



# ST. JOSEPH'S PARISH, LEICESTER

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Dear People,

A radio broadcast last week suggested that people need advice on funerals and their high costs - but from whom? The local minister or priest was seen as the one best placed to advise.

Funeral firms can be reluctant to publish their prices, claiming that costs vary according to type of coffin chosen, number of limousines required, bringing the coffin into church the night before (the church does not charge for this but the funeral firms might add more than £200 to the cost), service sheets, individual requests, etc.

We understand the reluctance, but also know that in the emotional turmoil of arranging a funeral people will be afraid of seeming mean (sadly, some firms play on that) and want only what they think is best. Your loved ones are not honoured by paying a funeral firm a great deal of money. We all want to arrange dignified loving funerals but we need to be practical. To be later faced with a bill far in excess of what we had estimated, because we had been afraid to ask, is a most unpleasant shock. Going into debt benefits no-one except the funeral firms.

Here is an outline to help. At present, at Gilroes, a lawned grave will cost £1,100 (£2,200 from outside Leicester) and a traditional grave £2,090 (£4,150 from outside the city). To open the grave costs £640 (£1,280 from outside the city).

A cremation costs £750, but £1,125 at the weekend. At Loughborough a cremation costs £892 (£1,335 at the weekend) and at Countesthorpe £765.

The costs of the firm you may choose vary enormously. One firm charged £650 for "Administration" and when queried it amounted to two telephone calls and "being available". The parishioner refused to pay. Was he right?

Coffins can cost hundreds or thousands of pounds. You choose. Be careful of being pushed.

Church fees are only a tiny proportion of the total cost, normally between £110 and £180.

Don't buy a pre-paid funeral plan. Recently, I took a simple crematorium service on a plan that cost £5,000. I could have easily arranged it for less than £2,000.

I work comfortably with all the local firms, but the people are my first concern and the firms know that. Sometimes people arrange funerals with no intention of paying. What should I do when I later discover that?

God bless and guide all involved. Fr. John

**18th October 2015 (Prayer Week 1)**  
"Be humble", says the Lord.

## Mass Times and Intentions

### 29th 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 O'Connell, Doris Geraghty, Olven & Delizia,  
Patrick O'Halloran, Patrick Keely, Peter Glynn-Smith*

### MONDAY 19th OCTOBER

(St Isaac Jogues, Priest : St John de Brebeuf

St Paul of the Cross, Priest)

7.00 pm at St. Joseph's *for The Hulme Family*

### TUESDAY 20th OCTOBER

10.00 am at St. Joseph's *for John Fertig*

### WEDNESDAY 21st OCTOBER

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

### THURSDAY 22nd OCTOBER

10.00 am at St. Joseph's *for Maria Jose D'Souza*

### FRIDAY 23rd OCTOBER

(St John of Capistrano, Priest)

7.00 pm at St. Joseph's *for Wedding Blessing*

### SATURDAY 24th OCTOBER

(St Anthony Claret, Bishop)

9.30 am at The Rosary Church *for Sid Birch*

### 30th SUNDAY OF YEAR (B)

(Saturday) 6.00 pm at St. Joseph's

*(Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament from 5.15 pm)*

### SUNDAY 25th OCTOBER

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 Sheila Jackson, Eileen Crawford, Rita Bradley*

### **BLESSED SACRAMENT CHAPEL**

open every day this week from 10.30 am - 7.00 pm.

### **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

## The Parish on Sundays



Hot (and cold) drinks after mass on Sunday mornings at both our churches. The Lourdes Garden, the library, the "Home from Home" Shop and Watermead Shop are all open at St Joseph's.

## Parish Diary This Week

### Monday 19th October

**QUESTION OF FAITH.** None this week - short break.

### Wednesday 21st October

**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** begins at 7.00 pm in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel - prayer, talks, music. All welcome. We finish around 9.00 pm with a hot drink.

### Thursday 22nd October

**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.

**"KNITT AND KNATTER"** 11.00 am - 12 noon, upstairs in the Coffee Shop. Please feel welcome to join us. **LTCL CHRISTMAS CARD PACKING** after the morning mass - see Theresa.

### Friday 23rd October

**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" Centre  
**SHOP OPENING TIMES**

for 2016 Religious Calendars / Diaries  
Christmas Cards also available!

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

**RETIRING COLLECTIONS** Thank you for your regular generous response and I am sorry there are so many - but all good causes. Today is CAFOD and soon we shall have our Mission Sunday (due today) collection.

Last week's collection was safely counted and banked. **£1,006**

Thank you. *Counters this week: Tony*

*(Next week: Gail & Keith)*



## Prayer Box



Please pray for:

**Families of the parish**

**and our loved ones living and dead**

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

Ellen Connell (RIP), Christine Coe (RIP),

John Knapp (RIP)

*The sick and housebound, those in hospital and in nursing homes - especially:*

Jack Laing, Fabian Sweeney, Christina Flynn, Declan, Jenny Aitken, Jonathan Lockwood, Ed James, Pat Aitken, Lina Lobo, Mary Rayner, Patrick, Clare

*Prayers for: Betty Mhaka, Chris Devlin, Geoff Bell,*

*The McCann family and all missing children*

*The peoples and countries of the world, especially NIGER, NIGERIA, DRC*

## Postbag

Dear People,

Bob Howell is running the Leicester half Marathon again this year, Sunday 25th October, in aid of LOROS. This is Bob's 8th successive half-marathon. Last year he raised over £3,500 and we in the parish contributed £750. Bob thanks us for, and reminds us of, our generosity, asking if we will sponsor him again. Of course we shall. Fr John.

Dear Friends,

Let The Children Live

As Christmas is fast approaching could you please spare an hour or so on Thursday morning after the 10.00. Mass to do some Christmas card packing? This will be an on going thing now up to Christmas except for Thursday 29th October, when the hall is being used for a priests' meeting and lunch. All help will be very welcome, have a coffee, chat and pack!

Thank you, Theresa.

Dear Paula,

Would you pass on to Fr John and all the people who have prayed for Finley. He has gone home. Doctors tested his hearing - he seems to have some, and also eyesight. He is taking his bottle and is thriving. I think it's a miracle, don't you!

Thank you.

## VACANCY : SITE MANAGER

The Governing Body of St Margaret Clitherow Catholic Primary and Nursery, Nottingham, are seeking to appoint a Site Manager. For further details please contact the school, tel: 0115 9150296. Closing date 21st October 2015

## ROTA FOR NEXT WEEKEND

	Readers	Eucharistic Ministers
Sat. 6.00 pm	Marie	Cecilia
Sun. 10.30 am	John	Gerry
6.00 pm	TBA	Marie

## Dates for Diary

**Our next "Twilight" RETREAT is Wednesday 21st October**  
"Reflections on the Synod in Rome"

**CARING FOR OUR COMMON HOME Saturday 31st October**

A Study Day on Pope Francis' Encyclical **Laudato Si'** with Ellen Teague  
St Patrick's, Launde Street, Nottingham NG2 1JQ  
*sponsored by the*  
Diocesan Justice and Peace Commission  
(See notice board)

## Menphys Carol Concert

at the De Monfort Hall, Leicester

**Friday 4th December.**

Phone Ian Knight on 0116 285 8664  
or email idknight@btinternet.com

## PRIESTS' RETIREMENT FUND

A message from our Priests' Retirement Fund parish representative, Kizito, highlighting suggestions from Monsignor Brian Daisley during his recent visit to our Parish.

**1.** Monsignor Brian a retired priest at mass praised us for what we have raised so far £23,780 of the expected £50,000 of the Retired Priest Fund as St Josephs Parish. Well Done!

**2.** His appeal message is let us all renew our commitment to finish what we started. We can surely do it with God's Grace and count on His abundant blessings in this life and in Heaven

**3.** Monsignor does not belong to St Joseph's Parish but to motivate us raise the remaining £26,220, pledged £10 every month for the next 4 years as standing order from his meagre retirement money. What an example and challenge to all of us in our varied circumstances.

**4.** Proposed Plan by Fr Brian to the Retired Priest Fund :

**a.** Let us have 10 volunteer parishioners make a standing order for £20 per month for 4 years = £9600

**b.** Let us have 20 volunteer parishioners make a standing order for £10 per month for 4 years = £9600

**c.** 40 volunteer parishioners make a standing order for £5 per month for 4 years = £9600

Total generated = £28 800 - £26 220 = £2 580 excess bonus generated (for parish celebration costs !!!). Job done! Matter closed! St Joseph will then join those parishes that have met and exceeded its set target.

**5.** Surely you are touched by Monsignor's kind and generous gesture and proposed plan! Kindly take an envelope now if you do not have one at the back of the church and make your standing order contribution for the retired priest fund in one of the (3) categorises suggested above or ask Fr John or Kizito how you can set up the standing order. It is never too late! Now is the time.

**6.** Monsignor Brian you are inspirational! May God reward you abundantly in this life and in Heaven and everyone else who follow your example as above ALLELUIA! Kizito