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YEAR C	ST JOHN'S	ST JOSEPH'S	INTENTION
Sunday 11th May FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER White	4.00pm Vigil Mass		Mary Griffin RIP
	8.30am Mass		Anne Dagger
		10.00am Mass	Eileen Jordan & deceased members of St. Joseph's parish
	11.30am Mass		People of the Parish
Monday 12th Easter Feria	9.30am Mass		In Thanksgiving
Tuesday 13th Easter Feria	11.30am Funeral Mass	9.30am Mass	Nikki Hince RIP Desmond Harding
Wednesday 14th St. Matthias		9.30am Morning Prayer & Benediction	
Thursday 15th Easter Feria	6.30pm Mass		Ida Crognale RIP
Friday 16th Easter Feria	9.30am Mass 6.00pm Holy Hour & Confessions	12pm Funeral Service	John John RIP Mary (Bridie) O' Connell
Saturday 17th Easter Feria	10.00am Mass 10.30 – 11.00am Confessions		Michael Kearns RIP
Sunday 18th May FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER White	4.00pm Vigil Mass		Martin Leonard RIP
	8.30am Mass		Christine Mary Bennett
		10.00am Mass	Special Intention
	11.30am Mass		People of the Parish

WELCOME TO MASS. TODAY IS THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER. Today is also known as Good Shepherd Sunday. When we pray for vocations especially to the priesthood. In the prayer of ordination to the priesthood the ordaining bishop prays: 'We beseech you Lord, in our weakness, to grant us the helpers that we need to exercise the Priesthood that comes from the Apostles.

**God our Father,
you give us the sacraments as signs and
instruments
of your love and mercy.
Draw from amongst your disciples of this diocese
of Birmingham,
men who are willing to generously serve your
Church as priests,
to minister to your people, and to proclaim the
Gospel to all.
We ask this through Jesus Christ, our Good
Shepherd. Amen.**

We have felt here in our own parish the effects of the lack of priests at the moment. As was mentioned on Good Friday during the homily, there is an upturn in the numbers of Generation Z who have found themselves coming along to Mass and seeking to grow in faith. The Holy Spirit is certainly active and awakening faith in the hearts of the young.

It is faith which is the answer to shortage of vocations. It has been more than forty years since we last had a priestly ordination from a Banbury parishioner. Let us pray that the Holy Spirit may inspire new vocations amongst us to the sacred priesthood.

When writing this newsletter, I'm hoping that by Sunday we will have heard the senior Cardinal Deacon of the Roman Church proclaim from the balcony of St Peter's 'Annuntio vobis gaudium magnum: habemus Papam!' ...I announce to you a great joy: we have a Pope! Do remember our new Pope in your prayers as he embarks on his new and challenging ministry.

**O God, shepherd and ruler of all the faithful,
look favourably on your servant N
whom you have set at the head of your Church as
her shepherd;
grant, we pray, that by word and example
he may be of service to those over whom he
presides
so that, together with the flock entrusted to his
care,
he may come to everlasting life.
Through Christ our Lord.
O Lord, guard your people,
Who rely on the patronage of your apostles Peter
and Paul,
And keep them under your continual protection.
Through Christ our Lord.
Holy Apostles Peter and Paul, intercede for us.**

THE FRIDAY NIGHT CATHOLICISM – An Introduction Group will next meet up on Friday 16th May at 7.00pm.

WEEKDAY MASS PATTERN

Following on from the consultation regarding Masses there were a number of parishioners who asked for an evening Mass in the week for those who work 'standard hours' There is also Fr Philip's day off to factor into the timetable.

So, from Monday 12th May the pattern will be:

Monday 9.30am Mass at St John's

Tuesday 9.30am Mass at St Joseph's (with St Joseph's school).

Wednesday 9.30am Holy Hour and Benediction at St Joseph's.

Thursday 6.30pm Mass at St John's

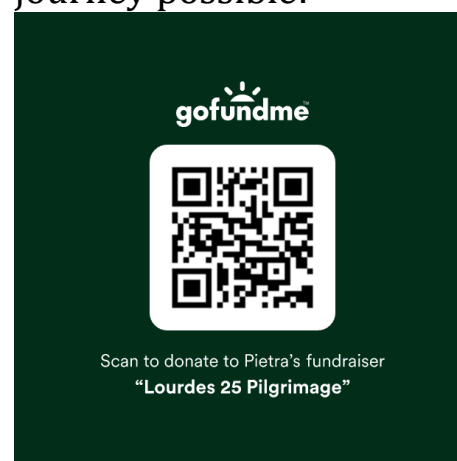
Friday 9.30am Mass at St John's

Saturday 10am Mass at St John's.

Confessions will be at St John's at 6pm on Friday and 10.30am on Saturday.

This will be reviewed in the next few months.

LOURDES FUNDRAISER - Year 12 students at BGN, completed their sponsored walk on the 9th of May to raise money for our upcoming Lourdes pilgrimage. Whilst in Lourdes, they will serve the people of the Diocese by working in the Accueil Notre-Dame de Lourdes. You can still donate- every donation brings us one step closer to making this journey possible!"



MONDAY LUNCH CLUB – Monday 12th May. This month is now full. Please contact Marilena on 07891 178920 asap if you cannot attend.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY -

The SVP will be briefly introducing themselves after Mass over the weekend of the 17th & 18th May, highlighting their purpose within our Parish. There will also be a retiring collection for the SVP.

PLANT SALE – Postponed until weekend after masses at St. John's church.

200 CLUB APRIL WINNERS – 1st prize – No 100: £140, 2nd prize – No 93: £84, 3rd prize – No 91: £56.

BGN SCHOOL VACANCY – The school are currently recruiting for an art teacher. Please see noticeboard or <https://mynewterm.com/school/Blessed-George-Napier-Catholic-School-and-Sixth-Form/141146>

This weekend's second collection is for the CLERGY TRAINING FUND.

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 Bridie O'Connell.*

Pray also for those whose anniversaries occur this coming week:

- 11 Mary Upton 2013; William Quinn 2012; Robert Kirby 1994; Georgina Almond 1988; George Maxwell 1984
12 Patrick Stevens 2022; Alice Watts 2000; Winifred Shaw 1998; Florence Hillier 1986
13 Brian Reilly 2004; Muriel D'Silva 2001; Rocco Di'Benedetto 1996
14 Nellie Wilding 1992; Charles O'Sullivan 1987; William Herbert 1984
15 Ann Pockett 2020; Tony Mizzi 2017; Michael Vale 2013; Dorothy Tuzzio 2012; Emma Mifsud 2005; Kenneth Avenel-Evans 2005; John Cunnane 2003; Elizabeth Knight 1999; John Webber 1995; Ernest Bonner 1994; Norman Walsh 1993; Ivy Brock 1983
16 Philip Hemmings 2010; William Cole 1994; James McLoughlin 1987
17 Janet Wallace 2018; Bridie Murray 2015; Thomas Boscott 2014; Anthony Mitchell 2008; Tom Larkin 2002

***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, Harry Rhodes, Eileen Shea, Nicky Smith, Elaine Steer.

PARISH FINANCIAL MATTERS

Weekly Income: 4th May

ST JOHN'S

ST JOSEPH'S

Gift Aid	£ 170.50	£ 71.00
Non – Gift Aid	£ 648.20	£ 131.50
Contactless Card	£ 141.00	£ 40.00
March Standing Orders	£ 3248.00	£ 1188.00

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)
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

The merciful love of the Lord fills the earth;
by the word of the Lord the heavens were made, alleluia.

Collect

Almighty ever-living God,
lead us to a share in the joys of heaven,
so that the humble flock may reach
where the brave Shepherd has gone before.
Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
God, for ever and ever.

First reading

Acts 13:14, 43b-52

In those days: Paul and Barnabas went on from Perga and came to Antioch in Pisidia. And on the Sabbath day they went into the synagogue and sat down. Many Jews and devout converts to Judaism followed Paul and Barnabas, who, as they spoke with them, urged them to continue in the grace of God.

The next Sabbath almost the whole city gathered to hear the word of the Lord. But when the Jews saw the crowds, they were filled with jealousy and began to contradict what was spoken by Paul, reviling him. And Paul and Barnabas spoke out boldly, saying, 'It was necessary that the word of God be spoken first to you. Since you thrust it aside and judge yourselves unworthy of eternal life, behold, we are turning to the Gentiles. For so the Lord has commanded us, saying, "I have made you a light for the Gentiles, that you may bring salvation to the ends of the earth." ' And when the Gentiles heard this, they began rejoicing and glorifying the word of the Lord, and as many as were appointed to eternal life believed. And the word of the Lord was spreading throughout the whole region. But the Jews incited the devout women of high standing and the leading men of the city, stirred up persecution against Paul and Barnabas, and drove them out of their district. But they shook off the dust from their feet against them and went to Iconium. And the disciples were filled with joy and with the Holy Spirit.

Responsorial Psalm

We are his people, the sheep of his flock. R/.

Cry out with joy to the LORD, all the earth.
Serve the LORD with gladness.
Come before him, singing for joy. **R/.**

Know that he, the LORD, is God.
He made us; we belong to him.
We are his people, the sheep of his flock. **R/.**

Indeed, how good is the LORD,
eternal his merciful love.
He is faithful from age to age. **R/.**

Second reading

Revelation 7:9, 13a, 14b-17

I, John, looked, and behold, a great multitude that no one could number, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed in white robes, with palm branches in their hands.

Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, 'These are the ones coming out of the great tribulation. They have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. Therefore they are before the throne of God, and serve him day and night in his temple; and he who sits on

the throne will shelter them with his presence. They shall hunger no more, neither thirst any more; the sun shall not strike them, nor any scorching heat. For the Lamb in the midst of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of living water, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.'

Gospel Acclamation

I am the good shepherd, says the Lord.
I know my sheep and my own know me.
Alleluia.

Gospel

John 10:27-30

At that time: Jesus said, 'My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they will never perish, and no one will snatch them out of my hand. My Father, who has given them to me, is greater than all, and no one is able to snatch them out of the Father's hand. I and the Father are one.'

Prayer over the Offerings

Grant, we pray, O Lord,
that we may always find delight in these paschal mysteries,
so that the renewal constantly at work within us
may be the cause of our unending joy.
Through Christ our Lord.

Communion Antiphon

The Good Shepherd has risen,
who laid down his life for his sheep
and willingly died for his flock, alleluia.

Prayer after Communion

Look upon your flock, kind Shepherd,
and be pleased to settle in eternal pastures
the sheep you have redeemed
by the Precious Blood of your Son.
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.