

### ST. JOSEPH'S PARISH, LEICESTER

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Dear People,

Bishop Melito of Sardis wrote of the wonderful mysteries we celebrate in Holy Week and Easter:

"Jesus brought us from slavery to freedom, from darkness to light, from death to life, from oppression to an eternal kingdom, and made of us forever a new priesthood and a chosen people. He is the Passover by which we are saved.

"In many men he endured much: he was slain in Abel, shackled in Isaac, a pilgrim in Jacob, sold to slavery in Joseph, exposed to die in Moses, slaughtered in the sacrificial lamb, persecuted in David, and stripped of honour in the prophets.

"He took flesh of the Virgin Mary, hung upon the cross, was buried in the earth and, rising from the dead, ascended the heights of heaven. And when he rose from the dead, he raised the human race from its tomb."

The Canadian poet, Charles Roberts, wrote:

'An April Adoration'

Sang the sunrise on an amber morn - "Earth be glad! An April day is born. Winter's done, and April's in the skies. Earth, look up with laughter in your eyes!"

Putting off her dumb dismay of snow, Earth bade all her unseen children grow. Then the sound of growing in the air Rose to God a liturgy of prayer.

And the thronged succession of the days Uttered up to God a psalm of praise.

Laughed the running sap in every vein, Laughed the running flurries of warm rain, Laughed the life in every wandering root, Laughed the tingling cells of bud and shoot.

God, in all the concord of their mirth, Heard the adoration-song of Earth.

At Easter we celebrate the new life, the eternal life, that Jesus has brought; and we celebrate the new life that spring brings to the earth. We rejoice in Christ and in the new beauty of the world. To think that in heaven it will always be springtime . . .

God bless us with the vision to see the beauty in all creation.  $F_{x,x}$ 

**5th April 2015** (Prayer Week 1) Jesus is Risen! and we shall be raised

# Mass Times and Intentions EASTER SUNDAY

(Saturday Vigil) 7.00 pm at St. Joseph's

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, Eileen Halpin, Mary Rayner, Howard Fertig, Toddy & Margaret O'Connell

#### MONDAY 6th APRIL

(Easter Monday)

10.00 am at St. Joseph's for Thanksgiving to Jesus & Mary

#### **TUESDAY 7th APRIL**

(St John Baptist de La Salle) 10.00 am at St. Joseph's *for Monica Mobbs* 

#### WEDNESDAY 8th APRIL

10.00 am at St. Joseph's for Gerald Pritchard

#### THURSDAY 9th APRIL

10.00 am at St. Joseph's for Frances Graham

#### FRIDAY 10th APRIL

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

#### **SATURDAY 11th APRIL**

(St Stanislaus of Krakow, Bishop) No Service at the Rosary Church today

#### 2nd SUNDAY OF EASTER (B)

(Saturday) 6.00 pm at St. Joseph's (Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament from 5.15 pm)

#### SUNDAY 12th APRIL

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 Ella D'Souza, Vincent Anderson, Harry Flowers

#### **BLESSED SACRAMENT CHAPEL**

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

"We are each unique and beautiful, but together we are a masterpiece" (St Joseph's School notice board)

#### CONFESSIONS NEXT WEEKEND

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

#### 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 6th April** EASTER MONDAY MASS, 10.00 am.

Wednesday 8th April

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

#### Thursday 9th April

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

#### Watermead shop

The "Old Stable" Centre

#### **EASTER OPENING TIMES**

Thur from 10.30 am-3.30 pm & Sun 11.45 am -12.45 pm Information from 0116 220 7881 / 0 www.watermead-apostolate.com

#### PILGRIMAGES 2015

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 Please tell Fr John if you are interested >>>>>>

Lourdes 17th - 23rd September

We are going for a week. The cost is very good: £495 to cover all travel (and by air) and full board at the Hotel St Louis de France where we staved in 2013

We have begun booking (26 so far) but room for more. Deposit of £160 to secure place.

>>>>>> Rome in November 12th-19th

7 days £495 to include all travel and B&B We are staying at our favourite hotel, now refurbished as a 4 star hotel, but they are offering us a special price. 20 people have booked places so far.

#### AU PAIR

An Italian student would like to live with an English-speaking family for the summer. Full details from Fr John if you can help.

### Prayer Box



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

especially for those who have recently died:

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, Lina Lobo, Mary Rayner, Patrick

Prayers for: Peter Griffiths and for Andrea (see <a href="https://www.gofundme.com/mxjghc">www.gofundme.com/mxjghc</a>)

The McCann family and all missing children The peoples and countries of the world. and especially for KENYA and NIGERIA

#### Internet Radio Heaven's Road Catholic

RADIO (www.heavensroadfm.com) are seeking prayer requests for prayers for the sick, bereaved or housebound for a new daily programme. Please email admin@heavensroadfm.com with person's name, church and location, reason for inclusion and a message if you'd like one. Listen on www.heavensroadfm.com. Follow on FaceBook or Twitter.

## Postbag

Dear People,

Glad news from English Heritage. Following the listing of St Joseph's Church of as one of the outstanding churches in the second part of the 20th century (we were finally placed 24th) we were informed through the diocese this week that our church is now a Grade II Listed Building.

We should celebrate by having an open day and inviting everyone to visit. Time and again I am told by people how they pass the church so frequently and wonder about it, and when they come for baptisms or weddings or funerals they are taken by its style. They understand we cannot leave the church open and unattended and that our Blessed Sacrament Chapel is open all day for prayer - but they wish they had had the chance to pay a visit.

Now we shall do it. An open day and everybody invited. Details later. Fr John

Dear Miss Christine and Pauline,

We are experiencing persecutions in India on account of our faith. Thousands of innocent people are being persecuted and subjected to inhuman violence and other atrocities by Hindu religious fundamentalists. It is a mattter of deep concern and anguish for us as we are a religious minority.

Pray for us so that the Risen Lord may restore goodness and justice over evil.

Kind regards. Sincerely in Christ, Fr Govindu

### Dates for Diary

#### **DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY** Sunday 12th April

Our Lady of Good Counsel, Gleneagles Ave 2.30 pm Opening Prayers and finishing with mass at 5.00 pm See notice boards for fuller detail

#### **'TWILIGHT"** Retreat at St Joseph's Wednesday 15th April

Theme: "Sunrise and Sunset" begins in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel at 7.00 pm (Donation £2.00)

#### LEICESTER CATHOLIC ACTIVE YOUTH "VIA LUCIS"

STATIONS OF THE RESURRECTION Saturday 25th April 3.00- 9.00 p.m. St Francis Primary School, Melton LE13 OBG Year 7's upwards with Friends and Families Details on notice boards: £3.00 per person There will be a coach from Leicester. Details from Pauline on 07885 187374

### March for Life 2015

Saturday 16th May

begins with a talk by Archbishop Longley, in St Chad's Cathedral, Birmingham Coach from Leicester is being organised £11 return (St Joseph pick-up is at 9.30 am). The event finishes around 3.30 pm. For further information ask Stefanie or Sr Lelia on 0116 241 6255 or ask Fr John for details of those collecting names. Further details from Francisca 07943 711 549

#### PRISON FELLOWSHIP

"Where two or three are gathered"

For the past two years we have been meeting at the Convent every 2nd Tuesday of the month to pray for prisoners. The meeting begins at 7.30 pm with hot drinks and biscuits; there is brief input and sharing on Leicester Prison, Glen Parva, and Gartree Prison. followed by prayer in the Chapel.

Anyone who would like to join us is very welcome. The next meeting is on 16th April (just this time it is on a Thursday), and subsequent meetings are back to Tuesdays 2nd and 12th May. Further details from Sister Lelia on 0116 2416255

#### A celtic blessing

May there always be work for your hand to do May your purse always hold a coin or two May the sun always shine on your window pane May the rainbow be certain to follow each rain May the hand of a friend always be near you May God fill your heart with gladness to cheer you

(from Zenon)

#### Last week's collection was safely counted and banked. £1,011 Thank you. Counters this week: TBA

(Next week: Gail & Keith)

#### PARISH ROTA FOR NEXT WEEKEND

	Readers	<b>Eucharistic Ministers</b>	Children's Liturgy
Sat. 6.00 pm	John	Cecilia	
Sun. 10.30 am	Ann	Sister Lelia	Mags and Debbie
6.00 pm	TBA	Marie	