

# ST. JOSEPH'S PARISH, LEICESTER

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Dear People,

Finance in the diocese is controlled from the office in Nottingham. Each parish is allowed to hold up to £5,000 in its current account but all other money is held in the central fund. This is good sense. Parishes in need borrow from the diocese rather than from a bank and pay a lower rate of interest, whilst the parishes holding their reserves with the diocese are paid interest. Every parish knows that when it has need it may call upon the diocese from its own reserve and borrow if there are not sufficient funds.

As we look to setting up the TV service from St Joseph's we analyse the costs. The full setting up - camera, cables, modem, etc. - costs £3,942 (inc.VAT). That sum will come from our parish reserve held by the diocese. The running costs will be covered by the parish from its weekly income. That cost is £220 per month (£51 per week, £7.30 per day).

If 51 of elderly and housebound watch the service regularly - mass each day, morning and evening prayer, etc. - we would be paying just £1 each per week for them to feel part of all that goes on in the parish. But many of our people will be glad to share the parish prayer and activities; and around the country, and the world, our families, friends, fellow Catholics and Christians would be united with us. We are looking at the options which will allow the people at home to "tune in". There are various possibilities and the costs are very reasonable.

It seems a wonderful coming together for such a small weekly outlay. To do it for our elderly and sick at £1 each would be very worthwhile, but how many other benefits might come from our sharing this service?

A number of you have written or phoned or spoken to me. Thank you. We want everyone to feel involved.

God bless and guide us. Where are we going?

Fr. John

PS Have you noticed the statue? More next week

**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

#### 29th May 2016 (Prayer Week 1)

"Holy Communion - God's wonderful gift"

# Mass Times and Intentions FEAST OF CORPUS CHRISTI

(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, Bill & Celia Hayes,
John Lawrenson, Bob Rayner, Jack Laing, Eric H Cox

#### MONDAY 30th MAY

(St Joan of Arc)

10.00 am at St. Joseph's for Eileen Letts

#### TUESDAY 31st MAY

(Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary) 10.00 am at St. Joseph's for Gerald North

#### WEDNESDAY 1st JUNE

(St Justin

10.00 am at St. Joseph's for Good Friends

#### THURSDAY 2nd JUNE

(St Marcellinus : St Peter) 10.00 am at St. Joseph's for Family Blessing

#### FRIDAY 3rd JUNE

(Sacred Heart of Jesus)

7.00 pm at St. Joseph's for People of the Parish

#### **SATURDAY 4th JUNE**

(Immaculate Heart of Mary)
9.30 am at The Rosary Church for Holy Souls

#### 10th SUNDAY OF YEAR (C)

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

#### **SUNDAY 5th 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)

for Mary & Michael Sheridan, Frank Gallagher, Bridie O'Reilly, Alec Hill, Jack Laing

#### **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, the "Home from Home" Shop and Watermead Shop are all open at St Joseph's.

## Parish Diary This Week

**Monday 16th May** BANK HOLIDAY MASS, 10.00 am.

#### **Wednesday 19th May**

**MEDITATION** in St Joseph's Pastoral Centre, 10.50 am. Quiet prayer, meditation, intercessions. All welcome.

#### **Thursday 20th May**

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.

PADUA / VENICE. A meeting for all those who have booked to go to Padua in September at 7.00 pm in the parish hall. Please bring your passport and travel insurance details with you.

Friday 21st May

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

## St Joseph's Table

#### Our new outreach project beginning 7th June

St Joseph's Table will be accessible from the top of the car park (via the wooden gates) and will be open initially 10.30 am - 3.30 pm on Tuesdays and Wednesdays. Hot and cold food will be available and the service staffed by volunteers under qualified management.

Thank you to those who so far have put their names forward to help with the project. Please contact Alison or Chris after 10.30 am mass to meet others in the team or give your name and telephone details to Fr John (0116 2415159) and you will be contacted to arrange training and timetables. New helpers are still being welcomed so do still come forward if you would be like to be involved.

#### **ROTA FOR NEXT WEEKEND**

Readers Eucharistic Ministers Sat. 6.00 pm .lohn Ceclia Sun. 10.30 am Children Steve / Sister Lelia 6.00 pm TBA Marie

Last week's collection was safely counted and banked. £1,095

> Thank you. Counters: 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:

Fr Harry Tompkinson (RIP)

The sick and housebound, those in hospital and in nursing homes - especially: Fabian Sweeney, Christina Flynn, Declan, Jenny Aitken, Jonathan Lockwood, Jennifer Cox, Pat Aitken, Lina Lobo, Mary Rayner, Patrick, Clare, Christopher & Clifford Browne.

Prayers for: Donald, Sharon, Chris

The McCann family and all missing children

The peoples and countries of the world, especially the people of SRI LANKA (floods), and SOUTH SUDAN (terrible violence)

# Postbag

Dear Father John,

Anne Laing and the family would like to thank everyone for the donations sent to HCPT in memory of Jack (£259.50).

Thank you, once again, for masses, prayer, cards and sympathy at the time of our sad loss. God bless you all, Anne Laing.

Dear Father,

You read a letter from Bishop Patrick asking for help for the Retired Priests' Fund. Old priests need to be looked after, I understand, but why are we expected to pay for them to own a car and to have holidays? Many of us cannot afford to own a car or have holidays. Isn't this asking too much?

Perhaps priests should earn their living and save for their retirement as we all have to. Please do not print my name as I don't want to discuss this. Yours faithfuly.

Dear People,

We are still on course for carrying out Pope Francis' wishes that we should "make home" in every parish for a refugee family. Pope Francis gave us an ideal but the practicalities need to be worked out by those who fully understand local situations. City of Sanctuary contacted me again this week to thank us for our patience and willingness to be involved.

**Dear Parish Priest** 

I am writing to ask your help in advertising our forthcoming pilgrimage to Lourdes. We are organising it as a family in memory of our sister who had hoped to go, but sadly died from bowel cancer in March. Might it be possible to display the attatched poster in your church so that we might attract enough pilgrims to fill our bus? We are travelling by Coach and Fr John McCay has very kindly agreed to join us.

In anticipation of your help, thank-you very much. Kind Regards, Julia Burke

(See the poster on our parish notice board)

# Dates for Diary

Catholic Bible Convention & Healing Service Monday 30th May, 2.00 - 7.00 pm at Early Learners Nursery School Hall, 78 Uppingham Road. All Welcome.

Our next "Twilight" Retreat Wednesday15th June, 7.00-9.00 pm Talks, prayer and music on this month's theme 'St Anthony of Padua'. Donation £2

### Diocesan Pilgrimage to Walsingham Sunday 19th June led by Bishop Patrick (details on notice board)

#### LET THE CHILDREN LIVE! BBO & Garden Party at St Joseph's

will be held this year after the 10.30 am mass on Sunday 26th June

Items for stalls, please, and volunteers, urgently required to make this a parish event success. Ask Fr John and you will be directed or speak to one of the hall committee members.

#### **Divine Mercy Pilgrimage in Poland** 5th -12th September

Led by Fr Paul Lloyd. (Places still available). Contact Teresa 0116 2248350

#### Watermean

The "Old Stable" Centre First Holy Communion Gifts / Cards, resources, etc.

#### 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 0116 220 7881 / 0

#### YEAR OF MERCY

8th December 2015 - 20th November 2016 'MEDICAL AID TO AFRICA'



InterCare, a charity that provides urgently needly medical aid to Africa, is appealing for our help. If you would like to help, or know more, please phone

0116 2695925 or visit www.intercare.org.uk

Bishop Patrick writes as patron of InterCare, asking for our prayers and financial support. "In this Extraordinary Jubilee Year of Mercy, InterCare provides an ideal opporunity for us to show God's love and mercy to some of the poorest people in rural sub-Saharan Africa.'

### Our Parish & local **Doors of Mercy**

at St Joseph's:

(1) Inner Porch Doors and (2) The Door of the Blessed Sacrament Chapel at The Rosary: The Inner Porch Door

The Diocesan Door in this area is at Holy Cross, Wellington Street, Leicester

Dear People of the Parish,

We are planning to have a raffle to support Eden and Billy, two of our young people, who are going to Ghana as part of St Paul's School project. We have donated items (but would welcome more) and ask people to buy the tickets on the day of the raffle in two weeks. Sr Lelia