘Depart from me, for I am a sinful man, O Lord.’ For he and all who were with him were astonished at the catch of fish that they had taken, and so also were James and John, sons of Zebedee, who were partners with Simon. And Jesus said to Simon, ‘Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching men.’ And when they had brought their boats to land, they left everything and followed him.

Prayer over the Offerings

O Lord, our God,
who once established these created things
to sustain us in our frailty,
grant, we pray,
that they may become for us now
the Sacrament of eternal life.
Through Christ our Lord.

Communion Antiphon

Let them thank the Lord for his mercy,
his wonders for the children of men,
for he satisfies the thirsty soul,
and the hungry he fills with good things.

Prayer after Communion

O God, who have willed that we be partakers
in the one Bread and the one Chalice,
grant us, we pray, so to live
that, made one in Christ,
we may joyfully bear fruit
for the salvation of the world.
Through Christ our Lord.