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YEAR C	ST JOHN'S	ST JOSEPH'S	INTENTION
Sunday 1st June SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER White	4.00pm Vigil Mass		Bridie O' Connell RIP
	8.30am Mass		Theresa & Trevor Whiting Ruby Wedding Anniversary
		10.00am Mass	Lorraine Haupt
	11.30am Mass		Leo & Stephanie Tucker
Monday 2nd Easter Feria	9.30am - Morning Prayer & Benediction		
Tuesday 3 rd Memorial of Ss Charles Lwanga & Companions		9.30am - Morning Prayer & Benediction	
Wednesday 4 th Easter Feria		9.30am Morning Prayer & Benediction	
Thursday 5 th Memorial of St. Boniface	6.30pm Evening Prayer		
Friday 6 th Easter Feria	6.00pm Holy Hour & Confessions		
Saturday 7 th Easter Feria			
Sunday 8th June SOLEMNITY OF PENTECOST Red	4.00pm Vigil Mass		Jim Foley RIP
	8.30am Mass		John Smith RIP
		10.00am Mass	Michael Day RIP
	11.30am Mass		Kenneth Hughes RIP

WELCOME TO MASS ON THIS 7TH SUNDAY OF EASTERTIDE.

Last Thursday we celebrated the feast of Our Lord's glorious ascension, and so celebrating in time the mystery summed up in the Creed: He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. Our Lord, in his resurrection didn't abandon that flesh he took from Our Lady at his conception, but was gloriously raised:

*Our glorious prince in battle tried
With sin and death. And deep disgrace,
In human form all glorified,
Now stands before the Father's face.*

Following Our Lord's ascension, St Luke tells us that the apostles went back rejoicing, and over the coming days, were found at prayer with Mary, the mother of the Lord, as they awaited the promised gift that would come at Pentecost.

This last Sunday before Pentecost is a 'waiting' Sunday, and these nine days between the ascension and Pentecost is the very first 'novena' – nine days of prayer. Let us pray earnestly to the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, that he may bestow his guiding presence on the Church today, and open our eyes to Jesus Christ, the risen Lord.

*Breathe into me, Holy Spirit, that my thoughts may
be all holy.*

*Move in me, Holy Spirit, that my work, too, may be
holy.*

*Attract my heart, Holy Spirit, that I may love what is
holy.*

*Strengthen me, Holy Spirit, that I may defend all
that is holy.*

Protect me holy spirit, that I may always be holy.
(St Augustine)

We welcome again the priests who are helping out this Sunday. Fr Tony Joyce will be celebrating the 4pm Vigil Mass, and Fr Anderw Robinson is coming from Oscott to celebrate the three Sunday morning Masses. We thank them for their generosity.

Fr Philip had surgery on his knee a week last Tuesday. He will have to keep resting it whilst it begins to heal, and so standing and walking for any length of time isn't possible. Hopefully after some physio in the coming weeks there should be some improvement. He is able to say Mass in the presbytery, and is willing to see people who wish to visit, but he is unable to drive for a few weeks whilst his leg brace is in place.

Confessions will be heard in St John's this Friday. However, as Fr Philip can't squeeze into the confessional, they will be heard in the parish office. You can access this through the door at the end of the righthand side aisle.

Due to there being no masses during the week, unfortunately we have had to reassign some mass intentions. Thank you for your understanding.

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.

1. Gáude et lætare, Virgo María, allelúia.
2. Ouia surréxit Dóminus vére. allelúia.

ST JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL is seeking a fully qualified teacher to teach in Year 1 from June to 18th July 2025. If you are interested in this short-term supply please contact Clare Smith on head.3825@st-josephs-banbury.oxon.sch.uk

PATRICIANS - Friday 6th June at 7pm in the Dupuis Centre. Topic: The Promises made by The Sacred Heart to St. Margaret Mary Alacoque. All Catholics welcome to join this friendly discussion group, aimed at building confidence in talking about our Faith with others. Refreshments provided.

WeBelieve is a project created and funded by The Guild of Our Lady of Ransom in collaboration with St Mary's College, Oscott.

WeBelieve is a celebration of Catholic life, to be held in the grounds of Oscott College, from **Friday 25 to Monday 28 July**.

This festival is a bringing together of Catholic ministries and creatives from across the UK to mark the 2025 Jubilee Year, proclaimed by Pope Francis, with a celebration of Catholic life.

Featuring a diverse range of Catholic musicians, creatives and speakers, including Dr Gianna Emanuela Molla (daughter of St Gianna Molla), Fr Paul Murray, Msgr Michael Nazir-Ali, AnMari, Fr Toby Lees and many more. Archbishop Bernard Longley and Bishop Timothy Menezes, from our Archdiocese, are also in the line-up.

This event is for everyone and you can book as a family, group of friends, parish group or individual. This festival is brand new and you are invited to build it with us. It will feature stories, music, worship, conversations, community and more. For more information, go to;
<https://www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk/Event/webelieve-a-festival-celebrating-catholic-life>

MONDAY LUNCH CLUB – The next lunch is on **Monday 9th June**. Please contact Marilena on 07891 178920 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 Les Butler & Anna Marie Frenzel.*

Pray also for those whose anniversaries occur this coming week:

- 01 Phyllis Gilkes 2019; Marjorie Burr 2007; Michael Breslin 2006; Mary Grimshaw 2002; Sybil Merritt 2002;
Jean Bethell 1998; Phyllis Chilton 1994
- 02 Genia Goodall 2022; Karen Hillier 2015; Brian Battey 2013; Virginia Spiers 2011; Anthony Allott 2002;
Christina Mochan 1990; Patrick Quinn 1984
- 03 Alan Cahill 2018; Steven Boyle 2018; Teresa Hutchings 2008; John Dearden 1997; James Breen 1995; Mary Healey 1986
- 04 Jim Foley 2022; Josephine Hill 2012; Ida Bushby 2012; John Callaghan 1998; Charles Ho Ching Ming 1996
- 05 Lesley Edmonds 2014; Brenda Cunnane 1999; John Wiltshire 1988; Charles T. Walters 1979
- 06 Muriel Napier-Kowski 2024; Carmen Neale 2007; John Hill 2006; Michael Monaghan 2002; Louie Smith 1997; Thomas Fisher
1995; Margaret Harper 1995
- 07 James Cunnane 2013; Kathleen Taylor 2004; Mary Hutchings 1998; David Cavanagh 1991; Percival Farrell 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,
Sue Davis, 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, Harry Rhodes, Eileen Shea, Nicky Smith, Elaine Steer.*

PARISH FINANCIAL MATTERS

Weekly Income:	25th May	<u>ST JOHN'S</u>	<u>ST JOSEPH'S</u>
Gift Aid		£ 85.00	£ 36.00
Non – Gift Aid		£ 660.85	£ 126.14
Contactless Card		£ 223.00	£ 45.00
April Standing Orders		£ 3109.00	£ 774.00

THIS WEEKEND'S SECOND COLLECTION IS FOR CATHOLIC COMMUNICATIONS

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)
St. Joseph's:	Adoration	Wednesday at 9.30am – 10.30am
	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

Cf. Ps 26: 7-9

O Lord, hear my voice, for I have called to you;
of you my heart has spoken: Seek his face;
hide not your face from me, alleluia.

Collect

Graciously hear our supplications, O Lord,
so that we, who believe that the Saviour of the human race
is with you in your glory,
may experience, as he promised,
until the end of the world,
his abiding presence among us.
Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
God, for ever and ever.

First reading

Acts 7:55-60

In those days: Stephen, full of the Holy Spirit, gazed into heaven
and saw the glory of God, and Jesus standing at the right hand of
God. And he said, ‘Behold, I see the heavens opened, and the Son
of Man standing at the right hand of God.’ But they cried out with
a loud voice and stopped their ears and rushed together at him.
Then they cast him out of the city and stoned him. And the
witnesses laid down their garments at the feet of a young man
named Saul. And as they were stoning Stephen, he called out,
‘Lord Jesus, receive my spirit.’ And falling to his knees he cried
out with a loud voice, ‘Lord, do not hold this sin against them.’
And when he had said this, he fell asleep.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 97(96):1, 2b. 6, 7c. 9. R1a, 9b

The LORD is king, most high above all the earth. R/.

The LORD is king, let earth rejoice;
let the many islands be glad.
Justice and right are the foundation of his throne. *R/.*

The skies proclaim his justice;
all peoples see his glory.
All you angels, worship him. *R/.*

For you indeed are the LORD,
most high above all the earth,
exalted far above all gods. *R/.*

Second reading

Revelation 22:12-14, 16-17, 20

I, John, heard a voice saying to me, ‘Behold, I am coming soon,
bringing my recompense with me, to repay each one for what he
has done. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last,
the beginning and the end.’ Blessed are those who wash their
robes, so that they may have the right to the tree of life and that
they may enter the city by the gates.

‘I, Jesus, have sent my angel to testify to you about these things
for the churches. I am the root and the descendant of David, the
bright morning star.’

The Spirit and the Bride say, ‘Come.’ And let the one who hears
say, ‘Come.’ And let the one who is thirsty come; let the one who
desires take the water of life without price.

He who testifies to these things says, ‘Surely I am coming soon.’
Amen. Come, Lord Jesus!

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia.
I will not leave you as orphans, says the Lord.

I am going away and I will come to you, and your hearts will
rejoice.
Alleluia.

Gospel

John 17:20-26

At that time: Jesus lifted up his eyes to heaven, and praying said,
‘[Holy Father,] I do not ask for these only, but also for those who
will believe in me through their word, that they may all be one,
just as you, Father, are in me, and I in you, that they also may be
in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me. The
glory that you have given me I have given to them, that they may
be one even as we are one, I in them and you in me, that they
may become perfectly one, so that the world may know that you
sent me and loved them even as you loved me. Father, I desire
that they also, whom you have given me, may be with me where
I am, to see my glory that you have given me because you loved
me before the foundation of the world. O righteous Father, even
though the world does not know you, I know you, and these know
that you have sent me. I made known to them your name, and I
will continue to make it known, that the love with which you have
loved me may be in them, and I in them.’

Prayer over the Offerings

Accept, O Lord, the prayers of your faithful
with the sacrificial offerings,
that through these acts of devotedness
we may pass over to the glory of heaven.
Through Christ our Lord.

Communion Antiphon

Father, I pray that they may be one
as we also are one, alleluia.

Prayer after Communion

Hear us, O God our Saviour,
and grant us confidence,
that through these sacred mysteries
there will be accomplished in the body of the whole Church
what has already come to pass in Christ her Head.
Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

Solemn Blessing

May God, who by the Resurrection of his Only Begotten Son
was pleased to confer on you
the gift of redemption and of adoption,
give you gladness by his blessing.

Amen.

May he, by whose redeeming work
you have received the gift of everlasting freedom,
make you heirs to an eternal inheritance.

Amen.

And may you, who have already risen with Christ
in Baptism through faith,
by living in a right manner on this earth
be united with him in the homeland of heaven.

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.