



# ST. JOSEPH'S PARISH, LEICESTER

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Dear People,

Realistically, I can't expect to live more than another thirty years. What can I do for God in that time? Carry on as far as I can, days structured on prayer and service to the people, and always aware of how much more I might do . . .

An old priest, in a bad mood and renowned for his sharp tongue, told me when I was in my 40's that I was a has-been who had only ever been a nobody. I enjoyed that - the sharp wit, clever phrasing, and I've treasured it in my memories of him. It was he who gave me my first book of prayers for giving the sacraments to the sick at home and in hospital. It was that book I used when I anointed him in his final sickness, and I enjoy remembering him every time I use that book. And the insult. I still enjoy that. A has-been who was only ever a nobody.

Is that you? Would people sum you up like that? Who remembers you where you went to work, used to live? Who is proud of knowing or having known you? Has your life been quiet and uneventful, or dull and repetitive?

What have you done about it? What are you going to do? Trundle through the coming years or make something beautiful of the glorious time that God gives us.

Philosophers and common sense tell us of the newness of each day and that we all have the same gift of the same time. Some use it wonderfully, others don't - we have the choice. Do you vary your days?

Today you might read of the wonder of the skies, marvelling with astronomers at the immensity of God's creation. You might read the background to the news of the day - conflicts in the Middle East, the history of Islam, the creating of the countries of our world. You might read of the Church, its sad and glorious history, the present problems and discussions, the sparkling new leadership being given by Pope Francis.

And all bound together by prayer - morning and night blessing - and moments during the day. At work or school the gratitude for much to do, gladness for the people you know in the security of home. You could telephone or write to someone who is lonely or housebound, even visit. You could offer help where you know help would be appreciated.

Loving family, prayer, good reading, kind thoughts and deeds, awareness of our sad and wonderful world, of the beauty of creation around and above us. And all the time gratitude to God for being alive.

God bless you with happy days for many years,

*Fr. John*

**13th July 2014 (Prayer Week 3)**  
"My world, our world, God's world . . ."

## Mass Times and Intentions

### 15th 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 Alice & Agnes Hannah, Phil Biggs, Dylan Jarrett,*

*Chloe Buckley, Horace Greasley, Joe Sullivan*

### MONDAY 14th JULY

*(St Camillus de Lellis, Priest)*

7.00 pm at St. Joseph's *for Frank Gallagher*

### TUESDAY 15th JULY

*(St Bonaventure, Bishop)*

10.00 am at St. Joseph's *for Birthday Blessing*

### WEDNESDAY 16th JULY

*(Our Lady of Mount Carmel)*

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

### THURSDAY 17th JULY

10.00 am at St. Joseph's *for Felix Cassidy*

### FRIDAY 18th JULY

7.00 pm at St. Joseph's: Service of Word & Communion

### SATURDAY 19th JULY

No Service at the Rosary Church today

### 16th SUNDAY OF YEAR A

(Saturday) 6.00 pm at St. Joseph's

*(Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament from 5.15 pm)*

### SUNDAY 20th JULY

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 Sister Theresa, Peter Lobo, Kevin Higgins,*

*John & Cynthia Bunten*

### CONFESSIONS EACH WEEK

**SUNDAY** 5.15 pm at St. Joseph's

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

**PLEASE  
NOTE  
None next  
weekend**

### 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

## Parish Diary This Week

### Monday 14th July

**QUESTION OF FAITH**. We continue our discussions, after evening mass, in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel.

### Wednesday 16th July

**MEDITATION** at the Convent today. 10.45 am: Exposition, adoration, quiet prayer, meditation and intercessions. All welcome.

### Thursday 17th July

**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.

## Watermead shop

The "Old Stable" Centre  
 (at the back of St. Joseph's Car park)  
**OPENING TIMES THIS WEEK**  
Tues, Wed, Thur from 10.30 am-3.30 pm  
 Information from 0116 220 7881 / 0  
[www.watermead-apostolate.com](http://www.watermead-apostolate.com)  
**Please note the shop will be closed from**  
**Saturday 19th - Saturday 26th July**

## GIFT AID UPDATE

This is an important message to all those who give money to the Church and have made a Gift Aid Declaration.

In order to be valid, your Gift Aided donation to the Church, when added to all of the other donations you make under a Gift Aid Declaration, must not exceed the part of your income subject to tax.

Example: If you earn £12,500 per year, then, after the new £10,000 tax allowance rate is deducted, you can only Gift Aid the tax paid on £2,500. If you earn under £10,000 per year then there is no tax paid to Gift Aid.

If you think you now need to review your Gift Aid or have any queries please contact Bob Cave, John Slee or Fr John.

## RETIRING COLLECTIONS

**TODAY July 12th for**  
**Apostleship of the Sea.**  
**July 26th for**  
**Day for Life.**

## Prayer Box

Please pray for:  
**Families of the parish**  
**and our loved ones living and dead.**

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

Jack Laing, Declan, Fabian Sweeney, Christina Flynn,  
 Anna Nugent, Pat Aitken, Jenny Aitken,  
 Jonathan Lockwood

*Prayers for: Glen Genato, Mike Keaveny*

*The McCann family and all missing children*

*The peoples and countries of the world,  
 especially THE HOLY LAND*

## Postbag

Dear Parish and School of St Joseph's,  
**MOTHER OF PEACE COMMUNITY**

On my return from Zimbabwe, I was telling you about the crisis at MOP concerning the children's uniforms. They make their own for their primary school, but as the children grow older, they will be unable to progress elsewhere unless they are appropriately dressed. I saw children in tears with worry.

There are currently 25 Year-7 children, by far the largest age group, as the AIDS pandemic reached its peak around 14 years ago.

Well, I counted the remaining donations re the Easter project, prayer requests for Chigona etc. and found we had £431.86. I also asked St. Joseph's school whether they could help, as they have before...and guess what, the children did a sponsored walk, raising £1,520.62 Amazing!

So I have just banked £1,952.48 for MOP. What a wonderful parish and school! Thank you, thank you, again and again. I wish you could see what it will mean to the children. They have their dreams just like us; their reality is so much harsher.

We will continue to support "our" children's schooling and maybe even tertiary education? I would be interested to hear what you would think about a Fr. David scholarship?

Thanking you for wonderful support, Lynn

## Confirmation

### Thursday 23rd October 2014

Twenty-two of our young people have said they would like to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation. We shall follow a programme of preparation. A letter from Fr John has been sent to all the young people. If any have not received the letter, please tell Fr John.

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## Dates for Diary

### NATURAL FAMILY PLANNING Friday 18th July

A course at Beeston, Nottingham  
 Please contact David and Louise on 0115  
 8778310 or email [Nottingham@cclgb.org.uk](mailto:Nottingham@cclgb.org.uk)

### DAY OF RENEWAL

at St Anne's, Radcliffe-on-Trent  
**Saturday 26th July**  
 led by Fr Pat Collins CM

### Annual Rosary Rally

at Grace Dieu Manor  
**Sunday 24th August**  
 to pray for world peace & young people  
 Mass at 3.00 pm, followed by picnic,  
 Rosary & Benediction at 5.00 pm  
 See poster in church porch.

### Our Lady Queen of Peace

Annual Pilgrimage to Walsingham  
**Monday 25th August**  
 led by Fr Stanko Cosic from Medjugorje  
 Telephone Mary on 07792162518 or  
 Kath on 0116 2340103

### LET THE CHILDREN LIVE ANNUAL GARDEN PARTY/BBQ Sunday 6th September

We would appreciate bottles for the tombola stall, cakes and lots of HELP on the day please! We would welcome craft stalls if anyone has a craft they wish to promote. Stalls will be £10 to hire. Contact Theresa on 0116 2416317

### St Joseph's Hall Committee Dates

**RACE NIGHT** on Saturday 25th October  
**CROFT SILVER BAND** TBA in December

## PILGRIMAGES 2014

**LOURDES with the Parish**  
**12th - 18th September (Full Board) £495**  
 includes flights & airport transfers

**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  
41 places booked.

### Malta Pilgrimage 2015

**17th-24th February (8 days)**  
**£399**  
**17th-28th February (12 days)**  
**£560**

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. (42 places already booked)

Yesterday, Today, Tomorrow: all in one day

Last week's collections were safely counted and banked. Thank you.  
 Parish **£1,144** Peter's Pence **£232**  
 Counters: Karen & Chris (Next week: Pauline & Christine)

## PARISH ROTA FOR NEXT WEEKEND

	Readers	Eucharistic Ministers	Children's Liturgy
Sat. 6.00 pm	Marie	Caroline	If anyone would like to help with the liturgy please see a liturgy leader or Fr John
Sun. 10.30 am	John	Gerry	
6.00 pm	TBA	Marie	