



# ST. JOSEPH'S PARISH, LEICESTER

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Dear People,

Marriage is a promised love lived for a lifetime. Would you agree? The Catholic Church does, basing its teaching on the teaching of Jesus in the Gospel who based his teaching on the original ideal revealed in the opening chapter of the Book of Genesis where man and woman in the likeness of God and are called to live a lifelong union.

Suppose that love fades. Is there still a marriage? Legally, yes; emotionally, no. Society and the Church must now decide between recognising emotion or legality as being more important. The law says the promise was for life, the emotion says that the faded love has ended the marriage promise.

State and Church law insists there be witnesses to a marriage promise (nothing about that in the Gospel) and the Church that a priest, deacon or nominated person must also be present. The promise of both parties must be full, free and unconditional - otherwise it is null. The law, State or Church, will not allow someone to be deceived on the wedding day: if any fault is discovered (family pressure, mental incapacity, inability to live a promised love, deliberate deceit, etc.) the marriage is declared null and void (annulment).

Annulment declares a marriage never took place although it appeared to. The law of State and Church will ask for proof if a marriage is challenged. This means a process of witnesses, a court and a judge. What can the witnesses know? How is their telling the truth to be established?

Do you see how complex the procedure might become? The marriage has failed, people are unhappy, we all want to help, we can't force people to love each other . . .

This week Pope Francis acknowledged that the Church has been too slow in examining the marriage cases brought before it, stealing years of life from people who want to be free to find new happiness. The law of the Church is the law of Christ: it is to heal and bless, not to break and exclude. The Church, all of us, must seek the best ways forward, as we have done down the centuries.

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**11th September 2015 (Prayer Week 4)**

**"Legal and moral - huge difference"**

## Mass Times and Intentions

### 24th 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 Emily Thuillier, Gladys Sopiak, Braden Smith,  
Keith, Thomas, Derek & Beryl Neal

### MONDAY 14th SEPTEMBER

(Exaltation of the Holy Cross)

7.00 pm at St. Joseph's for The Kerel Family

### TUESDAY 15th SEPTEMBER

(Our lady of Sorrows)

10.00 am at St. Joseph's for Julia & Alvaro

### WEDNESDAY 16th SEPTEMBER

(St Cornelius, Pope : St Cyprian, Bishop)

10.00 am at St. Joseph's for Maureen & Hugh Burns

### THURSDAY 17th SEPTEMBER

(St Robert Ballarmino, Bishop)

10.00 am Service of Word & Communion at St. Joseph's

### FRIDAY 18th SEPTEMBER

7.00 pm Service of Word & Communion at St. Joseph's

### SATURDAY 19th SEPTEMBER

(St Januarius, Bishop : St Theodore of Canterbury)

No Service at the Rosary Church today

### 25th SUNDAY OF YEAR (B)

(Saturday) 6.00 pm at St. Joseph's

(Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament from 5.15 pm)

### SUNDAY 20th SEPTEMBER

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)

Phyllis Lobo, Joan Woods, Paddy Holly, Bernard Ratigan

**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 - 6.00 pm

(....continued from over the page) The Church teaches that a sacramental marriage (between Christians) is an unbreakable bond, but that a simple natural marriage may be dissolved by the power of the Pope - 'the Petrine Privilege' this is called - and is based upon the power given to St Peter by Jesus to "bind and loose". The Pope, as the successor of St Peter, claims the power given by Christ.

Effectively, most marriages in the world may be dissolved according to the Petrine Privilege, because most marriages are not between Christians and therefore are not sacramental. But they are true marriages. How do we answer genuine questions from those who want to understand our claim that the Catholic Church can dissolve such marriages "in favour of the Faith" when non-Christian broken marriages are brought before our tribunals?

We are asked where Christ is in such procedures? Where is Christ in any broken marriage?

The annulment process is hard. Pope Francis has ruled that it must be just and that justice be done more speedily. He therefore has simplified the process.

This week there has been no change in the Church's teaching on marriage, simply a compassionate Pope want to bring greater justice and healing into the annulment process.

God guide and bless our Pope and, us, the Church, Fr. John

## Parish Diary This Week

### Monday 14th September

**QUESTION OF FAITH.** We meet in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel following the evening mass. All welcome.

### Wednesday 16th September

**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 17th September

**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.

### Friday 18th September

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

Last week's collection was safely counted and banked. **£1,007**

Thank you. *Counters this week: Terry*  
(Next week: Margaret)

### REFLEXOLOGY

In the Watermead Centre  
If you would like to know more or make an appointment contact our therapist, Sharon, on 0116 2120719 (Mon - Fri). Sample sessions, also.

**MORE DETAILS** about Pastoral Centre developments and openings next week.

## 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: Bernadette Walsh*

*The McCann family and all missing children*

*The peoples and countries of the world,  
especially ALL OUR REFUGEES*

## Postbag

Dear Father,

Should you or your parishioners wish to order a DVD of Bishop Patrick's Ordination, you should contact Fr Neil Peoples at St Barnabas' Cathedral before the end of October (neilapeoples@hotmail.co.uk). Each DVD will cost £10 plus P&P.

With best wishes, Fr Andrew Cole

## Watermead

The "Old Stable" Centre  
**SHOP OPENING TIMES**  
for 2016 Religious Calendars / Diaries  
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](http://www.watermead-apostolate.com)

## St Joseph's Bake-off!



Can you spare time regularly  
or occasionally?

If you can, tell Fr John and he  
will introduce you to the  
"Bake-off" team for more details.

## Dates for Diary

### 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.

### Child Refugees

An evening highlighting the situation

**Tuesday 29th September, 7-9.00 pm**

at Quaker Meeting house, 16 Queens Road,  
Leicester LE2 1WP : Details 0116 2540770

### POSTPONED "Twilight" Retreat

The retreat on Wednesday 30th September

has been cancelled. The next retreat

evening is on **Wednesday 21st October**

### Mother of Peace UK

are holding their AGM here at St Joseph's on

**Saturday 3rd October**

Join us for lunch! 12.30 - 2 pm.

Food and singing provided by the Zimbabwean  
Community £5/donation with all proceeds to  
the MOP orphanage in Zimbabwe.

Please come and help us welcome those  
coming to our parish for the MOP AGM.

### 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

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

(2) **THE HOLY LAND**,  
26th November - 3rd December, £879  
Contact Teresa Knott, on 0116 224 8350

## Catenians

Calling all Catholic Men! Are you interested in  
a better work/life balance through

- \* regularly networking with like-minded individuals;
- \* being involved with worthwhile voluntary events;
- \* attending different and interesting social events;
- \* supporting the community with prayer and practical help.

THEN you might want to join your local  
Catenians group. Please get in touch with

David Skilbeck on 0116 241 2167  
or Terry Adcock on 0116 276 9788

### ROTA FOR NEXT WEEKEND

	Readers	Eucharistic Ministers
Sat. 6.00 pm	Francis	Sal
Sun. 10.30 am	TBA	Sister Lelia
6.00 pm	TBA	Vincent