

ST. JOSEPH'S PARISH, LEICESTER

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Dear People,

I explain the Pax Christi icon on the sanctuary at St Joseph's. At the centre are Esau and Jacob, the sons of Isaac and grandsons of Abraham, embracing after years of enmity. God is blessing them.

St Peter, forgiven, is top left and below him are Ss Boris and Greb - two brothers who died rather than allow conflict and war in their names - and then St Francis of Assisi ('Make me a channel of your peace'). St Mary Magdalen, forgiven, is top right, then St Sophia (wisdom) and St Clare of Assisi.

In the lower half of the icon we see, centre, Jesus teaching his apostles to pray the 'Our Father' and four women feature in the smaller pictures: Sarah and baby Isaac, Hagar and baby Ishmael (Abraham was the father of both these babies who grew to be fathers of the Jews and Arabs - a longing for peace is strongly suggested). Then Jesus speaks to the woman at the well, who brings her Samaritan people to Jesus in reconciliation and to the Caananite woman, foreign, whose daughter Jesus heals.

Forgiveness, reconciliation and peace are the themes of the icon - the ideals for which Pax Christi works. If you would like to become a member or learn more, please contact Pax Christi at St Joseph's, Watford Way, London NW4 4TY or email admin@paxchristi.org.uk.

You will notice the Holy Souls baskets in front of the altars at our two churches. Please place the names of your departed family and friends in the baskets and they will be remembered in the prayer of the mass throughout November.

We had a good meeting on Tuesday last for the children making their First Communion. The parents were given a good outline of our programme by David. There was a letter for the parents, a form to complete and sign and there will be a card and book for each of the children who will be attending mass each Sunday to appreciate what sharing the sacramental life of the Church should mean.

We pray for the children and their families.

God bless them and us,

Fr. John

BLESSED SACRAMENT CHAPEL

open every day this week from 10.30 am - 4.30 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

30th October 2016 (Prayer Week 3)

"We remember our loved ones with God"

Mass Times and Intentions 31st 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 Eileen McCarthy, My Dear Sister, Clotilda D'Silva, Norman & Ethel Cox, Donal & Anne O'Neill, Gustavo Fernandes, Chris McGivern, Valentino (Thanksgiving), The Pritchard Family, Nicolau, Nacementa, Mario & Anthony Rodrigues

MONDAY 31st OCTOBER

7.00 pm at St. Joseph's for Sue Matthews

TUESDAY 1st NOVEMBER

(Feast of All Saints - Holy Day of Obligation)
10.00 am and 7.00 pm at St. Joseph's
for The Matthews Family and for Anne Noon & family

WEDNESDAY 2nd NOVEMBER

(Remembrance of the Faithful Departed - All Souls) 10.00 am at St. Joseph's for Noeline Powell and for Jack Laing

THURSDAY 3rd NOVEMBER

(St Martin de Porres : St Winefride : St Malachy) 10.00 am at St. Joseph's for Hugh Burns

FRIDAY 4th NOVEMBER

(St Charles Borromeo, Bishop)
7.00 pm at St. Joseph's for Sarah & John Brady

SATURDAY 5th NOVEMBER

9.30 am at The Rosary Church for Brenda, Bernard, Ben Cassidy

32nd SUNDAY OF YEAR (C)

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

SUNDAY 6th 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 Cassidy Family, Robert D'Souza, Terry Devlin, Jack Laing, Holy Souls

+ November +

A time to remember . . .

"Those whom we love and lose are no longer where they were before, they are now with us wherever we go" St John Chrysostom

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

Tuesday 1st November

"FEAST OF ALL SAINTS" Holy Day Mass at 10.00 am and 7.00 pm

St JOSEPH'S TABLE open today as usual today from 10.40 am - 3.30 pm. People invited to stay for a hot drink after mass - or a even late breakfast/brunch! The Table is now serving a winter warmer - "dish of the day", along with the usual very varied menu. 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 following the Holy Day mass.

Wednesday 2nd November St JOSEPH'S TABLE open again today 10.40 am - 3.30 pm (for detail see Tuesday). MEDITATION in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel, 10.50 am. Quiet prayer, meditation, intercessions. All welcome.

WATERMEAD SHOP OPEN 10.30 am-3.30 pm

Thursday 3rd November

PARISH OPEN DAY - hot drinks in Coffee Shop after the morning service (library, Home from Home, Garden). All welcome. "KNITT AND KNATTER" We in the Coffee Shop after morning mass. Please feel welcome to join us (exhibition details soon). FOOT CLINIC TODAY in the Watermead Centre phone Julie direct to make an appointment on 0116 367 8480 to make an appointment.

WATERMEAD SHOP OPEN 10.30 am-3.30 pm

Friday 4th November

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.

Parish £935 Missions £260

Thank you. Counters: Karen & Chris (Next week: Pauline & Christine)

Please pray for:

Families of the parish
and our loved ones living and dead

especially for those who have recently died:

Brian Redstone (RIP)

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

Prayers for:

Fr Eamon O'Hara, Eileen, Jim, Chris, Emma, Asia Bibi

The McCann family and all missing children

The peoples and countries of the world, especially the people of ITALY (earthquake & refugee problems), THE YAZIDIS, MOSUL

BLESSED SACRAMENT CHAPEL

Winter approaches, the clocks have gone back and dusk arrives sooner. The Blessed Sacrament Chapel will close at 4.30 pm during the winter months because I cannot guarantee to be in the house or church to turn on the chapel lights and I do not want anyone to be at risk after a couple of unpleasant moments in recent months - people in the chapel but not to pray. The chapel will be open from after mass (a little later on Monday, Friday and Saturday) until 4.30 pm. Do continue to visit.

Lourdes Pilgrimage: 11th - 17th May

Some people have had to drop out of our Lourdes pilgrimage so places are available. At present we can keep the cost under £500 - to include all travel and full board at our good hotel, excellent value - but we need to know and confirm numbers. If you are considering coming please tell Fr John so that he can keep the option open for us.

Pilgrimages 2017

Stresa & Lake Maggiore Note change of date 17th-23rd August (by air).

Includes all travel, hotel (at HB), <u>approx</u>.**£595**. (This is better for us - Fr John thought August was out of reach. The hotel is lakeside!)

Rome 17th - 23rd November.

Includes travel, 4 star hotel (B&B), <u>approx</u>. £535 (All places taken, waiting list started).

<u>Please note that with the continuing fall in the value</u> of the pound we cannot be certain of final prices

HOME FROM HOME The shop (via the Coffee shop) is looking really good, stocked with quality second hand (winter) clothing, bric-a-brac, books, etc. The team has worked hard. Do pay a visit. All proceeds help our parish to support various charities.

Watermean shop

Christmas cards now on sale ~ cribs & gifts diaries, calendars ~ plus many new items!
See opening times above in "Parish Diary"
More information from from 0116 220 7881 / 0

CHURCH ROTAS FOR NEXT WEEKEND

Sat. 6.00 pm Sun. 9.00 am 10.30 am 6.00 pm

Readers
John
Bob
TBA (Caroline)
TBA
Anne G / Sister Lelia
Marie

Dates for Diary

TEA DANCE FOR ALZHEIMER'S

at St Patrick's Centre, Beaumont Leys Lane, LE4 2BD **Sunday 30th October**, *2-5.00 pm*

Karl Boettcher Dance Band. Admission £5 (on door)

Cannons (aged 14 - 18 years)

Music, Prayer, Guest Speakers, Food
at St Thomas More, Knighton, sponsored by the
Diocesan Catholic Youth Service.

Friday 11th November, 7-9.00 pm.

Students from Birmingham Conservatoire are presenting a **WINTER CONCERT** at St Patrick's Church, Beaumont Leys LE4 2BD on Friday 18th November at 7 pm (£5 at door)

"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

£££... Retiring Collections £££...

There have been regular retiring collections recently. They are set by the Church or the Diocese and loyally we give what we can for good causes. Don't feel pressured or embarrassed, please, but feel free to give if you can.

These set collections are the reason we have not yet started our weekly collections for the homeless, refugees, asylum seekers - in response to Pope Francis' call for every parish in the Catholic world to support a family: a wonderful ideal.

Monsignor Brian Daizley will speak at each mass on the weekend of **26th/27th November** about the <u>Priests' Retirement Fund</u>. We are in the final year of the appeal and have raised 75% of our total. Can we make the 100%? Then there will be a set collection for the poor and needy parishes of our diocese... and then shall we start our weekly 50p retiring collections which might cover the rent for two families (see below). God bless us.

YEAR OF MERCY

8th December 2015 - 20th November 2016 'THE PARISH LEGACY'



Bishop Patrick has suggested a legacy in each parish from the Jubilee Year of Mercy. I suggest we make our regular support for the homeless, the refugees and asylum seekers our legacy.

Each week when there is no retiring collection set for us by the diocese or by the Church we shall have the opportunity to give simply, perhaps 50p, and be reminded of those less fortunate than ourselves.

What do you think?

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