



ST. JOSEPH'S PARISH, LEICESTER

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O Come,
let us
adore him

Dear People,

"Hasn't it been a wonderful Christmas and New Year," somebody said. It has been. We talked about how beautiful the churches looked and how lovely the music and the singing, how good the attendances - and our celebration of the New Year at the Rosary Church. We had 100 people attend that mass, and a good number had come on the New Year's Eve mass, also.

"This is such a happy parish," someone said to me and I thanked them on your behalf for the compliment. Thank you all for the good community that we are, for the friendships and friendliness that people remark on who belong and who visit. God has blessed us. We thank God and one another.

Have you made your new year resolutions yet, or have you not considered? Try these from St Mother Teresa. Someone gave it to me and I don't remember seeing it before.

People are often unreasonable and self-centred.

Forgive them anyway.

If you are kind, people may accuse you of ulterior motives.

Be kind anyway.

If you are honest, people may cheat you.

Be honest anyway.

The good you do today may be forgotten tomorrow.

Do good anyway.

Give the world the best you have and it may never be enough.

Give your best anyway.

For you see, in the end, it is between you and God.

It was never between you and them, anyway.

(Mother Teresa)

We saw her live that little meditation throughout her life, showing love wherever she could. The advice is so practical that it becomes an inspiration for resolutions - new year, new day, new anytime!

We pray for a Happy New Year for our parish, for all who belong to us, our country, our world. It isn't too much to ask for everything.

We ask God to bless us all.

Fr. John

6th January 2013 (Prayer Week 2)

"The wise worship the babe . . ."

Mass Times and Intentions

FEAST OF THE EPIPHANY

(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 Nancy Earley, Betty Watson, Philomena Altobelli,
Liam Connolly, Aiden Cassidy, Thanksgiving (Rodrigues),

Pedro & Theodolina Fernandes, Mary Milburn

MONDAY 7th JANUARY

(St. Raymond of Penyafort, Priest)

7.00 pm at St. Joseph's for Friends

TUESDAY 8th JANUARY

10.00 am at St. Joseph's for Sheila Walsh

WEDNESDAY 9th JANUARY

10.00 am at St. Joseph's for Peter Beadle

THURSDAY 10th JANUARY

10.00 am at St. Joseph's for Wedding Blessing

12.00 noon Requiem Mass for Bill Orton

FRIDAY 11th JANUARY

12.15 pm Funeral Service for Liam Connolly

7.00 pm at St. Joseph's for A Friend's Intention

SATURDAY 12th JANUARY

(St. Aelred of Rievaulx)

9.30 am at The Rosary Church for Holy Souls

BAPTISM OF THE LORD

(Saturday) 6.00 pm at St. Joseph's

(Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament from 5.15 pm)

SUNDAY 13th 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)

for Susan Harris, Kathleen Hancock, Angela Fung,

Fr Trevor Clarke, Chris Doyle

BLESSED SACRAMENT CHAPEL

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

CONFESSIONS EACH WEEK SUNDAY 5.15 pm: St. Joseph's SATURDAY 10.00 am: the Rosary Church and 5.15 pm at St. Joseph's

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
MEDITATION
 We shall pray in union with the Sisters as they begin the Wednesday meditation sessions.

Parish Diary This Week

Monday 7th January

QUESTION OF FAITH. Our first meeting of the new year. New questions, new answers. Welcome.

Wednesday 8th January
MEDITATION SESSIONS begin, 11.00 am, at St Joseph's Convent (See box in centre of newsletter).
MALTA PILGRIMAGE We meet at 7.00 pm in the parish hall for final payment and to discuss details. Please bring passports and insurance details. (Two places have become available - ask Fr John).

Thursday 9th January

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.

260 Club

This Months Winners!

No.217 wins £75; No.152 wins £50;
 No.21 wins £50; No.220 wins £50;
 No.81 wins £35.

RETIRING COLLECTIONS

We shall have a retiring collection for the poor and needy parishes of the diocese (postponed from just before Christmas) next weekend and then the retiring collection for retired and sick priests on the last weekend of January. There will be envelopes available soon for the Sick and Retired Priests Fund.

Prayer Box

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

Bill Orton (RIP, Liam Connolly (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, Callum Mahes

Those for prayers this week:

John Rising, Michael Barrett

The McCann family and all missing children

The peoples and countries of the world, especially this week THE IVORY COAST

Meditation

Learn the simple art of meditation under the leadership of Fr Paskal Clement and the Sisters at St Joseph's Convent (next door to our church).

Every Wednesday at 11.00 am, starting on 9th January

(1st session will of 45 minute and the following sessions will be of 30 minutes) followed by tea & biscuits.

Details on the church notice boards and from Sister Kathleen & Sister Lelia on telephone 0116 2416255

Watermead shop

The "Old Stable" Centre

(at the back of St. Joseph's Car park)

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
www.watermead-apostolate.com

Reflexology (Complementary Therapy)

Sessions are by appointment and can be made, along with any queries about reflexology, by contacting Sharon on 0116 2120719

The Catholics Bishops Conference

organises Parliamentary and Public Policy Internships for recently graduated Catholics. This year they offer 6 internships: 3 with Christian MPs at Westminster, 2 with CAFOD and 1 in a media internship in Archbishop's House, Westminster. Full details and an application form can be found on the website: <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/catholic-internships>

Dates for Diary

PAX CHRISTI SUNDAY

Sunday 20th January

The work of Pax Christi is based on the Gospel and inspired by faith. Our vision is of a world where people can live in peace, without fear of violence.

(On that day there will be envelopes for those who wish to contribute towards their work)

PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES

19th-26th September 2013

We have booked 40 places.

We have a maximum of 8 more available. Please let Fr John know immediately if you have expressed an interest or are interested because others are now asking.

LOST PROPERTY

Might you have you left something behind at church?

Reading glasses, prayer books, gloves, yet more glasses, jumpers, coats, etc. There is a fine selection in the very full "Lost Property" basket at the back of St Joseph's church. Do have a look. You might even be reunited with an item you forgot you had lost!

Retiring Priests

Dear Parishioners,

In our diocese there are 33 retired priests and a few younger priests who are unable to work in parishes because of ill health. The number is set to rise over the next few years as more reach the age of retirement.

The financial demands on the diocese are thus increasing and an appeal has been launched to raise significant funds over the next four years.

Each parish is being asked to nominate someone to lead the parish appeal, working with our deanery leaders who have already been appointed.

The role will suit someone who is committed and well organised and would like to help support our retired priests who have given so many years of devoted service.

If you would like to know more please speak to Fr John who will be pleased to provide more information.

Thank you and God bless you,

The Retired Priests' Appeal Office

Parish Websites

Do you use our parish websites?

Do have a look - they will surprise you.

www.stjoseph-leicester.btck.co.uk

www.ourliturgy.com

www.watermead-apostolate.com

Last week's collection was safely

counted and banked. **£1,079.35**

Thank you. *Counters this week : Gloriosa & Sarah*

(Next week: John & June)

PARISH ROTA FOR NEXT WEEKEND

| | Readers | Eucharistic Ministers | Children's Liturgy Leaders |
|---------------|-----------|-----------------------|----------------------------|
| Sat. 6.00 pm | Francis | Cecilia | |
| Sun. 10.30 am | Catherine | Gerry | Please confirm |
| 6.00 pm | TBA | Marie | your new rota |