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YEAR C	ST JOHN'S	ST JOSEPH'S	INTENTION
<b>Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> May</b>  <b>FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER</b>  <b>White</b>	<b>4.00pm Vigil Mass</b>		Martin Leonard RIP
	<b>8.30am Mass</b>		Christine Mary Bennett
		<b>10.00am Mass</b>	Special Intention
	<b>11.30am Mass</b>		People of the Parish
Monday 19 <sup>th</sup>  <b>Easter Feria</b>	9.30am - Morning Prayer & Benediction		
Tuesday 20 <sup>th</sup>  <b>Easter Feria</b>		9.30am - Morning Prayer & Benediction	
Wednesday 21 <sup>st</sup>  <b>Easter Feria</b>		9.30am Morning Prayer & Benediction	
Thursday 22 <sup>nd</sup>  <b>Easter Feria</b>	6.30pm Evening Prayer & Benediction		
Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup>  <b>Easter Feria</b>	6.00pm Holy Hour & Confessions		
Saturday 24 <sup>th</sup>  <b>Easter Feria</b>	9.30am Morning Prayer & Benediction  10.30 – 11.00am Confessions		
<b>Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> May</b>  <b>SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER</b>  <b>White</b>	<b>4.00pm Vigil Mass</b>		Patrick Cummins RIP
	<b>8.30am Mass</b>		Billy Green RIP
		<b>10.00am Mass</b>	Rachel Smith RIP
	<b>11.30am Mass</b>		Michael Digby RIP

**WELCOME TO MASS** - If you are visiting the parish today, it is good to have you with us. You will find the readings on the back of this newsletter, and the Mass setting and hymn numbers on the hymn board.

Today is the Fifth Sunday of Easter. Easter isn't just a day, but a season, a season which continues for fifty days until the feast of Pentecost. In these days the truth of the Lord's resurrection should be uppermost in our minds for, as the Easter prefaces to the Eucharistic Prayer proclaim that: 'in this time above all to laud you yet more gloriously, when Christ our Passover has been sacrificed.'

We also continue to pray for our new Pope. Today marks the Mass celebrating the beginning of his Petrine ministry in St Peter's Square, and no doubt he will be surrounded by many pilgrims as well as dignitaries from around the world. It reminds us that the Church can be a huge force for good, and not just on the international stage, but in our own local communities.

**Below is the message from the Archbishop welcoming the election of Pope Leo XIVth.**

*Dear friends,*

*I welcome the wonderful news of the election of Cardinal Robert Prevost as our new Holy Father, Pope Leo XIV. As he prepared to give us his first blessing as Pope in St Peter's Square, he also gave us a message of joyful encouragement, calling us to be bridge-builders who are the light of Christ in the world. As the first Pope from the United States of America he also remembered the people of Chiclayo in Peru where he had served as bishop until 2023.*

*I have just spent the last few days at Buckfast Abbey with all the Bishops of England and Wales as we prayed for the Cardinals in Conclave and as we waited to hear whom the Holy Spirit would identify as the Successor of Peter. It will be a great joy to serve the Church's mission inspired by the guidance of Pope Leo. All the lay faithful, the Religious and clergy of our Archdiocese are praying for our new Holy Father that he may serve the Church for many years and be richly blessed in his apostolate.*

*With my prayers and kindest wishes.*

*Yours devotedly in Christ*

*XBernard Longley*

*Archbishop of Birmingham*

**A couple of important pointers regarding Holy Communion** - If you are not a Catholic, or you are a Catholic not coming to Holy Communion, you are very welcome to come forward for a blessing at the time of Holy Communion. Please place your right hand on your left shoulder or just ask for a blessing.

By virtue of their ordination only priests and deacons are able to give a blessing during the liturgy, so if you wish to receive a blessing please make sure you are in a line leading to a priest or deacon, and if not-just cross sides.

For those receiving Holy Communion in the hand, please consume the host immediately in front of the minister. Please do not walk away with the host in your hands. We must always give the utmost honour and respect to the Holy Sacrament – for it is the Lord himself!

**REGINA CAELI, SIMPLE TONE:**

Fr Philip has had a little surgery on his knee this week. This will mean changes to the liturgy schedule. We will aim to publicise any changes as soon as possible.

Today we welcome Canon David Hartley who will celebrate at 4pm and Fr. Andrew Robinson who will celebrate the Sunday masses.

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

**ADORATION** - This Sunday 18th May, 6pm-6.30pm at St Joseph's church. Prayerful music, reflection & silence.

**"Our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament has his hands full of graces, and he is ready to bestow them on ANYONE WHO ASKS FOR THEM."** St Peter Alcantara COME AND REST in the presence of the LORD this Sunday Evening.

Music led by Youth Chaplain, Christian Fitzgerald supported by the Parish Youth Ministry.

**JUNIOR YOUTH GROUP** - Meeting on Saturday 17th May; 6.30pm-8pm. St Joseph's Parish Hall. School year: Y6 & Y7 Subs: £2

**SENIOR YOUTH GROUP** - Meeting this Sunday 18th May; 6.30pm-8.30pm.

St Joseph's Parish Hall, School Year: Y8 - Y13 Subs: £2

**MONDAY LUNCH CLUB** – The next lunch is on Monday 9th June. Please contact Marilena on 07891 178920 to confirm your place.

**ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY** - The SVP will be briefly introducing themselves after Mass this weekend, highlighting their purpose within our Parish. There will also be a retiring collection for the SVP.

**PLANT SALE** – After masses at St. John's.

**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 retiring collection is for the ST. VINCENT DE PAUL.**

**Please pray for the dead ...**

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

*Pray also for those whose anniversaries occur this coming week:*

- 18 No recorded anniversaries.
- 19 Sarah Baldwin 1987
- 20 John Green 2016; Maureen Green 2008; Margaret McKenna-O'Donnell 1995
- 21 Kathleen Walsh 1990
- 22 Irma Aylward 2021; John O'Leary 2011; William Ruff 2011; Rosslind Causey 1993; John Hussey 1992; Matthew O'Leary 1989; Ursula Bayford 1983
- 23 Michael O'Keeffe 1987
- 24 Georgina O'Leary 2010; Sarah Ann Ferguson 2008; Edward Wilson 1988

***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**

<b>Weekly Income:</b>	<b>11<sup>th</sup> May</b>	<b><u>ST JOHN'S</u></b>	<b><u>ST JOSEPH'S</u></b>
Gift Aid		£ tbc	£ 48.90
Non – Gift Aid		£ tbc	£ 202.77
Contactless Card		£ tbc	£ 50.00
Clergy Training Fund		£ tbc	£ 103.32
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**

<b>St. John's:</b>	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)
<b>St. Joseph's:</b>	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 <sup>rd</sup> Saturday, 6.30 – 8pm for children Yr 6 & 7 3 <sup>rd</sup> 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](mailto:sg.stjohn.banbury@rcaob.org.uk) or alternatively the Diocesan Safeguarding team can be contacted on 0121 230 6240/ [safeguarding@rcaob.org.uk](mailto:safeguarding@rcaob.org.uk) if you have any concern.

**Entrance Antiphon**

O sing a new song to the Lord,  
for he has worked wonders;  
in the sight of the nations  
he has shown his deliverance, alleluia.

**Collect**

Almighty ever-living God,  
constantly accomplish the Paschal Mystery within us,  
that those you were pleased to make new in Holy Baptism  
may, under your protective care, bear much fruit  
and come to the joys of life eternal.  
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 14:21b-27**

In those days: Paul and Barnabas returned to Lystra and to Iconium and to Antioch, strengthening the souls of the disciples, encouraging them to continue in the faith, and saying that through many tribulations we must enter the kingdom of God. And when they had appointed elders for them in every church, with prayer and fasting they committed them to the Lord in whom they had believed.

Then they passed through Pisidia and came to Pamphylia. And when they had spoken the word in Perga, they went down to Attalia, and from there they sailed to Antioch, where they had been commended to the grace of God for the work that they had fulfilled. And when they arrived and gathered the church together, they declared all that God had done with them, and how he had opened a door of faith to the Gentiles.

**Responsorial Psalm**  
**Ps 145(144):8-9. 10-11. 12-13b. ☩ cf. 1**

*I will bless your name for ever, my God and king. R/.*

The LORD is kind and full of compassion,  
slow to anger, abounding in mercy.  
How good is the LORD to all,  
compassionate to all his creatures. **R/.**

All your works shall thank you, O LORD,  
and all your faithful ones bless you.  
They shall speak of the glory of your reign,  
and declare your mighty deeds. **R/.**

To make known your might to the whole human race,  
and the glorious splendour of your reign.  
Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom;  
your rule endures for all generations. **R/.**

**Second reading** **Revelation 21:1-5a**

I, John, saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. And I saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, ‘Behold, the dwelling place of God is with man. He will dwell with them, and they will be his people, and God himself will be with them as their God. He will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning, nor crying, nor pain any more, for the former things have passed away.’

And he who was seated on the throne said, ‘Behold, I am making all things new.’

**Gospel Acclamation** **John 13:34**

Alleluia, alleluia.  
A new commandment I give to you, says the Lord,  
that you love one another, just as I have loved you.  
Alleluia.

**Gospel** **John 13:31-33a, 34-35**

When Judas had gone out from the upper room, Jesus said, ‘Now is the Son of Man glorified, and God is glorified in him. If God is glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself, and glorify him at once. Little children, yet a little while I am with you.

‘A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another: just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another. By this all people will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.’

**Prayer over the Offerings**

O God, who by the wonderful exchange effected in this sacrifice  
have made us partakers of the one supreme Godhead,  
grant, we pray,  
that, as we have come to know your truth,  
we may make it ours by a worthy way of life.  
Through Christ our Lord.

**Communion Antiphon**

I am the true vine and you are the branches, says the Lord.  
Whoever remains in me, and I in him, bears fruit in plenty,  
alleluia.

**Prayer after Communion**

Graciously be present to your people, we pray, O Lord,  
and lead those you have imbued with heavenly mysteries  
to pass from former ways to newness of life.  
Through Christ our Lord.

**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.**