



ST. JOSEPH'S PARISH, LEICESTER

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Dear People,

Every week our Watermead Apostolate produces "The Lord's Day" - background to the readings at mass and themes that come from the readings. Here is the background to today's Gospel, and a theme suggested by the Gospel.

Gospel Reading

Mark 12 : 38-44

What a contrast Mark offers in today's reading between the self-important and the widow. Luke has a similar contrast (Luke 20:45 - 21:4).

Jesus' warning to his disciples and followers, to beware of learned men who seek their own benefit in all they do, is very similar in the two accounts; but Mark's telling of the story is more interesting than Luke's account.

In Mark, Jesus sets himself to watch the offerings being made: it is not a casual moment. This suggests to us that the giving was in some way public - perhaps even announced out loud? The rich may appear generous in the amount they give, but we understand the widow's humility if she has to announce what she gives. Her giving is laughable - just two small coins - but Jesus calls his disciples to point out the lesson: she was more generous than the rich because she gave all she had.

We wonder at her giving all - but the explanation is quite simple. Widows received a daily living allowance; so the widow knew she would be helped by the community on the following day. She could go short on this day to be able to offer something to the Lord at the Temple.

"A little offering given with great love" is the way that Mother Teresa of Calcutta might explain this story. That is the Gospel message.

The Bereavement Group met every month. They were good for each other, giving support and encouragement in the loneliness that they all knew. New friendships were formed and there was a sense of understanding that they all shared each other's suffering. There were two groups within the group - those whose spouses had died, and those who had been deserted. They were aware of difference in the suffering and one evening chose to bring it into the open. Which was the greater loss - death or desertion? Slowly, around the room, the widows, the widowers, the divorcees and deserted spoke of their feelings. Each had a personal sorrow but an openness to the sorrow of others. It became clear, as the final stories were being told, that they knew: the greater pain was in the ones whose spouses were still alive. The widows and widowers felt the pain of love's memories: the deserted felt the pain of broken love. Elijah's widow and the Gospel widow - what were their lives?

The full "Lord's Day" is always available at the back of the church, on the Watermead website or shop (link on parish website).

God bless you,

11th November 2012 (Prayer Week 4) "Remembrance Sunday"

Mass Times and Intentions

32nd SUNDAY OF YEAR (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 Joe Willis, Bart McCarthy, Patrick O'Leary.

Holy Souls, Elizabeth Haddon, The Parsons Family

MONDAY 12th NOVEMBER

(St. Josaphat)

7.00 pm, St Joseph's, Service of Word & Communion

TUESDAY 13th NOVEMBER

10.00 am, St Joseph's, Service of Word & Communion

WEDNESDAY 14th NOVEMBER

10.00 am, St Joseph's, Service of Word & Communion

THURSDAY 15th NOVEMBER

(St Albert the Great)

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

FRIDAY 16th NOVEMBER

7.00 pm at St. Joseph's for *Patricia Montgomery*

SATURDAY 17th NOVEMBER

9.30 am at The Rosary Church for *Holy Souls*

33rd SUNDAY OF YEAR (B)

(Saturday) 6.00 pm at St. Joseph's

(Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament from 5.15 pm)

SUNDAY 18th NOVEMBER

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 The Hulme Family, Cecil Cornelia, Ron Anderson,

Moire O'Connor, Holy Souls

CONFESSIONS EACH WEEK

SUNDAY 5.15 pm at St. Joseph's

SATURDAY 10.00 am at the Rosary Church
and 5.15 pm at St. Joseph's

BLESSED SACRAMENT CHAPEL

open every day this week from 10.30 am - 6.00 pm.

The Parish on Sundays
AT ST JOSEPH'S
 DRINKS, LIBRARY, FAIR TRADE
AT THE ROSARY CHURCH
 DRINKS, CAKE STALL, FAIR TRADE



Year of Faith Diary THIS WEEK

The Icon is still on display at St Joseph's and will come to the Rosary Church next week. Then around the parish homes it will go.

Parish Diary This Week

Monday 12th November
QUESTION OF FAITH. Save questions for next week.

Thursday 15th November

PARISH OPEN DAY

Hot drinks in the Coffee Shop!
 The Parish Library, Fair Trade Stall and Garden open, following the morning service at St. Joseph's. Do come and see the changes in the Coffee Shop - cozy preparations for the winter months ahead!
"Home from Home" closed this week for sorting and restocking.
To re-open on Thursday 22nd November with a talk/ presentation

The children's room is being used as a Polling Station today - but our parish activities continue as usual. Use the side gates to enter and leave the hall by the link to garden door.

Saturday 17th November
MARGARET'S COFFEE MORNING
 See details in "Dates for Diary".

Prayer Box

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

The sick and housebound, those in hospital and in nursing homes - especially:

Jack Laing, Harry Bowden, Eve Kelly,
 Mary Keenan, Ian North, Fabian Sweeney,
 Christina Flynn, Anna Nugent, Rita Cushway,
 Elizabeth Haddon, Jonathan Lockwood,
 Pat Aitken, Jenny Aitken, Rhonda Jones

Those for prayers this week:
 Cath Edwards, Fred Trotman

The McCann family and all missing children especially the family of April Jones

The peoples and countries of the world, especially this week SYRIA

Please tell Fr John if you can suggest any improvements in the ways we pray for each other.



"OPEN HANDS" DONATION "BIN"

The black dustbin for your donations of non-perishable foodstuff is at the back of church under the staircase.
 (See details on bin & notices)

Open Hands Presentation

is one of the Leicester-based charities the parish supports through our "Home from Home" project.

On **Thursday 22nd November** one of the organisers is coming to give a talk and film presentation about their work.

Consider coming and finding out more about their work for the homeless and vulnerable people in the city of Leicester

Dates for Diary



Margaret's Coffee Morning

Saturday 17th November
 in St Joseph's Coffee Shop/Hall
 10.30 am - 12.00 noon

Come and help Margaret raise funds to support the building of the first secondary school in Tanzania for the disabled.

Various items on sale, and please do bring for sale any items you yourself have made.

Cakes, biscuits, jams, jellies, toys, knitting, jewellery, cards, flower arrangements, Christmas decorations, etc. etc.

See poster on notice boards

Advent and Christmas Retreat

here at St Joseph's led by Fr John

Saturday 1st December 2012

A Day of Talks, Prayer, Music & Reflection
 11.30 am - 4.00 pm : Donation £3.50

Holy Cross Pilgrimage to Fatima

11th-15th June 2013 £530

Details on Holy Cross website

A PLEA FOR HELP

What do you give your grandson, who suffers from Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy, for his 14th birthday? The precious gift of life would be amazing, but that is out of my hands. The next best thing would be the gift of love.

I'm asking the community to join **Declan's Family Circle of Love** by signing the on-line petition for more government funding into research. We need 100,000 signatures for it to be discussed in parliament.

Please consider my plea and spare a moment to sign the petition you can find it at <http://epetitions.direct.gov.uk/petitions/14427>.

Thankyou, Kate O'Melly

Postbag

Dear St Joseph's Parish,

It is now one year since houses across Leicester began using the Orange Bag Recycling Service, and since this time most flats have joined the service, too. In order to promote the continued use of the service and to say thank you for the commitment that residents have shown, we are running a city-wide communications campaign.

We are providing leaflets that residents are welcome to take away with them.

As I am sure you are aware, recycling is an environmentally beneficial activity and I would be delighted if you at St Joseph's church could help promote this important service in Leicester.

Yours faithfully, Luke Crown.

PS from Fr John. Leaflets are available on the tables at the back of the churches.

This week, like the widows in today's readings at mass, I shall do something small with great love. I shall do many somethings small with great love . . .

Last week's collection was safely counted and banked. **£1,120**

Thank you. *Counters this week : Sarah & Gloriosa*
(Next week : TBA)

PARISH ROTA FOR NEXT WEEKEND

	Readers	Eucharistic Ministers	Children's Liturgy
Sat. 6.00 pm	Clare	Cecilia	
Sun. 10.30 am	Sheila	TBA	
6.00 pm	TBA	Vincent	

Watermead shop

The "Old Stable" Centre

Even more reading & resources have arrived for the "Year of Faith" - do come and see.

And CHRISTMAS HAS BEGUN - Boxes of Christmas cards now in stock, along with Advent Calendars, Diaries, Calendars, Gifts, etc.

SHOP OPENING TIMES

Tues, Wed, Thur from 10.30 am-3.30 pm
 Sat 5.00-5.50 pm & Sun 11.45 am-12.45 pm
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