

Keep
Christ in
"Christ"mas



Send religious
Christmas cards

ST. JOSEPH'S PARISH, LEICESTER

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Dear People,

We had a beautiful Candlelight Carol Service in the Watermead Courtyard on Wednesday, followed by a happy social evening in the hall. The weather was perfect - dry and not too cold; the prayer and the singing were fervent and uplifting, and the fun at the social evening completed a very happy parish event. Star turn was the first appearance of a new order of Sisters. They were not introduced to us and we had to guess who they were - members of the choir! How good their habits, how severe their Mother Superior, how skittish the unruly Sisters, how reverent Sister Belle - but what fun, and they sang as nicely as they always do at mass. Public demand has invited them back for next year.

This week, on Thursday, we have a Carol Service at 12.00 noon in St Joseph's church, followed by a light "hot spuds" lunch for everyone. Please collect your ticket after mass today - there is no charge, but we need to know numbers.

In the evening you may like to come for the quiet Service of Reconciliation with the opportunity for Confession. Simply the quiet prayer would be good reason to come, and then decide if you would like to go to Confession. We begin at 7.00 pm.

7.00 pm on Wednesday evening is the time of the Carol Service at St Paul's School. We are all invited, and to stay for refreshments afterwards. It will be a joyful celebration because a Carol Service is, St Paul's is a good school and it has just received a very good report following the surprise OFSTED inspection of last week. We have every reason to be proud of a fine school and pray thanksgiving for the good Catholic education in all our Leicester schools.

Our mass at Christmas will be at the usual times (see over the page), but please pray that those who come for the great occasions, Easter and Christmas, will feel invited, welcomed and encouraged to be with us every week. I always feel a sadness with the joy of saying hello to so many whom I know at home and around the city, but who do not want to be with us at mass through the year.

We pray together whenever we are able.

God bless us,

Fr. John

16th December 2012 (Prayer Week 3)
"A Prayer for those in Christmas sadness"

Mass Times and Intentions

3rd SUNDAY OF ADVENT (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 May Seddon, Cath Edwards, Eveline Kate Cox,
Annie & Lewis Morris, The Crewe & Bown Families,

Paul Lettin, Luke Alexander

MONDAY 17th DECEMBER

7.00 pm at St. Joseph's for Irineo Salenga

TUESDAY 18th DECEMBER

10.00 am at St. Joseph's for Helena Wiczorek

WEDNESDAY 19th DECEMBER

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

THURSDAY 20th DECEMBER

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

12.00 noon : Carol Service (& light lunch)

7.00 pm Service of Reconciliation & Confession

(See details over page in this week's diary)

FRIDAY 21st DECEMBER

(St. Peter Canisius)

7.00 pm at St. Joseph's for Gustavo, Delizia, Olven

SATURDAY 22nd DECEMBER

9.30 am at The Rosary Church for Eileen Green

4th SUNDAY OF ADVENT (C)

(Saturday) 6.00 pm at St. Joseph's

(Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament from 5.15 pm)

SUNDAY 23rd DECEMBER

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 Philip Mobbs, Patrick Commins, Private Intention

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 2012-2013

Year of Faith Diary THIS WEEK

WE READ . . .

Reread Bishop
Malcolm's Pastoral
Letter and the "Living
Stones" document. Copies still
available at the back of church.

Parish Diary This Week

Monday 17th December

QUESTION OF FAITH . Christmas
questions, answers, mince pies, punch
- as every year. You know where, you
know when: same spot on the dial.

Tuesday 18th December

CHOIR PRACTICE in the parish hall at
7.30 pm - to prepare for our Christmas
services.

Wednesday 19th December

CAROLS AT ST PAUL'S 7.00 pm,
followed by refreshments. All welcome.

Thursday 20th December

*begins with hot drinks following the
10.00 am mass at St Joseph's -*

("HOME FROM HOME" open as usual)
followed by



**Carols at Mid-day
12.00 noon**

in St Joseph's church

following by a "**Hot Spud**" **light
lunch**, drinks, and mince pies. There is no
admission charge for the lunch, but tickets are
required. Collect a "**FREE**" ticket from the
Watermead Shop, ask Fr John or hall team.

And then, in the evening . . .

**PENITENTIAL
SERVICE**

**& Confessions
for Christmas**

7.00 pm

in St Joseph's Church



(THE WATERMEAD SHOP will be open all
day following the morning mass & close
in time for the Penitential Service)

Prayer Box

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

Doug Earl (RIP), Fr Trevor Clarke (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,
Jonathan Lockwood, Pat Aitken, Mary Eaton
Jenny Aitken, Rhonda Jones

Those for prayers this week:

Victor Spiteri, Jake McCarthy, Michael O'Connell

The McCann family and all missing children

*The peoples and countries of the world,
especially this week NEWTOWN, USA*

Postbag

Dear Fr John,

I would like to say a very big thanks for the
Christmas flower collection at St Joseph's
church last weekend. A total of £300.04 was
given.

God bless you all, Mary.

Dear Friends,

Our "Let the Children Live" Christmas card
packing for this year is now complete.

Many thanks to all those who helped.

Happy Christmas. Theresa

Dear People of the Parish,

Our Christmas "**Jumpers for Joy**" project has
just one week to go. Look at the lovely selection
of Christmas babies in the Zimbabwe house at
the side of the altar. Would you like to dedicate
a baby Jesus in the name of a loved one, and
make a donation towards our helping the
Mother of Peace Community in their wonderful
work? Donations can be gift-aided, please ask.

Thank you, Lynn & the Children's Liturgy

Watermead shop

The "Old Stable" Centre
(at the back of St. Joseph's Car park)

OPENING TIMES THIS WEEK

Tues & Wed, 10.30 am-3.30 pm

ALL DAY THURSDAY 10.30 am - 7.00 pm

Sat 5.00-5.50 pm & Sun 11.45 am-12.45 pm

Information from 0116 220 7881 / 0

www.watermead-apostolate.com

Reflexology (Complementary Therapy)

Contact Sharon on 0116 2120719



REFLECTION

Mary's Dream

"Joseph, I had a dream. I don't understand it,
not really, but it was about a birthday
celebration for our son. I think that was what
it was all about.

The people had been preparing for it for
about six weeks. They had decorated the
house and bought new clothes. They'd gone
shopping many times and bought elaborate
gifts. It was peculiar, though, because the
presents weren't for our son.

They wrapped them in beautiful paper and
tied them with lovely bows and stacked them
under a tree. Yes, a tree, Joseph, right in their
house! They'd decorated the tree, also. The
branches were full of bright balls and sparkling
ornaments. There was a figure on top of the
tree - it looked like an angel might look. It was
beautiful. Everyone was laughing and happy.
They were all excited about the gifts.

They gave the gifts to each other, but none
to our son. I don't think they seemed to know
him. They never mentioned his name. Doesn't
it seem odd for people to go to all that trouble
to celebrate someone's birthday and then
hardly mention him.

I had the strangest feeling that if our son
had gone to this celebration he would have
been intruding. Everything so beautiful, and
everyone so full of cheer, but I felt I wanted to
cry. How sad for Jesus not to be wanted at his
own birthday celebration.

I'm glad it was only a dream. How terrible,
Joseph, if it had been real, our son not wanted
at his birthday."

(Sister Justine from the Presentation Convent
sent this for our newsletter. We thank her.)

Christmas Services

CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES

Christmas Eve

6.00 pm Children's Mass

(The children are invited to come dressed as
characters from the Christmas story)

10.00 pm Midnight Mass

(Carols from 9.30 pm)

Christmas Day

9.00 am at The Rosary Church

10.30 am at St Joseph's Church

St Stephen's (BOXING) Day

Mass at 10.00 am

Last week's collection was safely

counted and banked. **£948.40**

Thank you. Counters this week: Eileen & Michael

(Next week: Gail & Keith)

PARISH ROTA FOR NEXT WEEKEND

	Readers	Eucharistic Ministers	Children's Liturgy
Sat. 6.00 pm	Doreen	Sal	
Sun. 10.30 am	Paul	Gerry	As arranged.
6.00 pm	TBA	Marie	