



# ST. JOSEPH'S PARISH, LEICESTER

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"My name is Sara. I'm 22 years old and I'm Albanian. In this moment of writing I'm living in a charity house, part of The Medaille Trust, as a trafficking victim. I'm so grateful that I'm here with wonderful staff that do everything to help me and other girls to find ourselves again.

"I've been part of a terrible story that changed my life totally from a normal girl that I used to be. Everything started last summer when I met a boy. He seemed to me like the perfect boy and I was so desperate to see the best in him, since my relationship with my parents wasn't really good at that time because they were thinking of an arranged marriage for me. That boy promised to marry me.

"I left Albania and my family. He said to me every single word was a lie, he wasn't going to marry me and he said that I would do prostitution and that would be my job. I was shocked and couldn't believe that was happening to me but I could do nothing to change that course.

"The violence was horrendous. I was sent to a house somewhere in Italy. I was there for 5 months. I was just like a dead body that did what it was told to do to survive because I never lost hope that I would leave that house.

"I really believe God saw me there and listened to my prayers for help when I met a man who promised to help me. He used to be a customer in the house and he organised everything since that night I told him my story how I ended up there. He organised to bring me to the UK in a lorry. I'll never forget what he did for me.

"Now I'm here and when I first came I couldn't believe I had escaped. I've been meeting such good people, always ready to help me find my way. I'm feeling really blessed to have so much support to restart my life here. Thank you to everybody."

Sister Ann Theresa is my friend. She taught for many years and then asked if she might work for The Medaille Trust, helping rescue people who have been trafficked for slave labour and prostitution. The Trust's magazine is at the back of the church. Sara's letter comes from the latest edition. The work is inspiring and heart-breaking. Please share it with your prayer and interest.

God bless the Trust and us,

Fr. John

**7th September 2014 (Prayer Week 3)**  
"The world lives in God's love. Yes?"

## Mass Times and Intentions

### 23rd SUNDAY OF YEAR A

(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 Michael Keaveny, Maud Pallack, Thanksgiving (H),

Robert D'Souza, Family & Friends

### MONDAY 8th SEPTEMBER

(Birthday of the Blessed Virgin Mary)

7.00 pm at St. Joseph's for Sue Monaghan

### TUESDAY 9th SEPTEMBER

10.00 am at St. Joseph's for Agnes & Alice Hannah

### WEDNESDAY 10th SEPTEMBER

10.00 am at St. Joseph's for John Philip Varley

### THURSDAY 11th SEPTEMBER

10.00 am at St. Joseph's for Tom Collins

### FRIDAY 12th SEPTEMBER

7.00 pm at St. Joseph's for Paul & Philomena Cronin

### SATURDAY 13th SEPTEMBER

(St John Chrysostom)

9.30 am at The Rosary Church for Sisters of St Francis

### 24th SUNDAY OF YEAR A

(Saturday) 6.00 pm at St. Joseph's

(Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament from 5.15 pm)

### SUNDAY 14th SEPTEMBER

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 Jose Pedro Fernandes, Michael Keaveny

### 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.

**TODAY (SUNDAY)**  
 following the  
**10.30 mass**  
 at **St Joseph's**  
**"LET THE CHILDREN LIVE"**



**ANNUAL GARDEN PARTY/BBQ**  
 Do consider staying behind after mass for food & fun, and help the support team raise funds for our street children charity.  
 BBQ, Drinks, Face painting, Stalls, Cakes, Bottle Stall & more... **ENTRANCE FREE!**



## Parish Diary This Week

### Monday 8th September

**QUESTION OF FAITH.** Yes. We meet in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel after evening mass. All welcome.

### Tuesday 9th September

**CONFIRMATION.** We begin the study part of our preparation in the parish hall, 5.30 - 6.30 pm.

**CHOIR PRACTICE** in the parish hall at 7.30 pm. Ring Alison 0116 2207881.

### Wednesday 10th September

**MEDITATION** at the Convent today. 10.45 am. All welcome for quiet prayer and meditation. Details Sr Lelia.

### Thursday 11th September

**PARISH OPEN DAY at St Joseph's**  
 ~ Hot drinks in the Coffee Shop!  
 Parish Library, Fair Trade Stall,  
 "HOME FROM HOME"  
 Garden and Watermead Shop are all open after the morning Service.

### "LIVING STONES" DIOCESAN STUDY DAY -

It was a good diocesan day at Hothorpe Hall on Thursday last. Priests and people from around the diocese heard Fr Eugene Duffy speak about re-organising and clustering of parishes in Ireland and how their experience might help us. Five of our parish were able to attend and it was good to share the day with people from many other parishes. Local arrangements for sharing parish activities are good and we know that we can work together in a number of new ways.

We shall have our own open parish meeting in the next couple of weeks and begin regular meetings. Please let Fr John know what you would like to hear discussed at this first meeting. We need to learn from others experiences and from different opinions.

## The Parish on Sundays AT ST JOSEPH'S DRINKS, LIBRARY

### AT THE ROSEMARY CHURCH DRINKS, CAKE STALL

Sadly, the Fair Trade stall is no longer. Anyone still wanting to purchase items should contact Margaret - she may still be able to obtain them for you.

## Prayer Box

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

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

Jack Laing, Declan, Fabian Sweeney, Christina Flynn, Pat Aitken, Jenny Aitken, Jonathan Lockwood, Ed James, Lucia & Lina Lobo, Fr John Doman

Prayers for: Julia Kent, Judith Kirk, Avril Bollum

The McCann family and all missing children

The peoples and countries of the world, especially THE NATO COUNTRIES trying to bring peace.

## The Lourdes Garden

The Garden looks beautiful for today's "Let the Children Live" Annual Barbecue. The team who look after the garden always have it looking beautiful. We thank them for the time they give so generously. When you come on Sunday (today) you will see how well maintained the Lourdes Garden is. Visitors constantly remark what a lovely haven of peace it is and are delightfully surprised at the many details - lawns, grotto, memorium garden, courtyard, flower beds and shrubberies. We are blessed.

Thank you to all who help.

## Postbag

Dear Kizito & Fr Daley

Now we are 18 months in to our Appeal it gives me great pleasure to tell you that, with your support and the generosity of parishioners, parish priests, companies and organisations, we have now raised £1.87 MILLION POUNDS for the Sick and Retired Priests of our Diocese, and are more than a third of the way to our goal of £5 Million pounds.

To date your parish has raised £19,442.00 (which is 39.19% of its suggested contribution).

... I have started a programme of visits to groups of parishes. We have learnt of what some parishes are doing and share some of this with you ... Thank you for your support.

John Curran, Retired Priests Appeal.

(To see the full letter contact Kizito or Fr John)

## Dates for Diary

**Dowry of Mary**  
 Pilgrimage to Walsingham  
**Sunday 7th September**  
 Mass at noon (See poster on notice board)

### Mother of Peace Evening Wednesday 24th September

in St Joseph's Parish Hall  
 Film Show, Zimbabwean food, Singing  
 Everyone invited to view the films of our latest visit - see our half-way cottages and the children having fun. No charge, but donations welcomed for Mother of Peace.

### Walking the Little Way Discipleship with St Therese Saturday 27th September

A talk by Canon John Udris  
 St Mary's, Countesthorpe Rd. South Wigston

### "TEN 2 ONE" Retreat

here at St Joseph's  
 10.30 am - 1.00 pm (hot drinks from 10.00 am)  
**Saturday 27th September**  
 Our theme is "Our Lady"  
 Talks, Music, Prayer led by Fr John  
 £2.50 donation : Tel. 0116 2415159 to book

## PILGRIMAGES 2014

**ROME / ASSISI with the Parish**  
**6th - 14th November (B&B)**  
**£398 + cost of flight on day of booking**  
 We now have 2 days in Assisi and 6 in Rome  
8 places left.. Contact Fr John

### Malta Pilgrimage 2015

**17th-24th February** (8 days) **£399**  
*All places have gone, there is now a waiting list*  
**17th-28th February** (12 days) **£535**  
*Depending on flight price on day of booking*  
*(There are 7 places left)*  
 Malta price covers flights, airport transfers (East Midlands and Malta) half board at the 4 star Preluna hotel.  
 Please tell Fr John if interested.  
 £25 deposit secures place.

## CONFESSIONS

When people ask for appointments I often suggest straight after morning mass - because I am there. But several times recently I have been asked to hear confessions at that time and I had already promised appointments, so had to say no. Would it be good to make the time after mass on Tuesdays/Thursdays (Wednesday I always go to the school) a time for confessions? I value your opinions. Fr John

### Watermead SHOP OPENING TIMES

Tues, Wed, Thur from 10.30 am-3.30 pm  
 Sat 5 - 5.55 pm & Sun 11.45 am-12.45 pm  
 Information from from 0116 220 7881 / 0

Last week's collection was safely

counted and banked. **£1,274**

Thank you. *Counters this week : John & June*  
*(Next week: Karen & Chris)*

### PARISH ROTA FOR NEXT WEEKEND

	Readers	Eucharistic Ministers	Children's Liturgy
Sat. 6.00 pm	Edward	Caroline	
Sun. 10.30 am	Theresa	Gerry / Mary	As decided
6.00 pm	TBA	Marie	