



CATHOLIC BANBURY

www.catholicbanbury.org



ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST

25 South Bar Street, Banbury. OX16 9AF

ST. JOSEPH THE WORKER

Edmunds Road, Banbury. OX16 0PP

Telephone: 01295 262073

General Office Email: stjohn.banbury@rcaob.org.uk

Parish Priest: Rev. Fr. Philip Harrop

Deacons: Rev. Mr. Henry Allen: 01295 780642

Rev. Mr. Jim Brannan: 07737 076660; Rev. Mr. Bob Hughes: 07766 711984

St. Vincent de Paul: 07399 471662



Facebook search:
'Catholic
Banbury'



QR code
for
WhatsApp Parish
Community

YEAR C	ST JOHN'S	ST JOSEPH'S	INTENTION
Sunday 25th May SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER White	4.00pm Vigil Mass		Patrick Cummins RIP
	8.30am Mass		Billy Green RIP
		10.00am Mass	Rachel Smith RIP
	11.30am Mass		Michael Digby RIP
Monday 26 th Memorial of St. Philip Neri	9.30am - Morning Prayer & Benediction		
Tuesday 27 th St. Augustine		9.30am - Morning Prayer & Benediction	
Wednesday 28 th Easter Feria		9.30am Morning Prayer & Benediction	
Thursday 29 th Solemnity of the Ascension of The Lord	6.30pm Mass		Rute Zitha & Silvano Chongo RIP
Friday 30 th Solemnity of Dedication	6.00pm Holy Hour & Confessions		
Saturday 31 st Feast of the Visitation of The Blessed Virgin Mary	9.30am Morning Prayer & Benediction 10.30 – 11.00am Confessions		
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

WELCOME TO MASS on this sixth Sunday of Easter, and to those who are visiting today it is good to have you with us.

As the Easter season moves on towards Pentecost, the Church continues to dwell on the words Jesus said to the Apostles in the Upper Room as he approached his Passion. Here he tells them, that though he will leave them, they will not be left alone in their new task of Gospel-bearers to the world, but that the Holy Spirit will come to them. In the first reading from the Acts of the Apostles we see the Holy Spirit at work, guiding and teaching, as that infant apostolic church had to wrestle with one of its first challenges and dilemmas – of whether those responding to their gospel message had to become Jews in order to be disciples of Jesus. This was a crucial question – is the grace of God that saves, or does salvation rely on fulfilling the law of Moses. As we approach the feast of Pentecost, we remember that it is a celebration of the Holy Spirit that is always at work in the Church. Indeed, as the Cardinals recently gathered to elect our new Pope, they met with the conviction and hope that the Holy Spirit would guide them.

We welcome Fr Tony Joyce who is kindly celebrating the 4pm Vigil Mass, and Fr Andrew Robinson who will be celebrating the Sunday Masses. We thank the fathers for their kind help whilst Fr Philip is incapacitated. Thank you to Deacon Jim and Deacon Bob for leading the times of daily prayer during this time.

This Thursday is a Holy Day – the Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord. Fr Tony Joyce has kindly agreed to celebrate Mass at 6.30pm. We would normally have several Masses on Holy Days, but in these circumstances, we hope that a good number will be able to make this time. There will be morning Masses in Chipping Norton and Bicester for those who wish for a local morning Mass. Times on their websites.

The Lord Jesus, the King of glory, conqueror of sin and death ascended today to the highest heavens, as the angels gazed in wonder.

*Mediator between God and man,
judge of the world and Lord of Hosts,
he ascended, not to distance himself from our lowly state
but that we, his members, might be confident of following
where he, our Head and Founder has gone before.*
(Eucharistic preface of the Ascension)



REGINA CAELI, SIMPLE TONE:

Ant. 6.

R E-gí-na cáeli * læ-tá-re, alle-lú-ia : Qui-a quem me-
ru- ísti 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 laetáre, Vírgo María, allelúia.
‡. Ouia surréxit Dóminus vére. allelúia.

The Friday night meeting for those under instruction in the Catholic faith will be at 7pm, and this week looking at confession.

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

SVP - following the SVP talks after Mass last weekend we are pleased to say that we raised £530.97, thank you. To contact the local SVP to ask for support, further information or wishing to volunteer, please call **07395 471662** to speak to one of the team who will be only to pleased to help. Thank you

MARY'S MEALS – Last month's lunch raised £464.16, thank you for your continued support. The date of the next lunch is Friday 30th May. If you have booked a place but are unable to attend, please let Sue Allen know as soon as possible as there is always a waiting list.

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

Next weekend's second collection is for CATHOLIC COMMUNICATIONS.

Please pray for the dead ...

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

Pray also for those whose anniversaries occur this coming week:

25	Bernard Tompkins 2017; Patrick Keown 1995
26	Veronica Langan 2019; Bridget Phillips 2017; Donald Bonner 2012; Margaret Caufield 1996; Margaret Fox 1987
27	Jean Meredith 2005
28	Joe O' Connell 2022; Don Coady 2015; Sarah Hopkins 2013; Christopher Kinsey 2002; Ethel Harris 1986
29	Sheila Palmer 2021; Robin Aston 2017; Carol Bell 2017; Benito Pannozzo 2015; Joseph O' Neill; Helen Davies 2009; Theresa Piskor 1995
30	John Cully 2001; Yvonne Boscott 1994
31	Virginia Grossi 2020; Dinah Hartnett 2020; David Vale 2010; Elizabeth May 1998; Henry Bovington-Croucher 1996; Gerard Rees 1993; James Heywood 1990

***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:	18th May	<u>ST JOHN'S</u>	<u>ST JOSEPH'S</u>
Gift Aid		£ 152.00	£ 70.00
Non – Gift Aid		£ 716.60	£ 132.52
Contactless Card		£ 102.60	£ 50.00
St. Vincent de Paul		£ 390.97	£ 145.00
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]

Bookkeeper: *Catherine Dukes.* Email: pt.stjohn.banbury@rcaob.org.uk
Pastoral & Property: *Nicola Mollard.* Email: sg.stjohn.banbury@rcaob.org.uk

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

Proclaim a joyful sound and let it be heard;
proclaim to the ends of the earth:
The Lord has freed his people, alleluia.

Collect

Grant, almighty God,
that we may celebrate with heartfelt devotion these days of joy,
which we keep in honour of the risen Lord,
and that what we relive in remembrance
we may always hold to in what we do.
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 15:1-2, 22-29

In those days: Some men came down from Judea and were teaching the brothers, ‘Unless you are circumcised according to the custom of Moses, you cannot be saved.’ And after Paul and Barnabas had no small dissension and debate with them, Paul and Barnabas and some of the others were appointed to go up to Jerusalem to the Apostles and the elders about this question.

Then it seemed good to the Apostles and the elders, with the whole Church, to choose men from among them and send them to Antioch with Paul and Barnabas. They sent Judas called Barsabbas, and Silas, leading men among the brothers and sisters, with the following letter: ‘The brothers, both the Apostles and the elders, to the brothers and sisters who are of the Gentiles in Antioch and Syria and Cilicia, greetings. Since we have heard that some persons have gone out from us and troubled you with words, unsettling your minds, although we gave them no instructions, it has seemed good to us, having come to one accord, to choose men and send them to you with our beloved Barnabas and Paul, men who have risked their lives for the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. We have therefore sent Judas and Silas, who themselves will tell you the same things by word of mouth. For it has seemed good to the Holy Spirit and to us to lay on you no greater burden than these requirements: that you abstain from what has been sacrificed to idols, and from blood, and from what has been strangled, and from sexual immorality. If you keep yourselves from these, you will do well. Farewell.’

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 67(66):2-3. 5. 6, 8. 4

*Let the peoples praise you, O God;
let all the peoples praise you. R/.*

May God be gracious and bless us
and let his face shed its light upon us.
So will your ways be known upon earth
and all nations learn your salvation. **R/.**

Let the nations be glad and shout for joy,
with uprightness you rule the peoples;
you guide the nations on earth. **R/.**

Let the peoples praise you, O God;
let all the peoples praise you.
May God still give us his blessing
that all the ends of the earth may revere him. **R/.**

Second reading

Revelation 21:10-14, 22-23

The angel carried me away in the Spirit to a great, high mountain, and showed me the holy city Jerusalem coming down out of heaven from God, having the glory of God, its radiance like a most rare jewel, like a jasper, clear as crystal. It had a great, high wall, with twelve gates, and at the gates twelve angels, and on the gates the names of the twelve tribes of the sons of Israel were inscribed — on the east three gates, on the north three gates, on the south three gates, and on the west three gates. And the wall of the city had twelve foundations, and on them were the twelve names of the twelve Apostles of the Lamb.

And I saw no temple in the city, for its temple is the Lord God the Almighty and the Lamb. And the city has no need of sun or moon to

shine on it, for the glory of God gives it light, and its lamp is the Lamb.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia.
If anyone loves me, he will keep my word, says the Lord,
and my Father will love him, and we will come to him.
Alleluia.

Gospel

John 14:23-29

At that time: Jesus said to his disciples, ‘If anyone loves me, he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we will come to him and make our home with him. Whoever does not love me does not keep my words. And the word that you hear is not mine but the Father’s who sent me.

‘These things I have spoken to you while I am still with you. But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, he will teach you all things and bring to your remembrance all that I have said to you. Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid. You heard me say to you, “I am going away, and I will come to you.” If you loved me, you would have rejoiced, because I am going to the Father, for the Father is greater than I. And now I have told you before it takes place, so that when it does take place you may believe.’

Prayer over the Offerings

May our prayers rise up to you, O Lord,
together with the sacrificial offerings,
so that, purified by your graciousness,
we may be conformed to the mysteries of your mighty love.
Through Christ our Lord.

Communion Antiphon

If you love me, keep my commandments, says the Lord,
and I will ask the Father and he will send you another Paraclete,
to abide with you for ever, alleluia.

Prayer after Communion

Almighty ever-living God,
who restore us to eternal life in the Resurrection of Christ,
increase in us, we pray, the fruits of this paschal Sacrament
and pour into our hearts the strength of this saving food.
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.