

# ST. JOSEPH'S PARISH, LEICESTER

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Dear People,

You may have read these words in the last week: *"No union is more profound than marriage, for it embodies the highest ideals of love, fidelity, devotion, sacrifice and family. In forming a marital union, two people become something greater than once they were. As some of the petitioners in these cases demonstrate, marriage embodies a love that may endure even past death. It would misunderstand these men and women to say they disrespect the idea of marriage. Their plea is that they do respect it, respect it so deeply that they seek to find its fulfilment for themselves. Their hope is not to be condemned to live in loneliness, excluded from one of civilisations' oldest institutions. They ask for equal dignity in the eyes of the law. The (American) Constitution grants them that right."*

The words were spoken by Justice Anthony Kennedy when he and the other members of the Supreme Court of the United States declared same-sex marriage to be according to the Constitution.

The Court voted 5-4 in favour of granting the right. Did you know that six of the nine members of the Supreme Court are practising Catholics? This will explain, in part, the anger of some of the American bishops that the declaration is not in accordance with the teachings of the Catholic Church.

We have seen often enough in our own country, and can presume it happens in all countries where there is freedom to live one's faith, that political decisions need to be made according to conscience - that sometimes do not seem to fit with the tenets of the politicians' faith or church.

How would you stand if you were a member of Parliament, or a member of the Supreme Court? Would you consult the bishops, your conscience, and how would you explain your decision to the people who elected or appointed you?

We pray for those in public office. There must be times when they feel great tension. The Catholic members of Hitler's war cabinet, 1939-45: how did they accept the Holocaust, the Final Solution "to kill and destroy the Jewish race". Was there ever a more horrifying decision made in civilisation? A new understanding of marriage seems very small in comparison. Is it?

We pray for understanding for ourselves and for those in public office.

God bless us all,

Fr. John

**5th July 2015 (Prayer Week 2)**

**"Life, from God for God . . ."**

## Mass Times and Intentions

### 14th 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 Ellen Duff, Winifred Connolly, Alec Hill, Thanksgiving

Please note change of mass time on Tuesday and Thursday. Fr John has to attend diocesan meetings

### MONDAY 6th JULY

(St Maria Goretti)

7.00 pm at St. Joseph's for Jack Harris,

### TUESDAY 7th JULY

\* **9.15 am** at St. Joseph's for James Burns

### WEDNESDAY 8th JULY

10.00 am at St. Joseph's for Gerald & Joan O'Donnell

### THURSDAY 9th JULY

\* **9.15 am** at St. Joseph's for Bill & Monica Lee

### FRIDAY 10th JULY

7.00 pm at St. Joseph's for John & Violet Cleary

### SATURDAY 11th JULY

(St Benedict)

9.30 am at The Rosary Church for Mary Browne

### 15th SUNDAY OF YEAR (B)

(Saturday) 6.00 pm at St. Joseph's

(Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament from 5.15 pm)

### SUNDAY 12th JULY

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 Dylan Jarrett, Special Intention

### 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. Lourdes Garden, library & Watermead Shop open at St Joseph's.

## Parish Diary This Week

### Monday 6th July

**QUESTION OF FAITH.** We meet again and we shall discuss Greece, United States, Pope Francis' visit to Ecuador, Bolivia, Paraguay, and faith. Blessed Sacrament Chapel, 7.40 pm.

### Tuesday 7th July

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

### Wednesday 8th 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 and intercessions, followed by refreshments. All welcome.

### Thursday 9th July

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

The "HOME FROM HOME" shop is closed for re-stocking this week but will be open again very soon and the team welcomes new items - bric-a-brac, good quality clothing, etc. (no books).

### This Thursday

in the Watermead Centre at St Joseph's  
**Heel-to-Toe Footcare Service**  
Julie, a foot care specialist, will be holding her foot care **TODAY** in the Watermead Centre. Contact **Julie** on **0116 3678480** for an appointment.

## Watermead

(at the back of St. Joseph's Car park)

### 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**

**Bishop Patrick** has written his first Pastoral Letter. Copies are available on the table at the back of church. Do take your copy. It is a warm and friendly letter. Friday was a happy day for the diocese, and we share the welcome Bishop Patrick received in our own prayer. (See the parish website and FB page for links to the video of Friday's Ordination)



## Prayer Box



Please pray for:

**Families of the parish**

**and our loved ones living and dead**

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

Constanza Finelli (RIP), Fr Michael (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: Rita Read*

*The McCann family and all missing children*

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

## SCHOOL GOVERNORS

Every school needs a strong and dedicated governing body. St Joseph's Academy, our own local Catholic school, is in need of new governors.

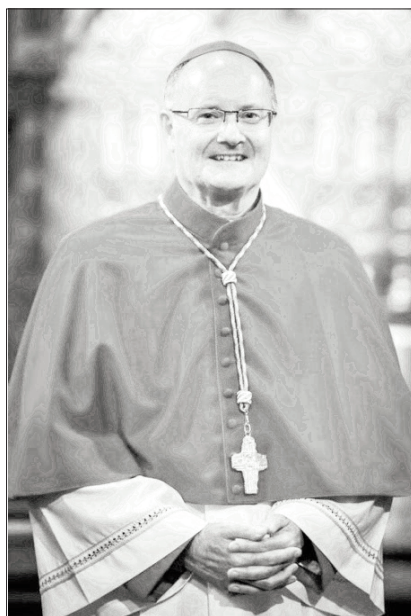
We are looking for volunteers who are interested in Catholic education and are willing to dedicate time to help the school.

We are also looking for people to suggest those who might be too shy to offer, feeling that they are not experienced enough. People see others' gifts and talents more clearly than the people themselves: do you know of anyone who would make a good governor?

The diocese appoints foundation governors and people may suggest parent governors or offer to be a parent governor. Please tell Fr John if you are willing to serve as a foundation or parent governor, or if you know someone who would be able to serve.

Thank you, Fr John.

**RIGHT REV PATRICK JOSEPH MCKINNEY**  
**BISHOP OF NOTTINGHAM**



Gizanne  
Kezia  
Reese  
Keian

**Today make their First Holy Communion.**  
*We pray for them and their families.*

## Dates for Diary

**TODAY Sunday 5th July**  
**The Briars Open Day**

Mass at 1.30pm followed by a fun-filled family day out including live music, a BBQ, stalls and lots of games & activities.

## MUSIC RECITAL

**Friday 10th July, 7.00pm**

St Patrick's Church, Beaumont Leys Lane  
Refreshments served during the interval  
(Retiring collection for Mary's Meals)

## Padley Pilgrimage

in honour of the Blessed Martyrs  
Robert Ludlam & Nicholas Garlick

**Sunday 12th July**

Assemble 3.00 pm at Grindleford Station  
(Postcode S32 2JA)

## Rosary Rally

at Grace Dieu Manor

**Sunday 23rd August**

Details on notice board.

## NATIONAL PILGRIMAGE TO WALSINGHAM

**Sunday 27th September**

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

Local details of travel available later.

## 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.  
46 people booked so far.*

## 2. PADUA and VENICE

staying in Padua but visiting nearby Venice, Verona and Lake Garda (20 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.

Last week's collection was safely

counted and banked. **£1,157**

Thank you. *Counters this week : Sarah & Gloriosa*

(Next week: John & June)

## PARISH ROTA FOR NEXT WEEKEND

Sat. 6.00 pm  
Sun. 10.30 am  
6.00 pm

**Readers**  
TBA  
Gail  
TBA

**Eucharistic Ministers**  
Ann B  
Gerry  
Vincent

*No Children's Liturgy  
during Summer holidays*