



**CHRIST  
IS RISEN**

# ST. JOSEPH'S PARISH, LEICESTER

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Dear People,

The student was in her final year at school. Suddenly she changed. From having been steady at her studies she seemed not to care, fell behind in her work, and A levels were coming.

I pleaded with her to resume her good work. She had tired of school, saw no point in anything except having a good time and life beyond 25 wasn't worth living, anyway, she said.

This week we heard insights into the escalating violence amongst young people and elsewhere. A former gang member spoke of not caring about life, one's own or others', making the most of the present because it's only going to last for a short while.

We see youngsters with little (interest in) education, no one to guide them or care for or about them, the 'gang' membership their only identity. Who will save them?

We look around our world at child soldiers (their stories are harrowing when they are freed from their killing), child exploitation and slavery, frightening everyday violence in Yemen, Syria, Congo, South Sudan, oppressive regimes in many countries, poverty and hunger and homelessness.

Where is hope? Out of our relative cosiness we look at a world of suffering and sadness and we can ask God "What's the purpose of it all? If you want us for heaven why don't you take us straight there instead of asking us to live in a world of injustice, cruelty and suffering like this?"

We'll find partial answers, but they don't satisfy. The huge question of WHY is too big for us to answer. We reason at the lower levels of How, When and What. Does God not want us to ask Why? Then why are we able to ask the question?

Dear Lord, we shall ask and we know Jesus is the answer - but how? The Word of God to answer the words of humanity . . . .

Guide us, bless us. Fr. John

**8th April 2018 (Prayer Week 2)**

**"Forgiven - always?"**

## Mass Times and Intentions

### 2nd SUNDAY OF EASTER (B)

(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 Rosaleen White, Vincent Anderson, Howard Fertig,  
Paul McDonagh, World Peace

### MONDAY 9th APRIL

(The Annunciation)

7.00 pm at St. Joseph's for Holy Souls

### TUESDAY 10th APRIL

10.00 am at St. Joseph's for A Family Blessing

### WEDNESDAY 11th APRIL

(St Stanislaus of Krakov, Bishop)

10.00 am at St. Joseph's for Ella D'Souza

### THURSDAY 12th APRIL

10.00 am at St. Joseph's for Joan Walpole

### FRIDAY 13th APRIL

(St Martin I, Pope)

7.00 pm at St. Joseph's for Percy Brown

### SATURDAY 14th APRIL

9.30 am at The Rosary Church for Thanksgiving

### 3rd SUNDAY OF EASTER (B)

(Saturday) 6.00 pm at St. Joseph's

(Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament from 5.15 pm)

### SUNDAY 15th APRIL

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 Peggy Keely, Family & Friends

**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 - 6.30 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).

## Help needed

We would like to expand our rota (at present just two groupings) for teas and coffees at St Joseph's on Sunday mornings. If you think you can help please do offer to the team on Sunday or tell Fr John. It would be very much appreciated.

## Parish Diary This Week

### Tuesday 10th April

**St JOSEPH'S TABLE** open today from 10.40 am - 3.30 pm (2.45 pm last serving of special menu of week - see details below). *The parish library, Garden, Watermead shop are also open.*

**WATERMEAD SHOP OPEN 10.30 am-3.30 pm**

### Wednesday 11th April

**St JOSEPH'S TABLE** open again today 10.40am-3.30 pm (for detail see Tuesday). "Home from Home" will soon resume its usual opening - but just for today it will be open from 1-3.00 pm. No donations are needed at present - but will be later.

**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 12th April

**PARISH OPEN DAY** - hot drinks in Coffee Shop after the morning service (library, Home from Home, Garden). All welcome.

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### Friday 13th April

**THE MIRIAM PRAYER GROUP** meet at 6.00 pm for faith sharing and Rosary. All welcome, in church or chapel.

## St Joseph's Table

### Winter Specials Menu

Soup - Farmhouse Vegetable

Lunchtime specials - Baked Gammon,

served with roast potatoes, cauliflower cheese, etc

(Please come before 2.45 pm to avoid disappointment)

Quiche of the week & Salad, Sandwiches, etc.

Dessert - Apple Pie

(served with custard, cream, ice-cream)

St Joseph's Church is 50 years old in September. Watch this space.

## 260 Club

### This Months Winners!

No.62 wins £75; No.259 wins £50;

No.130 wins £50; No.68 wins £50;

No.224 wins £35.

Last week's collection was safely counted and banked. **£2,640**

Thank you. Counters: Karen & Chris

(Next week: Pauline & Christine)

## Prayer Box

Please pray for:

**Families of the parish**

**and our loved ones living and dead**

**especially for those who have recently died:**

Con Driscoll (RIP)

Fabian, Declan, Jenny, Jonathan, Jennifer, Pat, Mary, Anna, Patrick, Olven

Prayers for: Fred, Tony

The McCann family and all missing children

The peoples and countries of the world, especially YEMEN, SYRIA, IRAQ

## POSTBAG

Dear Fr John,

I heard that Pope Francis has said there is no hell. I was glad to hear that, it gives me one less thing to worry about, but I wonder where all the mortal sinners go - murderers, dictators, etc. I don't want them in heaven. But I do remember that Pope John Paul II said there is no heaven, simply being with God. I don't want them with God and me, either.

Pope Benedict wrote in his book 'Jesus of Nazareth' that there is no Purgatory: we simply come before our loving God, longing to be forgiven. I like that. He also said there is no Limbo, there never was, it was only ever an idea.

I'm puzzled. Our three most recent popes have said there is no heaven, no hell, no purgatory, no limbo. When I die I've nowhere to go. Can you please explain?

Your sinfully, Tony D

PS Dear Tony, the answers to all your questions are in the Catechism drawn up by Pope John Paul and Pope Benedict. Do read it.



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## Parish Pilgrimages 2018

One room left for . . .

**STRESA & ITALIAN LAKES, 16th-22nd August**

and all places taken for

**ROME, 9th - 15th November**

## Watermead shop

### OPENING TIMES

Tues, Wed, Thur from 10.30 am-3.30 pm

Sun 11.45 am-12.15 pm

Information from 0116 220 7881 / 0

[www.watermead-apostolate.com](http://www.watermead-apostolate.com)

## CHURCH ROTAS FOR NEXT WEEKEND

	Readers	Eucharistic Ministers
Sat. 6.00 pm	Edward	Ann B
Sun. 9.00 am	Philip	-
10.30 am	Paul	Anne G / Sister Lelia
6.00 pm	TBA	Marie

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

## Dates for Diary

### Healing Service at the Rosmini Centre Friday 13th April

beginning with the Rosary at 7.00 pm followed by Mass and prayers for healing.

Fr Denis Labartette is the main celebrant.

### Rosary on the Coast

### Faith, Life and Peace in the British Isles Sunday, 29th April

Cars and/or a minibus will depart Leicester for this event on the East Coast at around 11 am.

We hope to go to an historic location (details/travel cost to be confirmed). Contact Francisca on 07943 711549 (email [francisca@sicamartinez.plus.com](mailto:francisca@sicamartinez.plus.com))

### Charismatic Renewal Day

#### Saturday 5th May

with Bishop Patrick and Ros Powell at Our Lady of Lincoln (10.00 am - 4 pm).

We may be able to book a coach if the numbers justify.

### MARCH FOR LIFE

#### Saturday 5th May

Coaches from Nottingham, Loughborough, Leicester.

Tickets cost £15, £10 for unwages/students, £7.50 for children

Details on [www.marchforlife.co.uk](http://www.marchforlife.co.uk) and from

Francisca Martinez on 07943 711 549

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### WEEKEND RETREAT

#### Teacher's Retreat 6-8th July

A weekend retreat for teachers from primary and secondary schools. Cost £70.

For more information

Contact [bookings@ndcys.com](mailto:bookings@ndcys.com)

### 'Adoremus' ~ Liverpool

#### 7th-9th September

Any more want to come?

## FOOTNOTES

**CONFIRMATION.** We shall soon begin our programme. Bishop Patrick is now coming on **Tuesday 26th June**. Please note change of date.

**RASH.** We shall resume our retiring collections next week. Pope Francis has urged every Catholic parish to help support a home for those in need. We are doing that. Thank you.

**260 CLUB.** It didn't seem right to have the draw in Holy Week. The March results are in today's newsletter. Please renew your membership or remind Fr John if you are dropping out. New members always welcome.

**SPUC** is appealing for signatures to be presented to the Prime Minister to protect people against too easy or casual abortions. A pile of these forms is at the back of the church. Please take one for your family and friends.

**HOLY WEEK BOOKLETS:** We have lost 35 of the Palm Sunday, 15 of the Maundy Thursday, none of the Good Friday, 18 of the Holy Saturday. Please look at home to see if you took any. Thank you.

**FRIDAY 13TH** is a glorious day. Do you know why it is considered "lucky" or "unlucky" by many? You will be surprised. Good for Google.

**AGE UK** is appealing, early, for help with the Christmas collection at Hamilton Tesco. Please contact Age UK direct on 0116 2992233.