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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		Nora Hanrahan RIP
SUNDAY 2 <sup>ND</sup> MARCH EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME  <i>Green</i>		8.30am Mass at St. Thomas' Wroxton	People of the Parish
	8.45am Mass		V. A. Cyriac RIP
		10.00am Mass	Robert, William & Mary Linden RIP
	11.15am Mass		Karl Reiser
		5.00pm Confessions 5.30pm Mass	Ann Dagger Intentions
Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> <i>Feria in Ordinary Time</i>		9.30am Mass 11.00 Funeral Service	Special Intention Miranda Berry
Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup> <i>Lent Feria</i>	9.30am Mass		A. Mathai RIP
Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup> <b>ASH WEDNESDAY</b>	12 Noon Mass 6.30pm Mass	9.30am Mass	Geraldine Peissel RIP Conor Browne RIP Holy Souls
Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup> <i>Lent Feria</i>	9.30am Mass 10.30am School Mass		Mary Correia RIP Holy Souls
Friday 7 <sup>th</sup> <i>Lent Feria</i>		9.30am Mass	Mr. Joseph RIP
Saturday 8 <sup>th</sup> <i>Lent Feria</i>	10.00am Mass Confession 10.30 – 11am		Holy Souls
YEAR C	4.00pm Vigil Mass		Chris Keeling RIP
SUNDAY 9 <sup>TH</sup> MARCH FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT  <i>Violet</i>	8.45am Mass		John Smith RIP
		10.00am Mass	Christie Bernard Noranho
	11.15am Mass		Luigi Cioffi RIP
		5.00pm Confessions 5.30pm Mass	People of Parish

**WELCOME TO MASS – There are refreshments served in the Dupuis Centre after the 8.45am mass and in St. Joseph's Hall after the 10am mass. All are most welcome.**

Today is the last Sunday of Ordinary Time – a Green Sunday – before the fast of Lent begins on Wednesday!

**MASS ON ASH WEDNESDAY** - 9.30am at St Joseph's. 12 noon at St John's. 6.30pm at St John's.

We welcome the choir of Our Lady of the Angels, Nuneaton, who will be singing at the Vigil Mass today.

### **LENT – PRAYER. FASTING. ALMSGIVING**

As spring approaches, Lent is given to us as a time of growth – growth in the spirit. It's a good time to plan ahead. What book could we read to nurture our faith? Can we attend a weekday Mass? Stations of the Cross on Fridays, or do them individually during the week. We are blessed that St John's church is open each day, so there are plenty of opportunities for prayer before the Blessed Sacrament. What charity could I support? What am I going to give up, what sacrifice am I going to make?

**FRIDAYS IN LENT** – Mass at 6.45am St John's, Mass 9.30am St Joseph's, Stations of the Cross 6pm at St John's. Any volunteers to help with a tea and Toast Lenten breakfast after the 6.45am Mass with proceeds going to a Lenten charity?

**SUNDAY MASS ATTENDANCE SURVEY** – To help us prepare for the changes in the parish and sacramental provision, please pick up a copy of the questionnaire from the back of the church. Once completed, they can be returned to the basket in church or put into the letterbox in the presbytery porch.

**ALTAR SERVER TRAINING** - Tomorrow (Monday) there will be server training from 6.30pm-7.30pm in St John's. If you have made your first Holy Communion and would like to become an altar server please come along.

**CRIB OFFERINGS** this year are going to Aid to the Church in Need. This year they amounted to £133.62 from St John's and £57.00 from St Joseph's. £61.84 came from monies made from the breakfasts following the Rorate Caeli Masses. Thanks to all who catered!

This coming Saturday there is the **Plainchant Day**. It will begin after the 10am Mass in St John's and will end with the 4pm Vigil Mass. There will be a break for lunch, so please bring a packed lunch. Tea and coffee will be provided. We are grateful to Fr Guy Nichols of the Oratory for coming down to Banbury for this.

**MASS WITH SACRAMENT OF THE SICK** – Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> March at 11am. Following mass our St. Vincent de Paul group will be serving a soup lunch in the Dupuis Centre. The mass is especially for those who are sick or housebound and find it difficult to come to church. Transport can be arranged by contacting the parish office. If you would like to come to lunch afterwards there will be a sign-up sheet at the back of church or contact the parish office.

**SOUP & A SMILE" AT A WARM HUB** – Tuesdays between 12.30pm and 2.30pm, for anyone who would appreciate a warm and friendly place to spend a couple of hours. Donations welcome. Contact Nicola on 07795 681226.

**QUIZ NIGHT** - Thank you to all who supported our Quiz Night - it was a fun evening, and 'Sarah's Team' won. Well done ! The amount raised towards Church Funds was £432.50.

**MONDAY LUNCH CLUB** – The next lunch will be held on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> March.

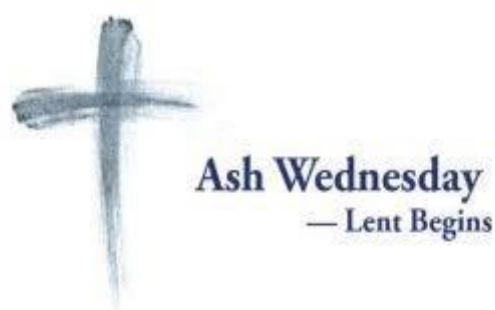
**PADRE PIO** – Will meet next on the 18<sup>th</sup> March after morning mass.

**JUBILEE DEANERY DAY PILGRIMAGE TO LITTLEMORE** - Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> March. The College at Littlemore was the home of St John Henry Newman following his resignation as the vicar of St Mary's church in Oxford. It was here that he was visited by Fr (now Blessed) Dominic Barberi and received into the Catholic Church. It is a place now run by religious sisters for retreats and pilgrimages. The day will begin with Mass in Blessed Dominic Barberi church (OX4 4JX) at 10.30am (one of the diocesan Jubilee churches), followed by coffee and a talk, a guided tour of the College, Exposition and Jubilee prayers. Please bring a packed lunch.

**JOSEPH AND THE AMAZING TECHNICOLOUR DREAMCOAT** – BGN students will be performing this fantastic show on the 27<sup>th</sup>, 28<sup>th</sup> & 29<sup>th</sup> March. Tickets are available from [www.ticketsource.co.uk/blessed-george-napier-school](http://www.ticketsource.co.uk/blessed-george-napier-school)

**HIGHCLERE TRIP** – Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> April. This is now fully booked. If you have not yet paid your balance, please do so as soon as possible. Please also ensure you collect a menu from Marilena who can be contacted on 07891 178920.

**MISSIO RED BOXES** – If you have a red box which needs emptying please bring it to the presbytery or contact Sue Hale on 07814 733170 to arrange collection.



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

*Of your charity, pray for the repose of the souls of those who have died recently,  
Particularly Miranda Berry.*

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

- 02 William Hopkins 2004; Noel McGloughlin 2001; Chelsea O’Neill 1992; Thomas Lannigan 1989
- 03 Kevin French 2024; Gerald Martin 2015; Robert Linden 1989
- 04 David Munro 2021; Mary Hobbs 2021; Elvira Burak 2017; Alex Fleming 2016; Chrislin Bose 2015; Ben Lay 2007; Grace Dyson 2000; Generoso Crispino 1996; Charles Stubbs 1995; Mary Reck 1987
- 05 Gabriele Di Cuffa 2004; Margaret Bourne 2004; Francis Marron 2001; Margaret Morris 1999; Elizabeth Peters 1989; John Lafferty 1987; Mary O’Neill 1985
- 06 Maria Marshall 2018; Joseph Wareham 2016; Christine Donovan 2008; Margaret Addison 1993; Cyril Pearson 1983; Mary McManus
- 07 Michael Coleman 2002
- 08 Anne Cullin 1999; Dennis Tarbuck 1995

***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**

<b>Weekly Income:</b> 23 <sup>rd</sup> February	<u>ST JOHN’S</u>	<u>ST JOSEPH’S</u>
Gift Aid	£ 80.00	£ 46.00
Non-Gift Aid	£ 588.94	£ 211.55
Contactless Card	£ 28.00	£ 75.00

***This weekend’s second collection is for the CATHEDRAL MAINTENANCE  
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

The Lord became my protector.  
He brought me out to a place of freedom;  
he saved me because he delighted in me.

## Collect

Grant us, O Lord, we pray,  
that the course of our world  
may be directed by your peaceful rule  
and that your Church may rejoice,  
untroubled in her devotion.  
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

**Sirach 27:4-7**

When a sieve is shaken, the refuse appears; so a person's filth in his thoughts. The kiln tests the potter's vessels; likewise the test of a person is in his reasoning. The fruit discloses the cultivation of a tree; so the expression of a thought discloses the cultivation of a person's mind.

Do not praise a man before you hear him reason, for this is the test of people.

**Responsorial Psalm Ps 92(91):2-3. 13-14. 15-16. R̄ cf. 2a**

***It is good to give thanks to you, O LORD. R/.***

It is good to give thanks to the LORD,  
to make music to your name, O Most High,  
to proclaim your loving mercy in the morning,  
and your truth in the watches of the night. ***R/.***

The just one will flourish like the palm tree,  
and grow like a Lebanon cedar.  
Planted in the house of the LORD,  
they will flourish in the courts of our God. ***R/.***

Still bearing fruit when they are old,  
still full of sap, still green,  
to proclaim that the LORD is upright.  
In him, my rock, there is no wrong. ***R/.***

## Second reading

**1 Corinthians 15:54-58**

Brothers and Sisters: When the perishable puts on the imperishable, and the mortal puts on immortality, then shall come to pass the saying that is written: 'Death is swallowed up in victory.' 'O death, where is your victory? O death, where is your sting?'

The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. Therefore, my beloved brothers and sisters, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that in the Lord your labour is not in vain.

## Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia.  
Shine as lights in the world,  
holding fast to the word of life.

Alleluia.

## Gospel

**Luke 6:39-45**

At that time: Jesus told his disciples a parable: 'Can a blind man lead a blind man? Will they not both fall into a pit? A disciple is not above his teacher, but everyone when he is fully trained will be like his teacher. Why do you see the speck that is in your brother's eye, but do not notice the log that is in your own eye? How can you say to your brother, "Brother, let me take out the speck that is in your eye", when you yourself do not see the log that is in your own eye? You hypocrite! First take the log out of your own eye, and then you will see clearly to take out the speck that is in your brother's eye.

'For no good tree bears bad fruit, nor again does a bad tree bear good fruit, for each tree is known by its own fruit. For figs are not gathered from thorn bushes, nor are grapes picked from a bramble bush. The good person out of the good treasure of his heart produces good, and the evil person out of his evil treasure produces evil, for out of the abundance of the heart his mouth speaks.'

## Prayer over the Offerings

O God, who provide gifts to be offered to your name  
and count our oblations as signs  
of our desire to serve you with devotion,  
we ask of your mercy  
that what you grant as the source of merit  
may also help us to attain merit's reward.  
Through Christ our Lord.

## Communion Antiphon

I will sing to the Lord who has been bountiful with me,  
sing psalms to the name of the Lord Most High.

**Or:**

Behold, I am with you always,  
even to the end of the age, says the Lord.

## Prayer after Communion

Nourished by your saving gifts,  
we beseech your mercy, Lord,  
that by this same Sacrament  
with which you feed us in the present age,  
you may make us partakers of life eternal.  
Through Christ our Lord.