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DAY	ST JOHN'S	ST JOSEPH'S	INTENTION
YEAR C	4.00pm Vigil Mass		Edeltrudes Fernandes RIP
SUNDAY 16TH MARCH	8.45am Mass		Nora & Pat Breen RIP
SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT		10.00am Mass	Geraldine Peissel RIP
	11.15am Mass		People of the Parish
Violet		<i>5.00pm Confessions</i> 5.30pm Mass	Holy Souls
Monday 17 th Feast of St. Patrick		9.30am Mass	Joan Dyas Intentions
Tuesday 18 th <i>Lent Feria</i>	9.30am Mass		Catherine Mary Bennett RIP
Wednesday 19 th Solemnity of St. Joseph		9.30am Mass	No Intention
Thursday 20 th <i>Lent Feria</i>	9.30am Mass		C.T. Thomas
Friday 21 st <i>Lent Feria</i>	6.45am Mass <i>6.00pm Stations of the Cross & Confession</i>	9.30am Mass	JD & Family Alice Joseph RIP
Saturday 22 nd <i>Lent Feria</i>	11.00am Mass <i>Confession 10.30 – 11am</i>		Holy Souls
YEAR C	4.00pm Vigil Mass		William Ellis RIP
SUNDAY 23RD MARCH	8.45am Mass		Denise Thornton RIP
THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT		10.00am Mass	Fr. Bill Wilton
	11.15am Mass		Emma Medina RIP
Violet		<i>4.45pm Stations of the Cross</i> <i>Confessions</i> 5.30pm Mass	People of the Parish

WELCOME TO MASS ON THIS SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT -

This season of prayer, fasting and almsgiving continues as we journey, in communion with the whole Church on earth, to the Paschal feast of Easter.

One of the Lenten prefaces to the Eucharistic Prayer sums up beautifully the purpose of this Lenten season:

For by your gracious gift each year

your faithful await the sacred paschal feasts with the joy of minds made pure,

so that, more eagerly intent on prayer and on the works of charity,

and participating in the mysteries by which they have been reborn,

they may be led to the fullness of grace

that you bestow on your sons and daughters.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS are a poignant way of preparing ourselves for Holy Week, and St John's is open each day for those who wish to do this devotion privately. Public Stations are held at St John's on Friday at 6pm, and St Joseph's on Sundays at 4.45pm.

Weekday Mass is also for many a Lenten discipline of prayer, and for those out and about early there is the 6.45am Mass on Fridays and followed by breakfast in the Dupuis Centre. Any monies raised after expenses will go to Aid to the Church in Need which comes to the help of an important group of people much ignored by the media - persecuted Christians across the world.

This Sunday we remember in our prayers those preparing for the sacraments, and those under instruction in the faith. There are a group of adults regularly meeting in the parish. Please pray for them as they discern to the call of the Lord in their lives. Also for your prayers the sacrament of Confirmation which will be celebrated for some of our younger parishioners on 29th March.

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS TO THE SICK - Could you let those you see know that there will be a Mass for the Sick and Housebound on Saturday 22nd March at 11am. At this Mass there will be the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick with Confession beforehand. Mass will be followed by a lunch in the Dupuis Centre. This is an event organised by the parish SVP, if you need transport on the day please contact the office. For those who are visited and are unable to attend and would like confession & anointing at home, again contact the office.

MASS ATTENDANCE SURVEY - Thanks to those of you who have filled them in. They will be evaluated over the coming days as we construct a workable schedule for the celebration of Sunday Mass, weekdays and Holy Days for the future.

CAFOD LENT APPEAL – Family Fast Day collection: Please donate to our Family Fast Day parish collection and be a pilgrim of hope with CAFOD this Jubilee Year. You'll be supporting communities experiencing the impacts of war, poverty and climate change to find solutions and hope. Use the CAFOD envelope in church, donate online at cafod.org.uk/envelope or call us on 0303 303 3030. You can also text CAFODLENT to 70085 to donate £10.

PRAYING FOR POPE FRANCIS

As the Holy Father remains in hospital with double pneumonia, we keep him close in prayer.

*Almighty and Eternal God,
you are the everlasting health of
those who believe in you.*

*Hear our prayers for your sick servant Francis
for whom we implore the aid of your tender mercy,
through Christ our Lord. Amen.*

Our Lady of Lourdes, Health of the Sick, pray for him.

ST DAVID'S DAY WALK - Spring sunshine, beautiful countryside, the warmth of Christian fellowship, the joy of the Mass, generous hospitality, caring community. THANK YOU!

United in purpose we were **Pilgrims of Hope** of all ages on Saturday 1st March and we have raised **over £3,000** so far for our young people to go to Summer Camp who would not otherwise have had the opportunity. We are so grateful for everyone's donation.

DEANERY PILGRIMAGE TO LITTLEMORE – Saturday 22nd March. Please contact Peter Rand to confirm your attendance. Peter.rand@btinternet.com

MONDAY LUNCH CLUB – The next lunch will be held on Monday 14th April.

PADRE PIO – Will meet next on the 18th March after morning mass. Then 29th April and 27th May.

BOOK TOKENS – Our parish primary schools are hoping for donations of book tokens which will be then given to children to reward them for good behaviour or hard work. The book tokens can be left in the offertory collection bags in a clearly marked envelope. Thank you for your support.

CATHOLIC MEN - Looking for Faith, Friendship, and Fun? The Catenians could be your perfect match! We're an international network of Catholic men who meet regularly to support each other, strengthen our faith, and – most importantly – have a great time together.

Think: Family events, social gatherings, sporting activities, and more!

We offer: Strong friendships, support for your faith and family, a chance to give back to the community

Ready to learn more? Scan the QR code below or call Jim on 07580 539114.



MARY'S MEALS – February's lunch raised £501.33, thank you for your support and generosity. The next date is 28th March which is now full.

200 CLUB WINNERS – No 140 - £142.50, No 74 - £85.50, No 64 - £57.00.

If you would like to join the parish 200 club please contact the office.

This weekend's second collection is for the CAFOD LENT APPEAL.

Please pray for the dead ...

*Of your charity, pray for the repose of the souls of those who have died recently,
Particularly Eileen Jordan & Margaret Monaghan.
Pray also for those whose anniversaries occur this coming week:*

- 16 Daniel Sheehan 2011; Monica Jones 2006; Waclaw Kudlik 1996
- 17 Onofrio Pannozzo 2009; Beryl Holloway 2005; John Skidmore 1998
- 18 Avril Ewart 2023; Gerald Gormley 2023; Lilian Davies 2021; Caterina Brinknell 2020; Rachele Grossi 1998; Cornelius Shea 1995; Percy King 1989
- 19 Margaret Busby 2006; Ivy Jarvis 1998; Eileen Jackson 1994; Joan Kent 1986
- 20 Florence Curl 2011; Florence Green 2000; Elizabeth Noone 1995; Patrick Cuzack 1993
- 21 Maggie England 2020; Nancy Brennan 2008; William Croly 2006; Ann Bird 2006
- 22 Denise Thornton 2014; Kathleen Boscott 2006; Janet Gilligan 2002; Veronica Smith 1999; Giovannina Cardarelli 1999; Walter Holt 1986; Jeanne Sherridan 1985

***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, Bridie O'Connell, Harry Rhodes, Eileen Shea, Nicky Smith, Elaine Steer.

PARISH FINANCIAL MATTERS

Weekly Income: 9th March	<u>ST JOHN'S</u>	<u>ST JOSEPH'S</u>
Gift Aid	£ 137.80	£ 44.00
Non-Gift Aid	£ 773.40	£ 182.03
Contactless Card	£ 404.50	£ 25.00
January Standing Orders	£ 3113.00	£ 921.00

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

Of you my heart has spoken, Seek his face.
It is your face, O Lord, that I seek;
hide not your face from me.

Collect

O God, who have commanded us
to listen to your beloved Son,
be pleased, we pray,
to nourish us inwardly by your word,
that, with spiritual sight made pure,
we may rejoice to behold your glory.
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**Genesis 15:5-12, 17-18**

In those days: God brought Abram outside and said, 'Look towards heaven, and number the stars, if you are able to number them.' Then he said to him, 'So shall your offspring be.' And he believed the LORD, and he counted it to him as righteousness.

And he said to him, 'I am the LORD who brought you out from Ur of the Chaldeans to give you this land to possess.' But he said, 'O Lord GOD, how am I to know that I shall possess it?' He said to him, 'Bring me a heifer three years old, a female goat three years old, a ram three years old, a turtle-dove, and a young pigeon.' And he brought him all these, cut them in half, and laid each half over against the other. But he did not cut the birds in half. And when birds of prey came down on the carcasses, Abram drove them away.

As the sun was going down, a deep sleep fell on Abram. And behold, dreadful and great darkness fell upon him. When the sun had gone down and it was dark, behold, a smoking firepot and a flaming torch passed between these pieces. On that day the LORD made a covenant with Abram, saying, 'To your offspring I give this land, from the river of Egypt to the great river, the river Euphrates.'

Responsorial Psalm**Ps 27(26):1. 7-8b. 8c-9c. 13-14. R1a*****The LORD is my light and my salvation. R/.***

The LORD is my light and my salvation;
whom shall I fear?

The LORD is the stronghold of my life;
whom should I dread? **R/.**

O LORD, hear my voice when I call;
have mercy and answer me.

Of you my heart has spoken,
'Seek his face.' **R/.**

It is your face, O LORD, that I seek;
hide not your face from me.

Dismiss not your servant in anger;
you have been my help. **R/.**

I believe I shall see the LORD's goodness
in the land of the living.

Wait for the LORD; be strong;
be stout-hearted, and wait for the LORD! **R/.**

Second reading**Philippians 3:17-4:1**

Brothers and sisters, join in imitating me, and keep your eyes on those who walk according to the example you have in us. For many, of whom I have often told you and now tell you even with tears, walk as enemies of the cross of Christ. Their end is

destruction, their god is their belly, and they glory in their shame, with minds set on earthly things. But our citizenship is in heaven, and from it we await a Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ, who will transform our lowly body to be like his glorious body, by the power that enables him even to subject all things to himself. Therefore, my brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm thus in the Lord, my beloved.

Gospel Acclamation

Glory to you, O Christ, Wisdom of God the Father.
From a bright cloud, the Father's voice was heard:
'This is my beloved Son, listen to him'.
Glory to you, O Christ, Wisdom of God the Father.

Gospel**Luke 9:28b-36**

At that time: Jesus took with him Peter and John and James and went up on the mountain to pray. And as he was praying, the appearance of his face was altered, and his clothing became dazzling white. And behold, two men were talking with him, Moses and Elijah, who appeared in glory and spoke of his departure, which he was about to accomplish at Jerusalem. Now Peter and those who were with him were heavy with sleep, but when they became fully awake they saw his glory and the two men who stood with him. And as the men were parting from him, Peter said to Jesus, 'Master, it is good that we are here. Let us make three tents, one for you and one for Moses and one for Elijah' — not knowing what he said. As he was saying these things, a cloud came and overshadowed them, and they were afraid as they entered the cloud. And a voice came out of the cloud, saying, 'This is my Son, my Chosen One; listen to him!' And when the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. And they kept silent and told no one in those days anything of what they had seen.

Prayer over the Offerings

May this sacrifice, O Lord, we pray,
cleanse us of our faults
and sanctify your faithful in body and mind
for the celebration of the paschal festivities.
Through Christ our Lord.

Communion Antiphon

This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased;
listen to him.

Prayer after Communion

As we receive these glorious mysteries,
we make thanksgiving to you, O Lord,
for allowing us while still on earth
to be partakers even now of the things of heaven.
Through Christ our Lord.

Prayer over the People

Bless your faithful, we pray, O Lord,
with a blessing that endures for ever,
and keep them faithful
to the Gospel of your Only Begotten Son,
so that they may always desire and at last attain
that glory whose beauty he showed in his own Body,
to the amazement of his Apostles.
Through Christ our Lord.