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DAY	ST JOHN'S	ST JOSEPH'S	INTENTION
YEAR C SUNDAY 13TH APRIL PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD <i>Red</i>	4.00pm Vigil Mass		David, Special Intention
	8.30am Mass		People of the Parish
		10.00am Mass	Diana Smith
	11.30am Mass		Hoey Family
Monday 14 th <i>Holy Week</i>		9.30am Mass & Confessions	~~~ ~~~
	6.30pm Mass		
Tuesday 15 th <i>Holy Week</i>	9.30am Mass & Confessions		Holy Souls ~~~
	6.30pm Mass		
Wednesday 16 th <i>Holy Week</i>	<i>11.30am Chrism Mass at the Cathedral</i> 6.30pm Mass & Confessions	<u>9.00am Mass</u>	~~~ ~~~
Thursday 17 th <i>Maundy Thursday</i>	7.00pm – Mass of The Lord's Supper then The Watch 11.45pm Compline		~~~ ~~~
Friday 18 th <i>Good Friday</i>	9.30am Office of Readings 10.15am Children's Stations of The Cross 3.00pm Liturgy of The Passion 8.00pm Stations of The Cross	7.00pm Stations of The Cross	~~~ ~~~ ~~~ ~~~ ~~~
Saturday 19 th <i>Holy Saturday</i>	9.30am Office of Readings 8.30pm Easter Vigil		~~~ People of The Parish
YEAR C SUNDAY 20TH APRIL Solemnity of the Resurrection of The Lord <i>White</i>			
	8.30am Mass		Edward Nosal RIP
		10.00am Mass	Bridie O' Connell
	11.30am Mass		Alice Joseph

WELCOME TO MASS FOR PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD - the beginning of Holy Week. In times past - and still is in the Eastern Churches - this week was known as The Great Week, for during this week God accomplished the great work of our salvation. During these sacred days we 'remember' the great deeds of our Lord - his passion, death and resurrection. But it is a powerful 'remembering' – that's more than recalling – but that through the celebration of the sacred liturgies the pieces of our Lord's life, death and resurrection are brought together – re-membered -made truly present, so that we are brought into the presence of the Lord who was crucified and raised on Easter Day.

Do make a special effort to ringfence this week in your daily lives as a truly special week.

There will be Holy Mass on both mornings and evenings on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday before we enter the Sacred Triduum which begins on Thursday night. Both St Joseph's and St John's will join together for the Triduum. Masses on Easter Sunday will be according to the new pattern we began today.

There are a couple of lists at the back of church asking for volunteers for the Washing of the Feet, and for The Watch on Maundy Thursday.

The Washing of the Feet is a ceremony that imitates Our Lord's action in the Upper Room as he washed his disciple's feet as an image of service... that the Lord left the glory of heaven and took on the form of a servant. Traditionally there are twelve pairs of feet - as there were on the first occasion. It would be good to have six from St Joseph's and six from St John's!

The Watch follows on from the Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper. The gospels relate how, following the Last Supper after Jesus and the apostles had sung psalms according to the Jewish custom, they left for the Mount of Olives and the Garden of Gethsemane. There Jesus asked them to watch and pray as he prepared for his coming passion. We pray on that night for all who suffer, for our world and its needs and problems, and for the Church. Please sign up if you can do a half hour slot. We end at Midnight – the time of Our Lord's arrest, with Night Prayer or Compline preceding it at about 11.50pm.

On **Good Friday** there will be a number of opportunities for devotions. In addition to the Liturgy at 3pm there will be children's Stations of the Cross at 10.15am at St John's. For those unable to be at church during the day there will be evening Stations of the Cross – 7pm at St Joseph's and 8pm at St John's. Hopefully these later times might help those at the hospital and care homes, or other workers, who must work during the day.

Altar Servers. Rehearsals for the liturgies of Holy Week are as follows:

Holy Thursday – 11am.

Good Friday 1pm.

Holy Saturday 11.30am.

For these joint liturgies altar servers from both St Joseph's and St John's are welcome to attend.

Easter Offering Envelopes can be found at the back of church to use for the Easter collection. This is one of the main ways we financially support the priests of our parishes during the year.

Confessions will be heard this week after the 9.30am Mass on Monday and Tuesday, and after the 6.30pm Mass on Wednesday.

The Easter Blessing of Food (in English) will take place at St Joseph's on Holy Saturday at 10.30am.

CAFOD MYANMAR EARTHQUAKE APPEAL - Following the devastating earthquake in Myanmar, CAFOD is responding through the Catholic Church there to support families affected by the disaster. Your donations will provide essentials like water, food, solar lights, and mosquito nets. Please give to CAFOD's Myanmar Earthquake Appeal, you can donate online at cafod.org.uk/myanmar or by calling 0303 303 3030. You can also text EARTHQUAKE to 70450 to donate £10.

OSCOTT COLLEGE – The Diocesan Seminary in Sutton Coldfield are trying to spread the news about the work they do, by getting people to sign up to their newsletter at www.oscott.org April's newsletter includes an update from the Rector, some answers to frequently asked questions about discernment, a report on some of the 'Hidden Treasures' in Oscott museum, and details of how to book a college tour. It takes less than a minute to sign up, and those who do will receive a monthly newsletter as well as early access to the annual '@Oscotian Magazine' and events hosted at the college.

WEBELIEVE, 25th-28th July 2025, a festival of Catholic Life celebrating the Jubilee Year of Hope, with parishes and families in mind. Four days of music, keynotes, conversation and worship, in the beautiful surroundings of St Mary's College, Oscott. Featuring Dr Gianna Emanuela Molla, Fr Paul Murray, Mgr Michael Nazir-Ali, AnMari, Fr Toby Lees and many more. Pilgrim-attendees can choose to come for the whole weekend (camping, staying locally or coming from home) at an adult Early Bird rate of £70, or for a day for £40. Early Bird Tickets available now at www.webelievefestival.com

200 CLUB – MARCH WINNERS – 1st prize no. 149 - £141.25, 2nd prize no.41 - £84.75, 3rd prize no. 111 - £56.50. If you would like to take part in our monthly 200 club draw, please contact the parish office.

GIFT AID ENVELOPES – The new envelopes are ready to collect from the parish office.

BGN VACANCY – The school are currently recruiting for a Science Teacher. For more information please contact Dr. Anita Reed, Leader of Science 01295 264216 or aree9413@bgn.oxon.sch.uk

This Newsletter was produced on Thursday 3rd April as staff were to be away on the Parish Camino Pilgrimage between the 5-12 April.

THIS WEEKEND'S SECOND COLLECTION IS FOR EASTER FLOWERS

Please pray for the dead ...

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

Pray also for those whose anniversaries occur this coming week:

- 13 Carmel Curran 2022; Josephine Ault 2020; Gerald O'Driscoll 2019; Dennis Harris 2013; Daniel Macki 2012
14 Mary Hughes 2013; Lysbeth Wagstaff 2009; Edward Broadhead 2007; Janet Bennett 1996; Anna Davis 1990
15 Sean McNutt 2009; Florence Ison 1995
16 Kyle Byfield 2015; John Ashdown 2015; Ernest Hutchings 2000; Ellen Powers 1990; Ivy Oxlade 1986
17 Pamela Boss 2021; Barbara De Havilland 2020; Derek Rossenrode 2020; Margaret Zawisza 2011; Martin Jones 2010;
Betty Towle 2008; Stella Cumpstey 2004; Olga McMenamin 1998; Margaret Taylor 1996; Margaret Forster 1985
18 Joan Watts 2021; Gladys Barnett 1991; Elizabeth Hayes 1986
19 Maureen O'Flynn 2020; David Godfrey 2018; Frederick Stubley 2009; Walter Kenna 2006; Edith Hutchings 2002; Violet
Drennan 1999; Patrick Lovelock 1994; Rev. Fr. Reginald Slade 1988; Thomas Skinner 1986; William Sefton 1983

***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, Nick Davies, Oliver Davies, Michael Evans, Alan Fitchett, Barbara Fleming, Carl Gill, Diane Greenwood, Pat Heritage, Gwen Ingham, Roger Johnson, 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: 6th April

ST JOHN'S

ST JOSEPH'S

Gift Aid

No figures due to staff on parish pilgrimage.

Non-Gift Aid

Contactless Card

February Standing Orders

£2949.00

£918.00

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.

Gospel

Luke 19:28-40

At that time:
Jesus went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem.
When he drew near to Bethphage and Bethany,
at the mount that is called Olivet, he sent two of the disciples,
saying, ‘Go into the village in front of you,
where on entering you will find a colt tied,
on which no one has ever yet sat.
Untie it and bring it here.
If anyone asks you, “Why are you untying it?”
you shall say this: “The Lord has need of it.”’

So those who were sent went away and found it just as he had told them.
And as they were untying the colt,
its owners said to them, ‘Why are you untying the colt?’
And they said, ‘The Lord has need of it.’
And they brought it to Jesus, and throwing their cloaks on the colt,
they set Jesus on it.
And as he rode along, they spread their cloaks on the road.
As he was drawing near — already on the way down the Mount of Olives —
the whole multitude of his disciples began to rejoice
and praise God with a loud voice for all the mighty works that they had seen,
saying, ‘Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord!
Peace in heaven and glory in the highest!’
And some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to him,
‘Teacher, rebuke your disciples.’
He answered,
‘I tell you, if these were silent,
the very stones would cry out.’

Entrance Antiphon

Six days before the Passover,
when the Lord came into the city of Jerusalem,
the children ran to meet him;
in their hands they carried palm branches
and with a loud voice cried out:

Hosanna in the highest!
Blessed are you, who have come in your abundant mercy!

O gates, lift high your heads;
grow higher, ancient doors.
Let him enter, the king of glory!
Who is this king of glory?
He, the Lord of hosts, he is the king of glory.

Hosanna in the highest!
Blessed are you, who have come in your abundant mercy!

Collect

Almighty ever-living God,
who as an example of humility for the human race to follow
caused our Saviour to take flesh and submit to the Cross,
graciously grant that we may heed his lesson of patient suffering
and so merit a share in his Resurrection.
Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
God, for ever and ever.

First reading

Isaiah 50:4-7

The Lord GOD has given me
the tongue of those who are taught,
that I may know how to sustain with a word him who is weary.
Morning by morning he awakens;
he awakens my ear
to hear as those who are taught.
The Lord GOD has opened my ear,
and I was not rebellious;
I turned not backwards.
I gave my back to those who strike,
and my cheeks to those who pull out the beard;
I hid not my face from disgrace and spitting.
But the Lord GOD helps me;
therefore I have not been disgraced;

therefore I have set my face like a flint,
and I know that I shall not be put to shame.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 22(21):8-9. 17-18a. 19-20. 23-24. R2a

My God, my God, why have you forsaken me? R/.

All who see me deride me;
they curl their lips, they toss their heads:
‘He trusted in the LORD, let him save him;
let him release him, for in him he delights.’ *R/.*

For dogs have surrounded me;
a band of the wicked besets me.
They tear holes in my hands and my feet;
I can count every one of my bones. *R/.*

They divide my clothing among them,
they cast lots for my robe.
But you, O LORD, do not stay afar off;
my strength, make haste to help me! *R/.*

I will tell of your name to my kin,
and praise you in the midst of the assembly;
‘You who fear the LORD, give him praise;
all descendants of Jacob, give him glory;
revere him, all you descendants of Israel.’ *R/.*

Second reading

Philippians 2:6-11

Christ Jesus, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Gospel Acclamation

Praise to you, O Christ, King of eternal glory.
Christ became for us obedient to the point of death,
even death on a cross.
Therefore God has highly exalted him
and bestowed on him the name that is above every name.
Praise to you, O Christ, King of eternal glory.

The Gospel – The Passion of Our Lord Jesus Christ

Prayer over the Offerings

Through the Passion of your Only Begotten Son, O Lord,
may our reconciliation with you be near at hand,
so that, though we do not merit it by our own deeds,
yet by this sacrifice made once for all,
we may feel already the effects of your mercy.
Through Christ our Lord.

Communion Antiphon

Father if this chalice cannot pass
Without my drinking it, your will be done.

Prayer after Communion

Nourished with these sacred gifts,
we humbly beseech you, O Lord,
that, just as through the death of your Son
you have brought us to hope for what we believe,
so by his Resurrection
you may lead us to where you call.
Through Christ our Lord.

Prayer over the People

Look, we pray, O Lord, on this your family,
for whom our Lord Jesus Christ
did not hesitate to be delivered into the hands of the wicked
and submit to the agony of the Cross.
Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.