



ST. JOSEPH'S PARISH, LEICESTER

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Dear People,

A little while ago I wrote of the love in some of our parish homes felt by those who had lost their spouse. They were aware of their seeming to be still near, small acts of teasing love being played, sometimes vivid awareness of their presence, even occasionally hearing or seeing the loved one. Whatever the explanations, the experiences were real.

Some people spoke of calling out when leaving the house or coming home, imagining the loved ones still there. It is love and some of you were glad to know of those experiences or to know (because you do) that others have them.

This week I tell you of Paul. He is dead now but his elderly mother read of Purgatory and its church explanation of our being with God and longing to be filled with the divine love.

"Filled with the light of God's love", she wrote and of Paul "that he could see 'auras' around people and only discovered when he was a teenager that other people couldn't see what he saw. He could look at someone and see which parts of their body were diseased. A local doctor told me he would have loved to have Paul work for him to help with his diagnosing patients.

"Paul gave me lots to think about and I was especially interested in what he had to say about religion. He said to me once 'You think that all the people at church are good, but there is a lot of dark in there.' I asked him what happens when people go to Holy Communion. He said 'Some people are just dark and others become filled with light.' So I asked him why he thought that was and he said 'the ones that are dark just don't believe it.' I said maybe the ones who are 'dark' need to go to confession and he told me that as an altar boy he had watched people going to confession and 'when they went in they were dark and when they came out they were clear'.

"I've always thought that when we die and stand in front of God who is light, when that powerful light shines on us, it hits the dark spots in us caused by our sins and wow! does that hurt. I think that it keeps hurting until the light dissolves the darkness. While it is agony to have it happen our one desire is to be made light, and even while we suffer the pain of purgatory we are filled with love and hope."

What do you think? God bless us, Fr. John

20th January 2019 (Prayer Week 2)
"God changes water into everything"

Mass Times and Intentions

2nd SUNDAY OF YEAR (C)

(Saturday) 6.00 pm at St Joseph's

(Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament from 5.15 pm)

9.00 am at Rosary Church

10.30 am at St Joseph's

6.00 pm at St Joseph's

(Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament from 5.15 pm)

(Intentions for Sunday Mass)

for Neyda Genato, John Shoneland,

Len Leggett (90), Family & Friends

MONDAY 21st JANUARY

(St Agnes)

7.00 pm at St Joseph's for Rachel Williams

TUESDAY 22nd JANUARY

(St Vincent)

10.00 am: St Joseph's Mass for Thomas, Kate, Helen Kenny

2.30 pm: St Joseph's, Funeral Service for Robert Freeston

WEDNESDAY 23rd JANUARY

10.00 am at St Joseph's for Maria's welfare

THURSDAY 24th JANUARY

(St Francis de Sales, Bishop)

10.00 am at St Joseph's for Family Blessing

FRIDAY 25th JANUARY

(Conversion of St Paul, Apostle)

7.00 pm at St Joseph's for Pedro F Rodrigues

SATURDAY 26th JANUARY

(Ss Timothy & Titus)

9.30 am at The Rosary Church for Family Blessing

3rd SUNDAY OF YEAR (C)

(Saturday) 6.00 pm at St Joseph's

(Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament from 5.15 pm)

SUNDAY 27th JANUARY

9.00 am at Rosary Church : 10.30 am at St Joseph's

6.00 pm at St Joseph's

(Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament from 5.15 pm)

(Intentions for Sunday Mass)

Patrick Bishop, Sylvia Morgan, Margaret McAuliffe

CONFESSIONS EACH WEEK

SATURDAY & SUNDAY 5.15 pm at St. Joseph's
(in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel)

BLESSED SACRAMENT CHAPEL

open every day this week from 10.30 am - 4.30 pm.

The Parish on Sundays



Hot (and cold) drinks after mass on Sunday mornings at both our churches. (The Parish Library, Lourdes Garden, Watermead Shop open at St Joseph's).

THE WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY

Sunday (20th) "United Service of Prayer"
at St Mary's, Humberstone at 4:00 pm
Tuesday (22nd) "Ecumenical Prayers"
here in St Joseph's Chapel at 12:30 pm
Tuesday (22nd) "Hunger Lunch"
for Christian Aid - St Joseph's Centre
at 12:45 pm (followed by the CTH Committee
Meeting at 1:30pm with speaker Viv Froggatt)

Parish Diary This Week

Tuesday 22nd January
St JOSEPH'S TABLE open today from
10.45 am - 3.30 pm. (See details below).
Parish library, Home from Home shop,
Watermead shop and garden are also open.)
WATERMEAD SHOP OPEN 10.30 am-3.30 pm

Wednesday 23rd January
St JOSEPH'S TABLE open today from
10.45 am - 3.30 pm. (See details below).
MEDITATION in the Blessed Sacrament
Chapel, 10.50 am. Quiet prayer, meditation,
intercessions. All welcome.

WATERMEAD SHOP OPEN 10.30 am-3.30 pm

Thursday 24th January
PARISH OPEN MORNING - hot drinks in
Coffee Shop after the morning service
(Library/ Garden also open). All welcome.
WATERMEAD SHOP OPEN 10.30 am-3.30 pm

Friday 25th January
THE MIRIAM PRAYER GROUP meet at
6.30 pm for faith sharing and Rosary. Entry
via the church. All welcome.

St Joseph's Table

PLEASE NOTE CHANGE OF MENU

'Special' Meal of the Day Menu

Soup - Carrot & Parsnip

Lunchtime specials - Jacket Potatoes

served with a choice of toppings

(Please come before 2.45 pm to avoid disappointment)

Dessert - Fruit Crumble

(served with custard, cream, ice-cream)

Tuesday & Wednesday Snack Menu

Soup, Quiche (with new potatoes), Salads,
Jacket Potatoes, Sandwiches, Toasties,
Hot Sweet & Assorted Cakes, etc.

NB Until volunteers are found the 'Specials' meal
can only be made available on Tuesday.
All help is welcomed. Training given.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

A reminder that the children will be looking at
pages 26-29 of their workbook during their
liturgy (27th January = pages 30-33).

Watermead

SHOP OPENING TIMES THIS WEEK

Tues, Wed, Thur : 10.30 am - 3.30 pm

Sun : 11.45 am - 12.15 pm

Information from 0116 220 7881 / 0

Prayer Box

Please pray for:
Families of the parish
and our loved ones living and dead
especially for those who have recently died:

Robert Freeston (RIP)

Declan, Bridie, Jonathan, Chris, Maria,
Jennifer, Mary, Anna, Patrick, Olven, Sheila

Prayers for: Jim, John, Tony, Ken, Toni

The McCann family and all missing children

The peoples and countries of the world, especially
SOUTH AFRICA, ZIMBABWE, CAMEROON

POSTBAG

Dear Father John,

We, of Emoneni Roman Catholic Church, in
Mzimba, Malawi, are very grateful for the generous
contribution that The Watermead Apostolate, St
Joseph's Parish made towards our ongoing work
(now flooring) through our brother Anthony. The
first church was built in village in the late 50s. The
number of Christians has grown over the years
hence need to build a bigger church. This is one
of the final phases.

We appreciate your continued support.

God Bless you always

Yours in Christ

Oscar Loti Nkhata (For the Works committee)

Dear People,

Anthony (in the above letter) is our MISSIO
contact and they have just written to thank us for
our **Red Box** donations last year. Please continue
to support this good work - and MISSIO will be
making an appeal in the parish later this year, as
they do in every parish about every five or six
years.

God bless them in their work. Fr John

PS This weekend **Pax Christi** is asking us for
help. Envelopes for donations are at the back of
the church - if you would like to make your own
contribution and write a note of appreciation for
what they do.

PPS **Mary's Meals** have written to thank us for our
regular support and to tell us that all our donations
are being doubled by the government over the
next few months. Address donations to:
FREEPOST Mary's Meals, writing on corner of
the envelope "Double the Love" and include your
name and address.

Last week's collection was safely
counted and banked. **£970**
*(Special RASH Collection £96)
Thank you. **Counters: Karen & Chris**
(Next week: Terry)

*RASH stands for our regular giving for Leicester's
Refugees, Asylum Seekers, Homeless.

CHURCH ROTAS FOR NEXT WEEKEND

	Readers	Eucharistic Ministers
Sat. 6.00 pm	Clare	Susan
Sun. 9.00 am	TBA	-
10.30 am	Gail	Anne G / Sr Lelia
6.00 pm	TBA	Marie

Children's Liturgy at next weekend's 10.30 am Mass

Dates for Diary

Annual "Valentine" Marriage Mass

Sunday 10th February, 3.00 pm
at St Barnabas Cathedral, Nottingham

All married couples are invited and the renewal of
vows will take place before Bishop Patrick.

Please come, but for more information contact
Fr David Palmer catholicdavid@mac.com
Tel. 0115 9786236

Sharing our Stories of Faith

A DAY FOR CATHOLIC WOMEN

(practising & non-practising)

at St Joseph's, Leicester, on

Saturday 23rd February

10.00 am - 4.30 pm. More details from Alison
on 0116 220 7881 (or in the Watermead Shop)
and see poster on notice board

LACY Leicestershire Active Catholic Youth

Dates for Diary - more information later

Next Working Group : Thursday 14th March

at the Franciscan Convent, Melton Mowbray

Countryside Stations of the Cross

Sunday 7th April at Mount St. Bernard Abbey

Pilgrimages by Coach with Fr John McCay

Lisieux - 1st-5th April @ £345

Lourdes - 15th-22nd June @ £565

If you are interested

please phone Fr John on 0115 9810320

DIOCESAN MISSION

BISHOP PATRICK is asking us to look at our
diocesan themes of **Discipleship** and **Mission**
during Lent and Easter.

He is calling four county meetings for all
parishes and the Leicestershire meeting is at
Sacred Heart, Loughborough, on **Tuesday 5th**
February, 6.30 pm for 7-9 pm. If you would like
to attend please tell Fr John so that we can book
places. Every parish is to be represented.

FLAME

National Catholic Youth Event, Wembley Arena

Saturday 2nd March 2019

A mix of prayer, worship, music, speakers & fun

with 9,000 young people coming together.

LACY are planning to take a coach from Leicester
to the Flame event and tickets are £30, which includes
Flame ticket and a Robin Hood hat for Nottingham
Diocese! You can find details of the day at
www.cymfed.org.uk/flame2019. For more information
including travel details and to buy tickets please
contact: Deacon Séamus at St Paul's School on 0116
2414057 (solooskan@st-pauls.leicester.sch.uk or ask
Fr John. (The coach will pick up at **De Lisle School**,
Sacred Heart Parish and **St Thomas More Parish**.)

Statement regarding Brexit and the Churches Call for National Days of Prayer

Today, at the start of the Week of Prayer for Christian
Unity, Churches Together in Britain and Ireland (CTBI)
has issued a request that all its member Churches and
associated bodies join together in a time of dedicated
prayer for the national political situation in the United
Kingdom and Northern Ireland. A copy of the
statement is on our church notice boards.

PARISH NEWSLETTER

Did you read last week's parish newsletter?
Some did - and two people asked to be added to the
newsletter emailing list! If anyone else would like to
receive this letter each week by email, please send
your request to **stjoseph-parish@outlook.com**.