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DAY	ST JOHN'S	ST JOSEPH'S	INTENTION
YEAR C SUNDAY 20th APRIL SOLEMNITY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD White	8.30pm Easter Vigil		Deceased members of The Sullivan family
	8.30am Mass		Edward Nosal RIP
		10.00am Mass	Bridie O' Connell
	11.30am Mass		Alice Joseph
Monday 21 st Easter Monday		NO MASS	
Tuesday 22 nd Easter Tuesday	9.30am Mass		Criselda Reyes
Wednesday 23 rd Easter Wednesday	9.30am Mass		Sebastian Marshall
Thursday 24 th Easter Thursday	<u>6.30pm Mass</u>		Francisco Victorio
Friday 25 th Easter Friday	<u>9.30am Mass</u> 6.00pm Exposition		John Lynch
Saturday 26 th Easter Saturday	10.00am Mass 4.00pm Vigil Mass		Melissa Inaba Eamon Boyle RIP
YEAR C SUNDAY 27th APRIL SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER White			
	8.30am Mass		Alex Leonard RIP
		10.00am Mass	Teresa O' Neill
	11.30am Mass		People of the Parish

REGINA CAELI, SIMPLE TONE:



Ant.
6.
R E-gi-na cæli * læ-tá-re, alle-lú-ia : Qui-a quem me-
ru- isti portá-re, alle-lú-ia : Re-surréx-it, si-cut dix-it, alle-
lú-ia : Ora pro no-bis De-um, alle-lú- ia.
†. Gáude et lætá-re, Virgo María, allelúia.
‡. Ouia surréxit Dóminus vére. allelúia.

CHRIST IS RISEN! HE IS RISEN INDEED. ALLELUIA!

Welcome to Mass on this Easter Day. For those visiting the parish today to celebrate our Lord's resurrection, it is good that you are with us.

Some years ago, Pope Benedict spoke about today's feast:

At Easter we rejoice because Christ did not remain in the tomb, his body did not see corruption; he belongs to the world of the living, not to the world of the dead; we rejoice because he is the Alpha and also the Omega, as we proclaim in the rite of the Paschal Candle; he lives not only yesterday, but today and for eternity.

These words are so important – that Easter isn't just about looking back to something that once happened. Neither do we say Christ was risen - but that Christ is risen!

Jesus, who was crucified and buried in the tomb whilst Pontius Pilate was governor of Judaea, is alive. It is this risen Jesus whom we meet in the sacraments. It is the risen Jesus who dwells within us through the gift of the Eucharist. It is the risen Lord who is head of his mystical body – the Church.

All the apostles were witnesses to the resurrection. At various places and at various times (with the exception of St John the Evangelist who continued his apostolic ministry into old age) died a martyr's death rather than deny what they had heard and seen – that the risen Jesus showed himself to them, spoke to them, and they saw the wounds in his hands, feet and side – the wounds of divine love.

THE EASTER COLLECTION, in this diocese, is the offering given to the Parish Priest to support him in his ministry. It helps with general living expenses, and with expensive things such as a car and its running costs. There are envelopes at the back of the church, or you can use the card reader by the doors of our churches. Thank you for your generosity.

Many parishioners – our deacons, altar servers, musicians, wardens, cleaners, flower arrangers chief among them – will be volunteering of their time and working especially hard over these special days. Thank you for all that you do.

THE EASTER OCTAVE. Easter is known as the Queen of Feasts as it is the most important of all the feasts we celebrate – even more important than Christmas! As such, each of the coming seven days are an "Easter Day" – an Easter Octave - as the glory of the resurrection spills out into the days that follow. The season of Easter lasts for fifty days until the feast of Pentecost as we celebrate the presence of the risen Lord with his Church, and that the Lord makes himself known to us, day by day, in the breaking of the bread – the offering of the Eucharistic Sacrifice.

THE FRIDAY NIGHT CATHOLICISM – An Introduction Group will next meet up on Friday 16th May at 7pm.

PATRICIANS - Friday 2nd. May 2025 at 7pm, Dupuis Centre (Brabazon Room). Topic: Our Lady of Fatima.

All Catholics are most welcome to come along to this friendly, informative, discussion group to grow confidence in talking about our Faith to others. Refreshments provided.

MONDAY LUNCH CLUB – The next date is Monday 12th May. Limited places available and to avoid wastage of food and money, please can you let Marilena know as soon as possible if you have booked a place and then not able to attend. We have a wait list for attending this club so to avoid disappointing people it would be appreciated to confirm asap your attendance. Thank you.

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

MARY'S MEALS – The next lunch will be on Friday 25th April. If you are unable to attend, please let Sue know as soon as possible.

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

Please pray for the dead ...

*Of your charity, pray for the repose of the souls of those who have died recently,
Particularly Des Harding and Michael Day.
Pray also for those whose anniversaries occur this coming week:*

- 20 Dolly Lim 2021; Katherine White 2015; Francis Woollam 2010; Philip Tooley 2006; William Boss 1990; Alain Ritter 1989; Albert Jennings 1987; James McCarthy 1986
21 Norman Cannon 2017; Eugene McCrohan 1986; Sidney Ball 1985; Leonard Dowd 1984
22 James Murtagh 1999; Samuel Spencer-Wort 1995
23 Patrick Lyons 1993; Thomas English 1990
24 Anna-Marie Kovacs 2005; Simon Jones 1998; Alan James 1988; Lilian Frith 1988
25 Maria Pujol 2010; Renigiusz Chrobot 1989; Florina Lines 1987; Mary Donovan 1987; Edith Needham 1983
26 Anna Horne 2014; Keith Fallowfield 2010

***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	<u>ST JOHN'S</u>	<u>ST JOSEPH'S</u>
Gift Aid	£ 150.00	£ 211.00
Non-Gift Aid	£ 623.25	£ 318.55
Contactless Card	£ 701.00	£ 25.00
February Standing Orders	£2949.00	£918.00
Easter Flowers	£ 234.52	£ 73.17

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
I have risen, and I am with you still, alleluia.
You have laid your hand upon me, alleluia.
Too wonderful for me, this knowledge, alleluia, alleluia.

Collect
O God, who on this day,
through your Only Begotten Son,
have conquered death
and unlocked for us the path to eternity,
grant, we pray, that we who keep
the solemnity of the Lord’s Resurrection
may, through the renewal brought by your Spirit,
rise up in the light of life.
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 **Acts 10:34a, 37-43**

In those days: Peter opened his mouth and said: ‘You yourselves know what happened throughout all Judea, beginning from Galilee after the baptism that John proclaimed: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power. He went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. And we are witnesses of all that he did both in the country of the Jews and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree, but God raised him on the third day and caused him to appear, not to all the people but to us who had been chosen by God as witnesses, who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. And he commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one appointed by God to be judge of the living and the dead. To him all the prophets bear witness that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.’

Responsorial Psalm **Ps 118(117):1-2. 16-17. 22-23. R24**

*This is the day the LORD has made;
let us rejoice in it and be glad. R/.*

Give praise to the LORD, for he is good;
his mercy endures for ever.
Let the house of Israel say,
‘His mercy endures for ever.’ *R/.*

The LORD’s right hand is exalted.
The LORD’s right hand has done mighty deeds.
I shall not die, I shall live
and recount the deeds of the LORD. *R/.*

The stone that the builders rejected
has become the cornerstone.
By the LORD has this been done,
a marvel in our eyes. *R/.*

Second reading **Colossians 3:1-4**

Brothers and Sisters: If you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth. For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ who is your life appears, then you also will appear with him in glory.

Sequence
Victimae Paschali Laudes

Christians, to the Paschal Victim
offer sacrifice and praise.
The sheep are ransomed by the Lamb;
and Christ, the undefiled,
hath sinners to his Father reconciled.

Death with life contended:
combat strangely ended!

Life’s own Champion, slain,
yet lives to reign.

Tell us, Mary:
say what thou didst see

upon the way.

The tomb the Living did enclose;
I saw Christ’s glory as he rose!

The angels there attesting;
shroud with grave-clothes resting.

Christ, my hope, has risen:
he goes before you into Galilee.

That Christ is truly risen
from the dead we know.
Victorious king, thy mercy show!

Gospel Acclamation
Alleluia, alleluia.
Christ, our Passover lamb, has been sacrificed;
let us therefore celebrate the festival in the Lord.
Alleluia.

Gospel **John 20: 1-9**

On the first day of the week Mary Magdalene came to the tomb early, while it was still dark, and saw that the stone had been taken away from the tomb. So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, ‘They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him.’ So Peter went out with the other disciple, and they were going towards the tomb. Both of them were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. And stooping to look in, he saw the linen cloths lying there, but he did not go in. Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen cloths lying there, and the face cloth, which had been on the head of Jesus, not lying with the linen cloths but folded up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple, who had reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; for as yet they did not understand the Scripture, that he must rise from the dead.

Prayer over the Offerings
Exultant with paschal gladness, O Lord,
we offer the sacrifice
by which your Church
is wondrously reborn and nourished.
Through Christ our Lord.

Communion Antiphon
Christ our Passover has been sacrificed, alleluia;
therefore let us keep the feast with the unleavened bread
of purity and truth, alleluia, alleluia.

Prayer after Communion
Look upon your Church, O God,
with unfailing love and favour,
so that, renewed by the paschal mysteries,
she may come to the glory of the resurrection.
Through Christ our Lord.

Solemn Blessing
May almighty God bless you
through today’s Easter Solemnity
and, in his compassion,
defend you from every assault of sin.
Amen.

And may he, who restores you to eternal life
in the Resurrection of his Only Begotten,
endow you with the prize of immortality.
Amen.

Now that the days of the Lord’s Passion have drawn to a close,
may you who celebrate the gladness of the Paschal Feast
come with Christ’s help, and exulting in spirit,
to those feasts that are celebrated in eternal joy.
Amen.

And may the blessing of almighty God,
the Father, and the Son, ✠ and the Holy Spirit,
come down on you and remain with you for ever.
Amen.