

Keep
Christ in
"Christ"mas



Send religious
Christmas cards

ST. JOSEPH'S PARISH, LEICESTER

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Dear People,

This is the last full week of the world's history. It has been good sharing it with you but on 21st December, we are told from an ancient Mayan calendar, the world will come to an end.

You smile. But on 22nd December, it seems, some people will not be smiling. On an unusual website, naturalnews.com, we are told that people are spending lavishly on their credit cards believing that they will not have to face the consequences. It would be easy to ridicule such spending, but we know how gullible people can be, including us.

We pray for those for whom the dawn of 22nd December will be an unpleasant shock. For some years now the "prophecies" have been made - just as in past ages - and some people have believed. Can you remember earlier years and people waiting expectantly for the end of the world? For some that day is 21.12.2012. We wait for 22.12.2012.

Have ever heard "I don't go to church, it's full of hypocrites"? An answer might be "There's always room for one more." But if someone were to say "I don't go to church because it's full of sinners," a worthwhile answer might be "that's why we're there."

"Christian churches are not, as a rule, model communities of good behaviour. They are, rather, places where human misbehaviour is faced and dealt with. Just as a hospital collects the sick under one roof and labels them as such, the church collects sinners. Many of the people outside the hospitals are as sick as those inside, but their illnesses are either undiagnosed or disguised."

That quotation comes from Eugene Petersen in an introduction to the Letter of St James in the New Testament of the Bible. St James' letter shows an apostle dealing with areas of misbelief and misbehaviour in the congregations committed to his care. St James prayed for the wisdom to guide his people. We all need something of that wisdom - parents, friends, colleagues, teachers, etc.

We pray for God's guidance and good advisers.

God bless us,

Fr. John

9th December 2012 (Prayer Week 2)
"The end is nigh. 21st December . . ."

Mass Times and Intentions

2nd 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 Phyllis Lobo, Luiza Rodrigues, Molly Cornelia,

Maureen Burns, Geoffrey Harris, Kevin Brennan,

Ordination Day of Fr Edmund Montgomery

MONDAY 10th DECEMBER

(St John Roberts [Wales] : Human Rights Day)

7.00 pm at St. Joseph's for Brushelle Noronha

TUESDAY 11th DECEMBER

(St. Damasus, Pope)

10.00 am at St. Joseph's for Aidan Cassidy

WEDNESDAY 12th DECEMBER

(St. Jane Frances de Chantal : Our Lady of Guadalupe)

10.00 am at St. Joseph's for Michael & Elsie Kennedy

THURSDAY 13th DECEMBER

(St. Lucy)

10.00 am at St. Joseph's for Holy Souls

FRIDAY 14th DECEMBER

(St. John of the Cross)

7.00 pm at St. Joseph's for Family Blessing

SATURDAY 15th DECEMBER

9.30 am at The Rosary Church for John & Cynthia Bunten

3rd SUNDAY OF ADVENT (C)

(Saturday) 6.00 pm at St. Joseph's

(Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament from 5.15 pm)

SUNDAY 16th 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 Annie & Lewis Morris, Luke Alexander,

May Seddon, Cath Edwards

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.

Retiring Collection this week is for the Christmas flowers. Thank you.

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

document, available at the back of church after mass - & during the week.

Year of Faith Diary

THIS WEEK

We shall read

Bishop Malcolm's

Pastoral Letter and

the "Living Stones"

Parish Diary This Week

Monday 10th December

QUESTION OF FAITH in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel following evening mass. Questioners, answerers, listeners - welcome all!

Tuesday 11th December

CHOIR PRACTICE in the parish hall at 7.30 pm. Preparations continue . . .

Wednesday 12th December

Candlelight Carol Service & ENTERTAINMENT EVENING

We meet at 7.15 pm in St Joseph's Garden (behind the Watermead Centre).

This annual evening begins by remembering **our loved ones** at the (outdoor) Service, and

moves to the hall for "Ye Old Welsh Pwnch" and light

refreshments - to **entertainment**

by our parish musicians, readers and guests.

All welcome - no charge, just come!

Thursday 14th December

PARISH OPEN DAY

Hot drinks in the Coffee Shop!

Parish Library, Fair Trade Stall, "HOME FROM HOME", Garden and Watermead Shop open, after the morning mass at St. Joseph's.

LET THE CHILDREN LIVE card packing in the Coffee Shop/hall after morning mass. Help appreciated.

CAROL SINGING AT TESCO - the first of the carol singing evenings. (See details in "Dates for Diary").

Advent Day of Recollection at Holy Cross

Saturday 15th December

10.30 am - 4.00 pm Mass at 12.30 pm

Details on notice boards

TODAY

Parish Ministers of the Eucharist

A meeting today **Sunday 9th December** at 4.30 pm in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel, to discuss Christmas and our ministry to the sick and housebound.

Prayer Box

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

Michael O'Mahoney,

The McCann family and all missing children

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

Bethlehem Art

Thank you for the welcome given to George and Joseph last weekend, and the interest shown in the arts they had brought from home. They were pleased at the interest and your purchasing.

In the sacristy, after mass, people may collect what they ordered last week and Fr John will pass on the payment to George. He and his family are at Sacred Heart church today.

JUMPERS FOR JOY!

Jesus came for all peoples, so this year our Children's Liturgy Project is to make baby "Jesus" for all countries round the world...from your old jumpers. The babies can be for you, as a present, or in memory of a loved one. They will be placed on the altar for Christmas, or you may take them home on the last Sunday of Advent. They are all labelled. Please just tell a Liturgy Leader or Fr. John, or put your name on the list in the narthex, and make a donation, which will be given to Mother of Peace Community, who look after 150 AIDS orphans in Zimbabwe. You may giftaid your cheque if you ask Lynn for a form to complete. Thank you to all who continue to donate. We wish you JOY at Christmas....

See the picture and link on our parish website to article on the Mother of Peace website.

Watermead shop

The "Old Stable" Centre

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

Information from 0116 220 7881 / 0

Christmas Dates

Christmas Carols at TESCO

Would you like to sing carols at Tesco's with the other Christian Churches?

Thursday 13th December, 6-7.00 pm

Thursday 20th December, 4-5.00 pm

Please sign your name if you would like to be one of the St Joseph's Carol Singers.

CHRISTMAS PREPARATION

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 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 one of the 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)

CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES

Christmas Eve

6.00 pm Children's Mass

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

Prayer

I know not by what method rare,
but this I know - God answers prayer.
I know not when he sends the word
that tells me fervent prayer is heard.
I know it cometh soon or late -
my part is but to pray and wait.
I know not if the blessing sought
will come in just the guise I thought.
I leave all care with him above
whose will is always one of love.

Anon

Prayer on the hour

Dear Lord, give me the grace to pass this hour and the rest of the day in your holy love. I shall try to fulfil my tasks for love of you.

J.B. Midgley

Last week's collection was safely counted and banked. **£1,186.50**

Thank you. Counters : Christine & Pauline

(Next week: Keith & Gail)

PARISH ROTA FOR NEXT WEEKEND

	Readers	Eucharistic Ministers	Children's Liturgy
Sat. 6.00 pm	John	Cecilia	Leaders as
Sun. 10.30 am	Catherine	Ann G	arranged, please.
6.00 pm	TBA	TBA	