



# ST. JOSEPH'S PARISH, LEICESTER

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Dear People,

Queen Elizabeth's official birthday, funeral of Muhammad Ali, opening of the European Football Championships, England v Sri Lanka at cricket, Cardinal Sarah's latest statement (we can't keep him out of the headlines), the EU Referendum debate driving on - our days and minds are full.

Are they? How much does our Queen Elizabeth and her family mean to you? Who cares about silly football or boring cricket or Cardinal Sarah (he is so much in the headlines), and the debate on the EU rumbles, roars, screeches on - but how many are truly listening and forming judgements? I feel sorry that when I vote I shall be voting the same as some of the unpleasant people I've heard talking.

Some people on TV last week did not know there was to be a referendum on 23rd June. Never heard of it. Do you know the dates of Queen's real and official birthdays? Could you explain offside or going silly at mid-on? Are you positively Remain or Leave and do you think Cardinal Sarah is being groomed to be our first African pope?

Do you ever feel disappointed at how small our little worlds are? "Know nothing about it. Not interested." Many teachers face such attitudes in schools and many parents watch sadly as their children switch off from family values and relationships. Politicians try desperately to engage in debate with each other and with the public - but how many people know more than a few headlines?

The forecast is that 60% of our people will vote in the referendum. That means millions won't bother. A general election has an average turnout of about 60%. Precious democracy thoughtlessly tossed to one side by uncaring uninterested people.

Our country, our world, our Church - tell me more, keep my mind open and enquiring, allow me to be involved in national politics, the United Nations, the life and different cultures of our universal Church. The referendum will probably return a vote 55%-45%. I wish it might be as high as 65%-35% to be a really convincing democratic result. I wish we could all be interested for each other's sake in everything that happens. I try to be, but know I fail.

God bless us to celebrate our lovely Queen, mourn the folk-hero Muhammad Ali, be glad of sport, be interested in the Church's mission and vote in the Referendum even though we dislike the arguments.

Fr. John

**12th June 2016 (Prayer Week 3)**

"The world is full of events . . . Meaning?"

## Mass Times and Intentions

### 11th SUNDAY OF YEAR (C)

(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 Luiza Rodrigues, John Lawrenson, Mario Lanni,  
Jack Laing, David Rogers, Paul & Susan Astill (50)

### MONDAY 13th JUNE

(St Anthony of Padua)

7.00 pm at St. Joseph's for Gerry Barrios

### TUESDAY 14th JUNE

10.00 am at St. Joseph's for Ben Cassidy

### WEDNESDAY 15th JUNE

10.00 am at St. Joseph's for Georgette North

12.30 pm Requiem Mass at St Joseph's for John McGuire

### THURSDAY 16th JUNE

(St Richard of Chichester)

10.00 am at St. Joseph's for The Dodge Family

### FRIDAY 17th JUNE

7.00 pm at St. Joseph's for David & Ruth Rees

### SATURDAY 18th JUNE

9.30 am at The Rosary Church for Mary Slotin

### 12th SUNDAY OF YEAR (C)

(Saturday) 6.00 pm at St. Joseph's

(Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament from 5.15 pm)

### SUNDAY 19th 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)

Sarah Brady, David Hudson, Jack Laing, John McGuire

### 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

**RAFFLE TODAY** in the Coffee Shop to help Eden and Billy on their way to Ghana with St Paul's School Mission Group.

## The Parish on Sundays



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

## Parish Diary This Week

### Monday 13th June

**PARISH MEETING** to discuss our parish television project. Please come to the parish hall after evening mass (7.40 pm) to consider together the ways forward.

(Question of Faith resumes next week).

### Tuesday 14th June

**St JOSEPH'S TABLE** open today from 10.40 am - 3.30 pm. Hot and cold drinks and food (sandwiches, soup, home bakes, hot snacks, cream teas, cakes, salads) served throughout the day to order on arrival. Entrance via the wooden gates at the top of the car park. A warm welcome awaits all. No advance booking necessary. *Note that parish facilities (Library, Home from Home shop, Garden, Watermead) will also be available during opening hours.*

**WATERMEAD SHOP OPEN 10.30 am-3.30 pm**

### Wednesday 15th June

**St JOSEPH'S TABLE** open again today 10.40am-3.30 pm (for detail see Tuesday). **MEDITATION** in St Joseph's Pastoral Centre, 10.50 am. Quiet prayer, meditation, intercessions. All welcome.

**WATERMEAD SHOP OPEN 10.30 am-3.30 pm**

**'TWILIGHT' RETREAT** tonight, beginning in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel, 7.00 pm. An evening of prayer, talks, reflection and music. 'St Anthony of Padua' led by Fr John. Donation £2 and we finish with a hot/cold drink around 8.45 pm. All welcome.

### Thursday 16th June

**PARISH OPEN DAY** - hot drinks in Coffee Shop after the morning service (library, Home from Home, Garden). All welcome. **"KNITT AND KNATTER"** 11.00 am - 12 noon, upstairs in the Coffee Shop. Please feel welcome to join us.

**FOOT CLINIC TODAY** in the Watermead Centre. Contact Julie on 0116 3678480 for details and to make an appointment.

**WATERMEAD SHOP OPEN 10.30 am-3.30 pm**

### Friday 17th June

**THE MIRIAM PRAYER GROUP** meet in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel at 6.00 pm (the Rosary and faith-sharing). All welcome.

Last week's collection was safely counted and banked. **£1,139**  
Thank you. *Counters: Gloriosa & Sarah*  
(Next week: Terry)

## 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:*

Fabian Sweeney, Christina Flynn, Declan, Jenny Aitken, Jonathan Lockwood, Jennifer Cox, Pat Aitken, Lina Lobo, Mary Rayner, Patrick, Clare, Annette Hulme, Christopher & Clifford Browne.

*Prayers for: Brendan, Donald, Sharon, Chris, John*

*The McCann family and all missing children*

*The peoples and countries of the world, especially the people of FRANCE*

## POSTBAG

Dear People,

St Joseph's Table opened last Tuesday and Wednesday and will be open the same days this coming week. The opening was a great success and we look forward in the weeks to come. The food and service and company are excellent. Do come and help develop this very promising beginning into a regular part of parish life. A wonderful start.

From a delighted customer (Fr John)

Dear Fr John,

The name of our charity is ANGELS CHARITY. We are nurses from the hospitals of Leicester and would like to help sick people in South India who cannot afford medical treatment and poor children who cannot afford education. Thank you for allowing us to have a cake sale after the **10.30 mass on 19th June**. This will be our first fund-raising event and therefore any support will be greatly appreciated.

Thank you, ANGELS CHARITY GROUP

*Words of Queen Elizabeth*

I know just how much I rely on my faith to guide me through the good times and the bad. Each day is a new beginning. I know that the only way to live my life is to try to do what is right, to take the long view, to give of my best in all that the day brings, and to put my trust in God. I draw strength from the message of hope in the Christian gospel. (The Queen said this in 2002)

## Dio vi benedica

### Watermead

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

### CHURCH ROTAS FOR NEXT WEEKEND

	Readers	Eucharistic Ministers
Sat. 6.00 pm	Doreen	Caroline
Sun. 9.00 am	Bob	N/A
10.30 am	John	Gerry / Sister Lelia
6.00 pm	TBA	Marie

## Dates for Diary

**Our next "Twilight" Retreat**  
**Wednesday 15th June, 7.00-9.00 pm**

### Rosminian Tradition

A day conference on prayer at Rosmini Centre  
**Saturday 18th June, 10.30 am - 4.00 pm**  
Phone 01509 813078 for details and to book

### Diocesan Pilgrimage to Walsingham

**Sunday 19th June**  
led by Bishop Patrick (details on notice board)

### LET THE CHILDREN LIVE!

### BBQ & 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.

### Celebrate: 9th-10th July

A Catholic Charismatic Weekend Conference at Holy Family Catholic Academy, Cleethorpes  
Details on notice boards

### Diocesan Pilgrimage at Padley

### Sunday 10th July

Details on notice boards

### Rosary Rally

### Sunday 21st August, 3.00 pm

at Grace Dieu Manor, Whitwick  
Holy Mass, Procession, Blessing of the Sick  
Principal celebrant: Bishop Patrick

## Pilgrimage Suggestions for 2017

### LOURDES - mid September

7 days (approx £495) all travel, full board

### ROME November

7 days (approx £535) all travel, b&b

### ROME AND ASSISI

### early July or September

9 days (approx £595) all travel, half board

Bookings are coming in steadily for Lourdes in September and Rome in November.

## YEAR OF MERCY

8th December 2015 - 20th November 2016

'This Year, and always . . .'



Queen Elizabeth gave this poem to her father, used for his Christmas address to the nation in 1939. The words speak of that year and of every year, so can belong to our Year of Mercy

I said to the man who stood at the Gate of the Year "Give me a light that I may tread safely into the unknown." And he replied "Go out into the darkness, and put your hand into the hand of God. That shall be to you better than light, and safer than a known way."

### 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

**Open again this week! St Joseph's Table** Hot food and warm welcome awaits you! See full details above in "Parish Diary"