



ST. JOSEPH'S PARISH, LEICESTER

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Dear People,

Our Catholic Men's Society pilgrimage to Rome was wonderful. The men and their families flew in from various parts of the British Isles - London, Manchester, Edinburgh, Dublin, Bristol. After evening mass at St Peter's we had supper together in the hotel and a happy family atmosphere was easily created because most of the men knew each other.

On the following day we had a fascinating walk through the streets and squares of the city - churches, fountains, temples, ancient ruins, palaces, markets, finishing at the sadness of the Jewish ghetto. We had glimpsed 2,750 years of Rome.

On Sunday we were in St Peter's along with about 40,000 other people for the Papal blessing at the Angelus at mid-day, and then went on an afternoon walk to the Trevi Fountain, Spanish Steps, Altar of Peace, the Rosminian church of St Charles, and a pleasant stroll home along the River Tiber.

On Monday we spent the day in Ancient Rome, hours in the Roman Forum and the Colosseum. Our coach rode us back past the gigantic chariot stadium, which held 250,000 people, the Palatine and Aventine hills (the two original hills of the seven hills of Rome) and the bustle of the early evening.

Tuesday began wonderfully. We had mass at 7.15 am in the crypt of St Peter's, at the altar of St Peter's tomb. It was a privilege I longed for and it was granted. Then people spent the day as they chose - exploring St Peter's, going on to the roof and to the very top of the dome, visiting the Vatican Museums, exploratory walks around the city. What stories that evening!

Wednesday saw us all in St Peter's Square for the Papal Audience with about 30,000 other people. The Pope came amongst us in his Pope-mobile and we all had quite close up views of him, waving and stopping to kiss babies and embrace the sick. A family occasion. In the afternoon we visited the other three major basilicas - St Paul's, St Mary Majors, St John Lateran - and shared our final evening meal together at our favourite restaurant.

Thursday was time for good-byes, starting after early breakfast at 7.30 am, then 8.30 am, then 10.30 am, 2.30 pm and 6.00 pm. The men knew they would see each other at the parish monthly conferences and at the Annual General Conference next September. The Catholic Men's Society is a fine group of men who meet every month to pray together and to discuss the faith and I feel privileged to be their national chaplain. It was their request at last year's conference to make a pilgrimage in the Jubilee Year that led to last week.

God bless the CMS and our parish, Fr. John

20th November 2016 (Prayer Week 2)

"Christ our King, our Saviour . . ."

Mass Times and Intentions

FEAST OF CHRIST THE KING

(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 John & Sarah Kearney & deceased members of family,

Sue Matthews, Jack Laing, Gerry Barrios,

Roger Galvin, Thanksgiving

MONDAY 21st NOVEMBER

(Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary)

7.00 pm at St. Joseph's for Holy Souls

TUESDAY 22nd NOVEMBER

(St Cecilia)

10.00 am at St. Joseph's for Carlo Lanni

WEDNESDAY 23rd NOVEMBER

(St Clement I, Pope)

10.00 am at St. Joseph's for Giulia & Carmela Alonzi

THURSDAY 24th NOVEMBER

(Ss Andrew Dung-Lac and Companions)

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

FRIDAY 25th NOVEMBER

7.00 pm at St. Joseph's for Monsignor O'Dowd

SATURDAY 26th NOVEMBER

9.30 am at The Rosary Church for Holy Souls

1st SUNDAY OF ADVENT (A)

(Saturday) 6.00 pm at St. Joseph's

(Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament from 5.15 pm)

SUNDAY 27th NOVEMBER

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 Robinson, Sheila Jackson, Jim Stretton,

Families & Friends

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 - 4.30 pm.

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).

St Joseph's Knitt and Knatters

invite us to

THE PEAK EVENT OF THE KNITTING YEAR TODAY

Sunday 20th November



St. Joseph's Knitters are selling ALL the varied and wonderful items they have created this year. You'll be astonished. Get some Christmas presents today!

COME EARLY! THEY WILL SELL QUICKLY
Find us in the Hall – through the Coffee Shop
(All proceeds to a local homeless charity.)

Parish Diary This Week

Tuesday 22nd November

St JOSEPH'S TABLE open today from 10.40 am - 3.30 pm. The usual all day breakfasts, homebakes, soups, puddings, etc. along with winter warmer specials. A lovely place to meet and a warm welcome awaits all who come. *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

CHOIR PRACTICE tonight in the parish hall at 7.30 pm.

Wednesday 23rd November

St JOSEPH'S TABLE open again today 10.40am-3.30 pm (for detail see Tuesday). **MEDITATION** in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel, 10.50 am. All welcome.

WATERMEAD SHOP OPEN 10.30 am-3.30 pm

Thursday 24th November

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.

WATERMEAD SHOP OPEN 10.30 am-3.30 pm

Friday 25th November

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

SURVEYOR WANTED. The diocese is looking for a retired surveyor to serve on the Building and Sites Committee of the diocese. Anyone interested in being involved in the work of the diocese please contact financial.secretary@nrcdt.org

Last week's collection was safely banked - details next week.

Thank you. *Counters: Gail & Keith*
(Next week: Sarah & Gloriosa)

Prayer Box

Please pray for:

Families of the parish

and our loved ones living and dead

especially for those who have recently died:

Eileen McCarthy (RIP), Ana-Maria Graham (RIP),
Roger Galvin (RIP)

Fabian, Christina, Declan, Jenny, Jonathan, Jennifer, Pat,
Lina, Mary, Patrick, Clare, Annette, Chris & Cliff, Donald

Prayers for: Peggy, Chris, Peter, John, Donald
Fr Jim O'Hanlon

The McCann family and all missing children

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

POSTBAG

Dear Fr Daley and St Joseph's Parish,

Thank you for your generous support for CAFOD Harvest Fast Day.

Your gift is enabling our partners in Bolivia to work with families, training them in both traditional and modern farming methods. However, your gift does not end there, as the families who have received this training share their knowledge with other families, making a lasting difference in the community.

Nicki Evans, CAFOD's programme officer sends this message: "I would like to say a huge thank you on behalf of all the families here. Please know that your gifts and prayers will make a lasting difference to the lives of many."

With very best wishes, Chris Funnell, CAFOD

Give My Heart. Mother of Peace Advent project.

During a difficult and hungry year, the children at Mother of Peace orphanage in Zimbabwe were frightened and upset when the government suddenly built a fence around their dormitories. They said they felt like prisoners. We encouraged them to make the fence their own by decorating it, which they did, forming a giant heart, the letters MOP and their own messages. They then sewed the hearts you see on our Christmas tree. If you would like to support the children this Advent, please buy a heart or write the name of a loved one on a label and tie it to a heart for Christmas.

Donations to Fr John, Lynn or the box in the St. Joseph chapel. Many thanks from the children.

CHURCH ROTAS FOR NEXT WEEKEND

	Readers	Eucharistic Ministers
Sat. 6.00 pm	Marie	Ann B
Sun. 9.00 am	Alan	-
10.30 am	Paul	Anne G / Sister Lelia
6.00 pm	TBA	Vincent

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION A reminder that the children will be looking at pages 12-13 of their workbook during their liturgy at next Sunday's mass (10.30 am).

Dates for Diary

CAFOD Memorial Mass

at Sacred Heart, Mere Road

Friday 25th November, 6.30 pm

in memory of all CAFOD supporters
(refreshments afterwards in the parish centre)

"TWILIGHT" RETREAT

Wednesday 30th November, 7 - 9.00 pm

Here at St Joseph's. Theme: "Reflect & Prepare"

Candlelight Carol Service

Our annual service in memory of loved ones in on
Wednesday 14th December (7.15 pm)
followed by seasonal Entertainment in the parish hall

One Roof Leicester : Winter Night Shelter

In the last 12 months people rough sleeping on the streets has increased greatly. The Winter Night shelter will rotate around seven faith venues between 12th December and 27th February. Guests will receive a cooked evening meal, a safe place to sleep and breakfast in the morning.

On Thursday this week, **24th November, at 12.30 pm**, we are having a **"Buy-a-Lunch, Give-a Lunch"** at St Martin's House, Peacock Lane, LE1 5PZ. Tickets cost £15 (£13 is a donation) and we are invited to the lunch and to donate to the charity.

For further information phone 0116 2615373 or email gillian.aird@leccofe.org.

Sacred Heart Parish, Mere Road, is hosting Tuesday night and the Coordinator is Margaret McGrath. Contact her through the Sacred Heart parish office on 0116 2624645.

YEAR OF MERCY

8th December 2015 - 20th November 2016

'THE YEAR ENDS'



Our wonderful Jubilee
Holy Year ends today.

Pope Francis urges us to
continue sharing God's
mercy in practical ways
in our everyday lives.

Bishop Patrick urges each parish to have a legacy from the Year of Mercy and our parish legacy will be the weekly collection (50p each?) for the homeless, refugees and asylum seekers. We hope in this way, together with the other local Christian Churches to cover the rent for two families each month.

Do you remember Pope Francis asked us to find a home for a family?

Together with Leicester One Roof we can!

Watermead shop



Please ask for our 'free' Christmas labels for your card envelopes and share the message of Christmas.

See opening times in "Parish Diary"

More information from 0116 220 7881/ 0

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