



# ST. JOSEPH'S PARISH, LEICESTER

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Dear People,

Two gentle men came to the door last Monday morning. They told me they knew I would be busy (how did they know?) and perhaps was not interested in religion (how did they know?) but they thought I would be glad to know that the Bible would answer any questions I had.

I thanked them for calling and they said they would return if I wanted them to and gave me a leaflet with a contact address.

The whole event took less than a minute. I spoke only two words "Thank you" and their rehearsed little speech took the rest of the minute. Smiling pleasantly, they went.

Would you do that for your Catholic faith? Knock on door after door, smile pleasantly, give someone a holy picture and go?

Have you ever shared your faith with a stranger? Has a stranger ever shared faith with you? What is the magic/mystery of being able to share faith? If we knew, every good parent would be glad to know, every priest would long for the gift, every teacher in religious education would want that blessing. Is there an answer?

Role models? I don't believe in role models. They are simply people who already do what we want to do. Do you know a single person who became a Christian because a film star, a pop star, a famous footballer was a Catholic? Our gracious Queen Elizabeth goes to church regularly, our former Prime Minister, Tony Blair, became a Catholic, our inspiring Pope Francis calls the Falkland Islands the Malvinas. Is anyone inspired to think or act as those three do? Are they role models?

Do you vote for the Christian or Catholic candidate in elections? Are you impressed by boxers or runners or footballers who bless themselves in front of the crowds? Would you? Perhaps you could bless yourself as you take your shopping trolley down the supermarket aisles, as you get on a bus or enter the place where you work . . .

Would your role model have approved of dropping the atom bombs on Hiroshima and Nagasaki, want to retain Trident to destroy millions of innocent people if their evil governments attack us first? I should have asked the Jehovah Witnesses what they thought. But would I have taken any notice?

God bless us in our search for truth.

Fr. John

**16th August 2015 (Prayer Week 4)**  
"We honour Mary, Queen of Heaven"

## Mass Times and Intentions THE FEAST OF THE ASSUMPTION

(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 Lorena De Costa, Robert De Souza,

Jose, Pedro & Theodolina Fernandes, Thanksgiving

### MONDAY 17th AUGUST

(Our Lady of Knock)

7.00 pm at St. Joseph's for Will & Alison Hard

### TUESDAY 18th AUGUST

10.00 am at St. Joseph's for The Diaper Family

### WEDNESDAY 19th AUGUST

(St John Eudes, Priest)

10.00 am at St. Joseph's for Jim & Mary Mason

### THURSDAY 20th AUGUST

(St Bernard)

10.00 am at St. Joseph's for Former Friends

### FRIDAY 21st AUGUST

(St Pius X, Pope)

7.00 pm at St. Joseph's for Pam Leggott

### SATURDAY 22nd AUGUST

(The Queenship of Mary)

9.30 am at The Rosary Church for The Callaghan Family

### **21st SUNDAY OF YEAR (B)**

(Saturday) 6.00 pm at St. Joseph's

(Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament from 5.15 pm)

### SUNDAY 23rd AUGUST

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 Frank & Ursula Evans, Family Blessing

### **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 - 7.00 pm.

## Parish Diary This Week

### Wednesday 19th August

**MEDITATION** in St Joseph's Pastoral Centre, 10.50 am - enter via the church after mass or through the side gates from the car park. Quiet prayer, meditation, intercessions. All welcome. **"TWILIGHT" RETREAT.** An evening of prayer, talks, reflection and music. We begin in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel at 7.00 pm and finish around 9.00 pm with a hot drink. Our theme this month is "Fullness of Life" Donation £2.

### Thursday 20th August

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

**FOOTCARE CLINIC** today in the Watermead Centre. Telephone Julie on 0116 367 8480 for an appointment.

### Friday 21st August

**THE MIRIAM PRAYER GROUP** meet in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel at 6.00 pm for faith-sharing, Scripture readings and the Rosary. All welcome.



## Knitt and Knatter

Do you knit? Would you like to join a knitting circle on Thursdays? 11 am - 12 noon.

Please feel welcome to join us - upstairs in St Joseph's Coffee Shop.

## ST JOSEPH'S PASTORAL CENTRE

Much is beginning to come together - ideas, requests & offers incorporated.

If you offered to help with parish hospitality you will be contacted very soon to see in what way you would like to be involved (it is not too late!).

If you have asked for or suggested activities, then watch this space - timetables are being planned.

## Watermead

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

Tues, Wed, Thur from 10.30 am-3.30 pm  
Sat 5-6 pm & Sun 11.45 am-12.15 pm  
Information from 0116 220 7881 / 0  
[www.watermead-apostolate.com](http://www.watermead-apostolate.com)

## Prayer Box

Please pray for:  
**Families of the parish**  
**and our loved ones living and dead**  
**especially for those who have recently died:**  
Trevor Cummins (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, Lina Lobo, Mary Rayner, Patrick, Clare

*Prayers for: Fr Eamonn O'Hara*

*The McCann family and all missing children*

*The peoples and countries of the world, especially GREECE*

## Postbag

Dear Fr John,

My NCS (National Citizen Service) team is fundraising for Vista, a charity working for those with sight loss in Leicestershire. To support this great cause we are hosting a fun day at Abbey Primary School. This will take place on **Wednesday 19th August** from 1-5 pm: all are welcome! There will be many fun activities for the family to get involved in such as face painting and a raffle, so please come along and support the amazing charity of Vista! I am also getting my legs waxed for the charity on the day, so if anyone would like to sponsor me it would be kindly appreciated and would make the pain more worthwhile! Thanks, Billy (our altar server)

Dear Father,

I am enclosing with this letter a package of postcards which I would be very grateful for you to make available to your people to take away and send to your local MP.

You will see the postcards are simple and effective in pointing out the grave risks in the Private Members' Bill on Assisted Dying, to be debated on 11th September. Please encourage your people to take the cards and either send them themselves or give them to colleagues or friends. With my grateful thanks,

Yours sincerely, Archbishop Peter Smith.

Dear Father,

The national shrine of Our Lady of Walsingham welcomes hundreds of thousands of pilgrims each year. The highlight of the pilgrimage season is the Dowry of Mary Pilgrimage on Sunday 6th September. Please promote the pilgrimage by displaying the enclosed poster and putting a note in the newsletter.

Kind regards and assurance of prayers,  
Monsignor John Armitage

## Dates for Diary

**Next "Twilight" Retreat**  
**this Wednesday 19th August**

**Rosary Rally** at Grace Dieu Manor  
**Sunday 23rd August**  
Details on notice board.

### Medjugorje Apostolate

Pilgrimage and Day of Prayer at Walsingham  
**Monday 31st August**, 1.30-5.30 pm  
Coach from St Patrick's with pick-up points at Our Lady's and St Joseph's. Contact Mary on 07792162518 or 01162897474  
(Full details on notice board)

**Dowry of Mary Pilgrimage to Walsingham**  
**Sunday 6th September**

### Medjugorje Pilgrimage

**9th-16th September 2015**  
Departing from East Midlands Airport £544  
Contact Kath on 0116 2340103

**NATIONAL PILGRIMAGE TO WALSINGHAM**  
**Sunday 27th September**

*Pilgrimage of Reparation and Prayer for the Sanctity of Life*

Local details of travel available later.

### Mother of Peace UK

are holding their AGM here at St Joseph's on **Saturday 3rd October**  
*Interested parishioners welcome for lunch, being provided by Zimbabwean Community.*

### LET THE CHILDREN LIVE

Autumn Fayre, complete with barbeque  
**Sunday 11th October**

*"We are looking for donations of bottles - alcoholic/non alcoholic for the bottle stall and non perishable food items for the Children's Liturgy Harvest Festival stall."*

Contact Mags, Teresa or Kerry.

## Pilgrimages

### LOURDES 2015

**17th - 23rd September**

*2 places have become available.*

**£495** covers flight, full board at the hotel for 7 days and transport to and from the airports. Please tell Fr John asap if you are interested.

### MALTA 2016

8 people have booked to travel from East Midlands airport. More places available  
**£399, 1st-8th February and £529, 1st-12th February**

**Retrouvaille** is a movement to promote marriage stability and healing. It is available to Catholic couples and people of other faiths or none. For people who would like to know more please phone **07887 296983** or visit the website **[www.retrouvaille.org.uk](http://www.retrouvaille.org.uk)**

*(Retrouvaille is a French word meaning to find each other again, to find one's way again.)*

Last week's collection was safely counted and banked. **£963**  
Thank you. *Counters: Pauline & Christine*  
(Next week: Tony)

## St Joseph's Flowers

People have been complimenting the flower displays and asking if they could contribute to the cost. Yes, please, all donations welcomed! See Fr John.

## PARISH ROTA FOR NEXT WEEKEND

	Readers	Eucharistic Ministers
Sat. 6.00 pm	Edward	Sal
Sun. 10.30 am	John	Gerry
6.00 pm	TBA	Vincent