



ST. JOSEPH'S PARISH, LEICESTER

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Dear People,

Do you wish we had had a referendum on same-sex marriage in this country, as the people in Ireland were able to have? No need, you might say, because we would know the result before ever we voted. The Government did not need to consult us.

But the Irish Government could easily have passed such a bill without consulting the people - all the political parties were in favour of a "Yes" vote. It seems the Irish government had a second agenda: to show the Catholic Church that it had lost its position of influence. We knew how the vote would go but had to wait to discover the margin.

We pray for the people of the Church in Ireland. They have gone through a painful period and we are shocked at the inadequacy of the Church's response to the terrible abuse we now know about. We pray above all for the healing of those who were hurt and for full justice to be done for them.

We shall soon have a referendum in this country about the European Union. Already, we are told, the framing of the actual question is proving difficult: should we remain or should we leave? If the recent election had returned a Labour/Lib-Dem government there would have been no referendum. Are you glad we are to be trusted or there is a political game here? If Labour/Lib-Dem had claimed there was no need for a referendum, but we should trust the elected government, there would not have been one.

So why is the Tory government giving us a voice? I'm glad, always, when referenda are allowed by governments, because they are a sign that we are a free people; but I'm also concerned that it may reflect a lack of trust in our elected government. But, I answer myself, an elected government is always a minority of the voting public. More people, in our democracy, have voted against the government and not for it . . .

Should we have referenda on Trident and nuclear weapons (possession of, use of), on abortion, capital punishment, assisted dying . . .

The government can decide what is legal, it does not decide what is moral. Morality belongs to the people and we must be free to make moral choices. In our democracy, we are, thank God.

May God guide us in our moral lives and help us to be good citizens.

God bless us, *Fr. John*

31st May 2015 (Prayer Week 1)

"The Holy Trinity . . . we adore"

Mass Times and Intentions

TRINITY SUNDAY (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 Nora & Michael Gallagher, Maurice Hughes,

Bill & Celia Hayes, The Grandchildren (S)

MONDAY 1st JUNE

(St Justin)

7.00 pm at St. Joseph's *for Chris Hirrell*

TUESDAY 2nd JUNE

(St Marcellinus : St Peter)

10.00 am at St. Joseph's

Requiem Mass for Tony Pinchbeck

WEDNESDAY 3rd JUNE

(St Kevin)

10.00 am at St. Joseph's *for Con Connors*

THURSDAY 4th JUNE

10.00 am at St. Joseph's *for Family Blessing*

FRIDAY 5th JUNE

(St Boniface)

7.00 pm at St. Joseph's *for Alec Hill*

SATURDAY 6th JUNE

(St Norbet, Bishop)

9.30 am at The Rosary Church *for Family & Friends*

FEAST OF CORPUS CHRISTI

(Saturday) 6.00 pm at St. Joseph's

(Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament from 5.15 pm)

SUNDAY 7th JUNE

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)

Paul & Philomena Cronin, 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.

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 1st June

QUESTION OF FAITH. Our meetings resume in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel after evening mass.

Wednesday 3rd June

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

Thursday 4th June

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

Heel-to-Toe Footcare Service

Julie, a foot care specialist, will be holding her foot care **TODAY Thursday** in the Watermead Centre. Contact **Julie** on **0116 3678480** for an appointment.

Watermead

SHOP OPENING TIMES

Tues, Wed, Thur from 10.30 am-3.30 pm

Sat 5-6 pm & Sun 11.45 am-12.45 pm

Information from from **0116 220 7881 / 0**
www.watermead-apostolate.com

CONCENTRATED WISDOM

- (1) A lot of kneeling will keep you in good standing.
- (2) Most people want to serve God, but only in an advisory position.
- (3) Those who anger you, control you.
- (4) Worry is the dark room in which negatives develop.
- (5) God does not call the qualified, he qualifies the called.

from 'Far East' magazine

There is a **Family and Baby Fair** on **Saturday 10th October**, 10-4.00 pm, at St.Patrick's Parish Centre, Beaumont Leys Lane, Leicester. Stalls are £10.

Please email sarajanebutler@hotmail.co.uk for a booking form or more information.

Prayer Box

Please pray for:

Families of the parish

and our loved ones living and dead

especially for those who have recently died:

Bill Hayes (RIP), Patrick Beirne (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: Molly Cornelia

The McCann family and all missing children

The peoples and countries of the world, especially for BURMA (MYANMAR), THAILAND

WAYSIDE PULPIT : SIMPLY SERVING

You must constantly remind yourself that first and foremost you are called to be God's servant. That way, interruptions won't frustrate you. "Whenever we have the opportunity, we have to do what is good" (St Paul to the Galatians). Be sensitive and spontaneous, otherwise opportunities to serve God will pass you by.

"Never tell your neighbours to wait until tomorrow if you can help them now" (Book of Proverbs). Look for small tasks nobody else wants to do, then do them as if they were great things - because God is recording it all. Make yourself available. Don't fill your time with other pursuits that limit your availability. Be ready to jump into service at a moment's notice. Allow God to change your plans without becoming resentful. As a servant of God, you don't get to choose where you'll serve - God does.

From 'Word for Today'

MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST

Day of Renewal

We had a wonderful day today (Saturday).

A warm welcome for the people from the parishes of Leicestershire from our own welcoming team. The garden looked lovely, the sun shone, the people prayed.

All expressed their gratitude for a happy and prayerful day here at St Joseph's.

Thanks to all who helped in the background and in the foreground - you were marvelous!

PILGRIMAGE 2015

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 stayed in 2013

We have begun booking (30 so far) but room for more. Deposit of **£160** to secure place.

Dates for Diary

AT THE ROSMINI CENTRE THIS WEEK

Friday 5 June

Healing Mass, 7.00pm.

Saturday 6 June

Desert Day Retreat, 11.00 am - 4.00pm

Details from rosminicentreinfo@gmail.com

Ramsgate - Anniversary of Retreat Centre

Saturday 6th June

Procession and Healing Service

Coach leaves Leicester at 4.00 am

and returns from Ramsgate at 5.30 pm

More details from Lucy 07885277200 or Carmen 07984843799

Hint of MINT aka Dad's Armony and Elvis

Saturday 6th June

at Humberstone Church Hall

Tickets £8 include supper

(but bring your own drink)

Tel John or Julie on 0116 2743537

Blackfriars' Market

Saturday 13 June & Sunday 14 June

Details from Holy Cross Church

Varsar String Quartet Recital

plays Shostakovich and Haydn

& other string quartet favourites

Sunday 14th June 7.00pm

St Patrick's Church, Beaumont Leys Lane

Retiring collection for the NEPAL APPEAL

Refreshments will be served

Our next "Twilight" Retreat

Wednesday 17th June, 7-9.00 pm.

here in St Joseph's Chapel

BUILDING CHRISTIAN CONFIDENCE

in a multi-faith society

16th & 17th June

at St Philip's Centre (Details 0116 2733459)

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. 24 people booked so far.

2. PADUA and VENICE

staying in Padua but visiting nearby Venice,

Verona and Lake Garda

14th - 21st July or we can choose

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. **£904**

Thank you. Counters : Pauline & Christine

(Next week: TBA)

PARISH ROTA FOR NEXT WEEKEND

Sat. 6.00 pm

Sun. 10.30 am

6.00 pm

Readers

Doreen

Children

TBA

Eucharistic Ministers

Cecilia

Sister Lelia

Marie

Children's Liturgy

Next Sunday is

a Children's Mass