



# ST. JOSEPH'S PARISH, LEICESTER

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Dear People,

Meriam Ibrahim lives in Sudan and was raised as a Christian by her mother. She married an American Christian and they had a child.

Problems started for Meriam when she was arrested and charged for apostasy (changing her faith) because it was argued that her father was Muslim and so therefore was she, even though her father had left the family home when she was very small. She was found guilty of apostasy.

Then the courts argued that as she was a Muslim it was illegal for her to marry a Christian. Her marriage was annulled and then, as she clearly had had sex with her husband (they had a child), she was found guilty of adultery. She was sentenced to 100 lashes for the adultery and to death by hanging for the apostasy.

What do you think of this way of religious thinking? . . . . .

A young man was baptised when a baby but was brought up in no church and had no faith. He married a Christian woman. They had a child whom they both loved but their relationship was not happy. They accepted they could not make a full marriage, so they separated and divorced - but they remained friendly and he regularly saw his child.

His former wife married again and he went to the wedding, a witness to their genuine friendship.

A couple of years later he met a Catholic girl and they wanted to marry. They saw the priest who told them that in the eyes of the Catholic Church he was still married to his former wife. He was startled. How could the Catholic Church, who had never heard of him or his former wife, tell him that they were still married even though she was now happily married to another man? He was told that in the eyes of the Catholic Church a marriage between two Christians cannot be broken.

What do you think of this way of thinking? . . .

Religions, Faiths, Churches, sometimes reflect nothing of the love of God in whom they profess to believe. What do you think?

God bless us all,

Fr. John

**23rd November 2014 (Prayer Week 2)**  
"Sheep and goats and a shepherd . . ."

## Mass Times and Intentions

### FEAST OF CHRIST THE KING (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 Mary Ellen Hudson, Sean Connell, Peter Leech,

Hugh Burns, Bernard Cassidy,

The Rodrigues & Fernandes Families

### MONDAY 24th NOVEMBER

(Ss Andrew Dung-Lac and Companions)

7.00 pm at St. Joseph's for Arthur & Sorca Bowley

### TUESDAY 25th NOVEMBER

10.00 am at St. Joseph's for Lewis Page

### WEDNESDAY 26th NOVEMBER

10.00 am at St. Joseph's for Monsignor O'Dowd

### THURSDAY 27th NOVEMBER

(St Catherine Laboure)

10.00 am at St. Joseph's for Julia Alonzi

### FRIDAY 28th NOVEMBER

7.00 pm at St. Joseph's for Martin Hillier

### SATURDAY 29th NOVEMBER

9.30 am at The Rosary Church for The Browne Family

### 1st SUNDAY OF ADVENT (Year B)

(Saturday) 6.00 pm at St. Joseph's

(Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament from 5.15 pm)

### SUNDAY 30th NOVEMBER

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 Kathleen Collins, Michael Keaveny, Frank Gallagher,

John Boyd, Special Intention (M), Thanksgiving (H)

### 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 - dusk

## The Parish on Sundays



Hot (and cold) drinks after mass on Sunday mornings at both our churches. The Lourdes Garden, the library and Watermead Shop open at St Joseph's.

**ON FAMILY DAY**, the first Sunday of each month at St Joseph's, the "Home from Home" shop is also open - we welcome ideas to complement this regular event. Do get in touch and suggest.

## Parish Diary This Week

### Monday 24th November

**QUESTION OF FAITH.** The last meeting of the Church year - in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel after evening mass. All welcome.

### Wednesday 26th November

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

### Thursday 27th November

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

**FOOTCARE CLINIC** begins this week in the Watermead Centre. Please phone Julie on 0116 3678480 to book an appointment.

## Watermead shop



### The "Old Stable" Centre SHOP OPENING TIMES

Tues, Wed, Thur from 10.30 am-3.30 pm  
Sat 5.00 - 5.55 pm & Sun 11.45 am-12.45 pm  
Information from 0116 220 7881 / 0  
[www.watermead-apostolate.com](http://www.watermead-apostolate.com)

Pope Blessings - A large display for Christmas: Cards, Cribs, Gifts, etc. & our FREE "X"MAS ENVELOPE STICKERS

## PILGRIMAGES 2015

### Malta Pilgrimage Meeting

A meeting for all those who have booked to go in February 2015 on  
**Wednesday 3rd December**  
at 7.00 pm to make the final payments and to discuss details.

### Rome and Assisi 15th-23rd July

We travel again with our friends from Scotland. Cost is **£525** half board plus cost of flight on day of booking

*Yet to be arranged . . .*

**Lourdes/Padua/Padre Pio**  
in September - probable

**Rome in November** is a certainty  
Let Fr John know your interest



## Prayer Box



Please pray for:

**Families of the parish**

**and our loved ones living and dead**

**especially for those who have recently died:**

Betty Esposito (RIP), Bernard Walsh (RIP)

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

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

*Prayers for: Cynthia Bunten, Stuart Glasgow*

*The McCann family and all missing children*

*The peoples and countries of the world,  
especially the UNITED KINGDOM*

## Postbag

Dear All (Parish Reps for RPA),

I am delighted to be able to bring you the news that the Retired Priests' Appeal has just passed £2 million. Thanks to your continued support the appeal is nearly half-way to the £5 million target.

We are here to assist and prepare so that your parish receives the best response from your parishioners.

Thank you for your dedications.

With kind regards, Carla Brown

Dear Parishes,

St Paul's Catholic School are holding a business networking event for Year 10 students, which is part of our World of Work week. We are looking for people who can bring a variety of professions and experiences to speak to our students and provide information/advice with regard to their profession. We would appreciate if you could volunteer your time to speak to our students. Please contact Nora Ward, Taz Gahir or Daniel McGlyn at St Paul's. Thank you.



## Children's Liturgy

### ADVENT PROJECT "Deer Me!"

For Mother of Peace Community Aids Orphans This year it's DEER! Please sponsor to make a deer for you for Christmas or in memory of a loved one.

You can choose a deer to hang on the tree, or a puppet containing chocolates and carrying a sack holding a pebble from Chigona, the holy mountain near MOP in Zimbabwe. Just write your request on a paper from the narthex and give it to Lynn, a liturgy leader or Fr John, or place in the donations box in St Joseph's chapel. Deer for loved ones may be left on our tree for Christmas, if you wish, others may be taken on the last Sunday of Advent. Thank you. Lynn

## Dates for Diary

### ROSMINI CENTRE RATCLIFFE

**Saturday 22nd November**

**AFTERNOON RETREAT 3.00-7.00pm**

Reflection theme "Eucharist"

**Sunday 7th December.**

**RETREAT DAY** given by Fr. John Daley  
IC. 10.30 am to 4.00 pm. Lunch included.

Please telephone 01509 813078 or email  
[rosminicentreinfo@gmail.com](mailto:rosminicentreinfo@gmail.com). Donations.



## Christmas



## Dates for Diary

Everyone invited and welcome to the following events - see notice boards for further details.

### Tuesday 2nd December

**CHURCHES TOGETHER IN HUMBERSTONE  
EVENING MEDITATION ON ADVENT**

7.00 pm at St Mary's Church, Humberstone

### Thursday 4th December

#### CAROLS AND LUNCH

Our annual 12.30 pm Carol Service in  
St Joseph's Church followed by  
a free lunch in the parish hall - lifts available.  
(Entrance to the lunch is by ticket only)  
**FREE tickets** available from the Watermead  
Shop, Paula, Mary or Pauline and Christine.

### Wednesday 10th December

#### CANDLELIGHT CAROL SERVICE and Entertainment Evening

begins in the Watermead Courtyard, 7.00 pm,  
followed by Fr John's Welsh Pwnc  
and mincepies in the parish hall.  
No charge - donations to charities.

### Friday 19th December

#### CROFT SILVER BAND CAROL CONCERT

"Christmas Silver Bells at St Joseph's"

7.30pm: Tickets **£5** (under 16's free) includes  
Tea/Coffee/Mince Pies. Bring your own drink.  
From Kerry or Mags 07419129178

Our Christmas week begins on **Monday 22nd  
December** with a **Reconciliation Service** -  
full Christmas Service details next week.

**Precious life** is the name of the Pro-Life movement in Northern Ireland. Please pray for them as Bernadette Smyth, their founder and leader, is going through a very difficult time facing up to the strong Pro-Choice elements in Irish society.

Is there a greater question in our world than the life of the child in the womb? That precious life should be at the centre of all our Church statements, more important than many of the issues which cause headlines and make noise. The baby in the womb cries silently. We pray for those like Bernadette who devote themselves to protecting the unborn child.

Last 2 week's collections were safely

counted and banked. **£1,751**

Thank you. *Counters: Pauline & Christine*

(Next week: Eileen & Michael)

## PARISH ROTA FOR NEXT WEEKEND

	Readers	Eucharistic Ministers	Children's Liturgy
Sat. 6.00 pm	Francis	Ann B	<i>There will be</i>
Sun. 10.30 am	Sheila	Anne G / Mary	<i>a liturgy every</i>
6.00 pm	TBA	Vincent	<i>week during Advent</i>