



ST. JOSEPH'S PARISH, LEICESTER

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Dear People,

Do you remember the handsome young men you swooned over? Did you, really? What happened afterwards? Do you remember the beautiful young women you fell for? What happened? Are they still beautiful?

I hope you can smile at your memories and be grateful for the happiness you know now, but spare a thought and a prayer for those who answer those questions with sadness.

Romantic love lasts two years, four months and eleven days. I've long marvelled at that piece of research. Who did it, how did they do it, how do we challenge their extraordinary claim to be right? The lesson, though, is clear. Romantic love will fade, romances and hearts will be broken. Most romances end in heartbreak and falling in love with the wrong person can lead to great unhappiness and unpleasant memories for the rest of life.

The world seems to have fallen out of love with Pope Francis. He has had his 2 years, 4 months, 11 days. When did you last read anything about him? When did you last see him on television or hear him on radio?

The Catholic press is still interested but not so enthusiastic. We are used to him now. He seemed so different but has become ordinary, taken for granted, as time goes by, just like the rest of us. He brought great vigour, simplicity, ordinariness to the Papacy, but he is not newsworthy as he once was, has no way of calling attention to what he thinks, says or does if we are not interested.

One of our Catholic papers gives fair space to people who do not like the way that Pope Francis' papacy has developed, Churchmen who consider themselves more traditional, more orthodox. They look for greater dignity in a pope, more circumspect public statements, don't like "thumbs up" from someone representing the Church on the world stage. Perhaps you read that paper, or one of the others who are still enthusiastic, or no paper at all . . .

Sad. The Church has every opportunity to share Pope Francis' vibrant faith, his compassionate heart, his open and friendly manner, his steely determination to bring about needed reform, his cries for justice for the poor, for peace in a broken world; but even the people of his Church don't seem to bother to listen now.

When did you last read anything the Pope has written or said? Have you lost interest?

He is preparing for the Synod on marriage and family life, the debate on divorced and remarried Catholics, the place of LGBT Catholics in the Sacramental life of the Church. Are you with him in prayer, or waiting to condemn him if he doesn't please you? The camps are forming. Are you in one of them, yet? Whom do you follow as you form your opinions?

God bless our Pope, and us.

Fr. John

23rd August 2015 (Prayer Week 1)

"Pope Francis - who is he?"

Mass Times and Intentions

21st SUNDAY OF YEAR (B)

(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 Frank & Ursula Evans, Philip & Ancy D'Silva,

Zeferino & Maria Lourdes & Zeferino Remedios,

Moiria Hardy-Smith

MONDAY 24th AUGUST

(St Batholomew, Apostle)

7.00 pm at St. Joseph's for Private Intention

TUESDAY 25th AUGUST

(St Louis : St Joseph Calasanz, Priest)

10.00 am at St. Joseph's for Ariauna Kubavat

WEDNESDAY 26th AUGUST

(St Blessed Dominic: St Ninon: St David Lewis)

10.00 am at St. Joseph's for Family Blessing

THURSDAY 27th AUGUST

(St Monica)

10.00 am at St. Joseph's for Sabrina & Jaymin (WA)

FRIDAY 28th AUGUST

(St Augustine, Bishop)

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

SATURDAY 29th AUGUST

(The Beheading of St John the Baptist)

9.30 am at The Rosary Church for Family & Friends

22nd SUNDAY OF YEAR (B)

(Saturday) 6.00 pm at St. Joseph's

(Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament from 5.15 pm)

SUNDAY 30th 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 Jamies & Annie Sweeney, Rosalina Rebello,

Kathleen Collins, Lizette & Aurelio Britto

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.

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.

Parish Diary This Week

Tuesday 25th August

CHOIR PRACTICE at 6.30 pm in Mary's Home (to be confirmed - details on Sunday).

Wednesday 26th 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.

Thursday 27th August

PARISH OPEN DAY at St Joseph's
~ Hot drinks in the Coffee Shop!
Parish Library, Watermead Shop and Garden open after morning mass.
"HOME FROM HOME" Shop reopens on Thursday 3rd September



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.

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

Please Help . . .

Please help enhance the lives of those less fortunate by giving food items that we can donate to "Open Hands" who distribute food to Asylum Seekers/Refugees. "Open Hands" also use some of the donated food in their cooking of a meal once a week for up to sixty homeless people - many of whom will need warm clothing for the winter.

Food (in date, please) can be left in the black bin at the back of church. Clothing can be given to a member of the team.

Thank you, "Home from Home" team.

PARISH ROTA FOR NEXT WEEKEND

	Readers	Eucharistic Ministers
Sat. 6.00 pm	Doreen	Cecelia
Sun. 10.30 am	Theresa	TBA
6.00 pm	TBA	Marie

Last week's collections were safely counted and banked. Thank you.

Parish **£1,065** Priest Formation **£360**

Counters this week : Tony (Next week : Terry)

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, Jenny Aitken, Jonathan Lockwood, Ed James, Pat Aitken, Lina Lobo, Mary Rayner, Patrick, Clare

Prayers for: Nick Reville

The McCann family and all missing children

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

Postbag

Dear Fathers,

We still have spaces on our pilgrimages this year (2015):

(1) **POLAND and the DIVINE MERCY,**
2nd-8th October, £719

(2) **THE HOLY LAND,**
26th November - 3rd December, £879

Please advise your people and ask them to contact me. Teresa Knott, on 0116 224 8350

PS from Fr John. I told Teresa how reasonable the cost are for these pilgrimages, because we know the prices advertised in the Catholic press.

Dear All,

Very many thanks for your prayers, good wishes and cards while I have been in the L.R.I.

I've improved greatly in the last couple of weeks and I'm looking forward to being back with you all. God Bless, Bob.

ST JOSEPH'S PASTORAL CENTRE

Last week we mentioned that much is beginning to come together.

(If you offered to help with parish hospitality on the parish forms you will be contacted very soon to see in what way you would like to be involved.) More ideas, helpers - still welcomed! Timetables are being planned, & some activities started (Knitt & Knatter, etc). The Pastoral Centre will soon be open Tuesdays, Wednesdays & Thursdays after the morning mass until 3.30 pm.

FACILITIES & ACTIVITIES
during the week to include . . .

The Coffee Shop - open each day for light refreshment and lunches.

Various Workshops - including Flower arranging, Art & Craft, (all requests being explored - and more ideas/offers are welcomed).

Prayer & Meditation Groups - during the day and in the evening.

Saturday Morning Music

a Music School organising lessons for children of all ages.
Resources - Home from Home, The Library, Fair Trade, etc.

WATCH THIS SPACE!

Dates for Diary

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

Fundraising Fashion Show
for InterCare's Medical Aid for Africa
Thursday 24th September

Lingdale Golf Club, Woodhouse Eaves LE12 8TF
Tickets £10, includes wine & nibbles
Please contact Charlotte on 0116 269 5925

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. Please tell Fr John asap if you are interested.

MALTA 2016

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

PADUA and VENICE 2016

staying in Padua but visiting nearby Venice, Verona and Lake Garda (30 interested, so far)
We can choose **14th - 21st July** or
15th - 22nd September at **£499**

HOLY YEAR in ROME 2016

11th-17th or 18th-24th November
£499 - to be confirmed
when flight schedules are available.

Man's watch found - please see Fr John