



ST. JOSEPH'S PARISH, LEICESTER

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Dear People,

Our Bishops of England and Wales, some years ago, made the last Sunday of July a day of prayer, calling it 'A Day for Life'. Each year there is a theme within that title, and this year the theme is 'Cherishing Life, Accepting Death'. They write:

"There have been remarkable medical and technological advances so that the chronically ill can receive life-saving treatments. We can be truly thankful for such advances. And yet at some time or other we will all die. These same advances have led to decisions about appropriate treatment becoming more complex. At the end of life, there are two thoughts that can help guide us all.

"The first is that we love life. Each person is loved by God and every life is a precious gift never to be destroyed or neglected. It is wrong to hasten or bring about death. God will call us in His good time.

"The second is that we accept death. This means there is no obligation to pursue medical treatment when it no longer has any effect or, indeed, harms the patient, or where the risks of burdens of the treatment outweigh the likely benefits.

"We need to prepare for life-threatening crises. Ideally these difficult and important decisions need to be faced with others - our spouse, our siblings, our extended family members. The family, after all, should be the privileged place where mutual support and understanding occurs.

"Sometimes difficult decisions need to be made and the views of family and experts are needed. But in such situations these two questions can guide us: 'Is this decision loving life?' and 'Is this decision accepting the inevitability of death?' Depending on the situation we should seek ways to answer yes to both, as life itself is a gift from God and death but the gateway to new life with God."

Have you always have a love and reverence for life? I remember still my shock when I first learned what abortion was: it seemed impossible anyone could approve of killing a baby in the womb. Then the elderly and frail - Mother Theresa began her wonderful work by picking people off the streets who had been abandoned by their families. All children are children of God and right through life.

God bless us in God's world. Fr. John

26th July 2015 (Prayer Week 1)
"Cherishing Life, Accepting Death"

Mass Times and Intentions

17th 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 Julia Quirke, Ray Rayner, Pat Pritchard,
George & Savita (wedding)

MONDAY 27th JULY

7.00 pm at St. Joseph's for Special Intention

TUESDAY 28th JULY

10.00 am at St. Joseph's for Alec Hill

WEDNESDAY 29th JULY

(St Martha)
10.00 am at St. Joseph's for Ray Rayner

THURSDAY 30th JULY

(St Peter Chrysologus, Bishop)
10.00 am at St. Joseph's for Thanksgiving

FRIDAY 31st JULY

(St Ignatius of Loyola, Priest)
7.00 pm at St. Joseph's for Julia Quirke

SATURDAY 1st AUGUST

(St Alphonsus Liguori, Bishop)
9.30 am at The Rosary Church for Family & Friends

18th SUNDAY OF YEAR (B)

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

SUNDAY 2nd 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 Pat Cox, Anya Rodrigues, Sue Matthews

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.

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 27th July

QUESTION OF FAITH. We return to our Monday evening pattern for the next three weeks, in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel after evening mass.

Tuesday 28th July

CHOIR PRACTICE in the parish hall at 7.30 pm. New singers welcomed!

Wednesday 29th July

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 30th July

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

The "HOME FROM HOME" shop will be open again very soon its new location and the team welcomes new items - bric-a-brac, good quality clothing, etc. (no books). Thank you.

Friday 31st July

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

Watermead

The "Old Stable" Church 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 from 0116 220 7881 / 0
www.watermead-apostolate.com

*I shall pass through this world but once.
Any good thing therefore that I can do,
Or any kindness I can show,
Let me do it now.*

*Let me not defer it or neglect it,
For I shall not pass this way again.*

Last week's collection was safely banked. Details next week. Thank you.

Counter this week : Margaret
(New rotas in Sacristy)



Prayer Box



Please pray for:

**Families of the parish
and our loved ones living and dead**
especially for those who have recently died:
Rosemary John (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: Refugees and Migrants

The McCann family and all missing children

*The peoples and countries of the world,
especially KURDISTAN (I know . . .)*

Postbag

Dear Parishioners,

Your new copy of the 'Word for Today' is on sale at the back of both our churches. Please try a copy, and thank you if you already do.

Clare

Dear Father John,

Since November 2013 a few people gathered on Friday evenings (6.15-7.00 pm) at the Convent for prayer, Rosary and Divine Mercy. Since Christmas we have met in the Blessed Sacrament at St Joseph's, 6.00 pm, for faith-sharing, readings and scripture of the day, and the Rosary.

We call ourselves 'The Miriam Prayer Group' and people are welcome to join us - always welcome! Sister Lelia

Dear Friends,

We are holding our annual **Summer Holiday Club** for 5-11 year-olds from **Monday 27th - Friday 31st July**, from **1.45 - 4.00 pm** each afternoon. The cost is **£1.50** per child per day or **£6** for the week.

There will be games, videos, discussions, singing, stories, refreshments, crafts and lots of fun.

Please phone Margaret on 0116 2200715 to confirm places.

Sincerely, Margaret, Marie, Gail & Julie
Uppingham Road Methodist Church

Dear People,

We had a wonderful pilgrimage to Rome and Assisi. We saw Pope Francis, who blessed us and our families and friends, we twice had mass at St Peter's and twice at the tomb of St Francis in Assisi. The weather was very warm, but this allowed us to be out and about each day.

Share the photographs on the Watermead Pilgrimages Facebook page. Fr John

PARISH ROTA FOR NEXT WEEKEND

	Readers	Eucharistic Ministers
Sat. 6.00 pm	Marie	Cecilia
Sun. 10.30 am	Sheila	Gerry / Sr Lelia
6.00 pm	TBA	Marie

Dates for Diary

ZIMBABWE ASSOCIATION EXHIBITION

sponsored by Leicester City of Sanctuary
4th-8th and 10th-14th August
at the Methodist Church on Bishop Street
near Leicester Town Hall

Next "Twilight" Retreat 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)

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.

LET THE CHILDREN LIVE

Autumn Fayre, complete with barbeque
Sunday 11th October

PRISON FELLOWSHIP

"Where two or three are gathered"

We are now continuing our meetings in St Joseph's Pastoral Centre every 2nd Thursday of the month to pray for prisoners, their families and victims.

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.

Anyone who would like to join us is very welcome. The next meeting is on **13th August**. Further details from Sister Lelia.

Holy Year Pilgrimages 2016

with the parish - more details from Fr John

1. MALTA - (same prices as this year)
2nd-9th February at £399 or
2nd-12th February at £525

Please tell Fr John as soon as possible, if you would like to go to Malta with a deposit of £200.
50 people booked so far.

2. PADUA and VENICE

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

3. ROME

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