



ST. JOSEPH'S PARISH, LEICESTER

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Dear People,

For the first time in my life I am getting better. I have never been ill. It is a new and fascinating experience. For days, all I wanted to do was sleep and pray, not even wanting to eat and drink. I was drained, peaceful, knowing all in the parish was in good hands ("You are really blessed with the good people of your parish", I have been told often) and that I could spend all my waking time with God. It's been wonderful.

I have been in your homes and with all of you whose homes I do not yet know. God has blessed me with a good memory so, whilst I rested, I could go around the parish, remembering happy visits and being with you, praying for you, and "seeing you" in church and including you in my prayer. The housebound and unwell I was able to phone, to reassure them about receiving Holy Communion, and it was good to be given their reassurances.

And then there was the loathing. I was surprised to discover how much I loathed certain people and enjoyed the feeling. I was reminded of a lovely lady, years ago, who told me how much she enjoyed a good hate. I laughed with surprise and she laughed, too. "Yes," she said, "every now and then I have a good hate and enjoy it. It relaxes me. I'm not going to do anything about it but it does me good to let my feelings go and I feel better after."

Now I understand better. So I enjoyed my loathing and it became part of my prayer.

I am grateful to be getting better, trying to do no more than I sensibly should, building up strength. God has blessed me all my life with health and fitness. I grew up on Welsh rugby, English cricket, Welsh fresh air and sea breezes (walestouristboard.com) and have always been well. These past two weeks have been new to me. I probably caught something on the plane or at the airports on our return home from the pilgrimage to Padua (we were delayed five hours at Venice and three more, waiting for our rearranged coach, at Gatwick). Thank you for your prayers.

God bless us all with spiritual health.

Your grateful patient, Fr. John

9th October 2016 (Prayer Week 4)
"Who knows us truly except God?"

Mass Times and Intentions

28th 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 Terry Devlin, Jack Laing, Kim Wong, Donald Pratt,
Bernard Ratigan, Michael & Family,
Sherwin & Sharon (WA), Presley & Karen (Thanksgiving)*

MONDAY 10th OCTOBER

(St Paulinus of York)

7.00 pm at St. Joseph's *for Riomelda Ireland*

TUESDAY 11th OCTOBER

(St John XXIII, Pope)

10.00 am at St. Joseph's *for Tony & Stefanie*

WEDNESDAY 12th OCTOBER

(St Wilfred)

10.00 am at St. Joseph's *for Family Blessings*

THURSDAY 13th OCTOBER

(St Edward the Confessor)

10.00 am at St. Joseph's *for My dear Parents*

FRIDAY 14th OCTOBER

(St Callistus, Pope)

7.00 pm at St. Joseph's *for Family & Friends*

SATURDAY 15th OCTOBER

(St Teresa of Avila)

9.30 am at The Rosary Church *for Stephen Hood*

29th SUNDAY OF YEAR (C)

(Saturday) 6.00 pm at St. Joseph's

(Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament from 5.15 pm)

SUNDAY 16th OCTOBER

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 Bridget Hawkridge, Thomas Kinally, Jim Stretton,
Patrick Keely, Ernest Fuscicardi*

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 - 7.00 pm.

CAFOD Harvest Day Collection of envelopes will take place at each mass this weekend (spare envelopes at back of church). We have always supported CAFOD well. Please give generously.

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 11th October

St JOSEPH'S TABLE open today from 10.40 am - 3.30 pm. Hot and cold drinks and food served throughout the day to order on arrival (excellent comments and praise being submitted by customers). Parish facilities open (Library, Home from Home shop, Garden, etc) during opening hours.

WATERMEAD SHOP OPEN 10.30 am-3.30 pm

Wednesday 12th October

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 13th October

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 14th October

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

Watermead shop

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

Pilgrimages 2017

Lourdes 18th - 24th May: (approx.£525)

All travel and full board at the hotel. We can now book our flights. Please give Fr John your name as on your passport and deposit of £150

Stresa and Lake Maggiore

14th-21st September (by air).

Includes all travel, hotel (at HB), approx.£595. (36 places taken, 14 available).

Rome 17th - 23rd November.

Includes travel, 4 star hotel (B&B), approx. £535 (46 places taken, 4 available).

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

Last week's collection was safely counted and banked. **£1,075**

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

Prayer Box

Please pray for:

Families of the parish

and our loved ones living and dead

especially for those who have recently died:

Sister Clement (RIP), Sister Carmel (RIP)

John Hughes ["Moriarity"] (RIP)

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

Prayers for: Canon Peter Coyle, Fr Ted Mullen

The McCann family and all missing children

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The peoples and countries of the world, especially the people of
HAITI, COLOMBIA, WEST INDIES

First Holy Communion

Dear Fr John and Catechists,

Thank you for our Children's First Holy Communion Breakfast. It was a wonderful thought. Huge thanks from all the parents.

Marianta and Parents

Dear People,

We had a wonderful celebration last Sunday. I felt very happy as I saw the girls and boys all together receiving Holy Communion. Each of them had had their own family day, when it was best for family and friends to come together, but now they could come together celebrating with the parish this new beginning in the Sacramental life of the Church.

There was the traditional Communion breakfast after mass and a letter (above) from the parents. The parents kindly made a special collection to cover the cost of the breakfast but this has to be a parish treat, so the money will go to today's CAFOD collection and bring blessing to children in the developing world. Photos will be on the parish website, soon.

Now we begin our new First Holy Communion programme. Please tell me the names of the children over the next two weeks, then we shall have a meeting and the programme will begin. And, parents (and everyone!), please consider becoming members of our Children's Liturgy teams.

The children will be expected to attend the full mass each week. It has been sad to see how casual some parents can be. To prepare your child to make First Holy Communion and then never to come again (it happens) is to deprive them of a blessing that should always be theirs. First Only Communion is a mockery of what First Holy Communion should be.

Please be sincere in committing to guiding your child to First Holy Communion.

God bless you, Fr John

CHURCH ROTAS FOR NEXT WEEKEND

	Readers	Eucharistic Ministers
Sat. 6.00 pm	Edward	Sal
Sun. 9.00 am	Bob	-
10.30 am	Sheila	Anne G / Sister Lelia
6.00 pm	TBA	Vincent

There will be a Children's Liturgy at the 10.30 am mass next Sunday

Dates for Diary

EVENTS AT ST PATRICK'S

Concert for Mary's Meals Sunday 9th October
Tea Dance for Alzheimer's Sunday 30th October
(See posters on notice boards)

PRISONS WEEK

An opportunity to find out about the supportive work of the Prison Fellowship from speaker Mrs Helen Stokes (Lay Chaplain at Welford Road) on **Sunday 9th October, 6.00 pm** at St Paul's & St Augustines Worship Centre, Fosse Road Central/Glenfield Road LE3 6BD

FAITH FAIR

Sunday 9th October 12.30 - 4.30 pm at the Parish Hall, Sacred Heart, Mere Road. An opportunity to learn about different faiths, hear talks, visit stalls, see performances, have lunch and meet people of faith.

OUR NEXT "TWILIGHT" RETREAT

Wednesday 19th October, 7-9 pm
Theme: "The Martyrs' Forgiveness"
An evening of prayer, talks, reflection and music

Mother of Peace Event

Sunday 30th October

The Zimbabwean Community choir will sing here at our **10.30 am mass** and afterwards the community is providing lunch for everyone in St Joseph's Hall. We hope to have a short film show and talk. All welcome!

Mass in Italian at Holy Cross

Friday 14th October, Friday 18th November, Friday 16th December

7.30 pm (each date) with Confessions at 7pm and refreshments after each mass

Ministers of the Eucharist

There are now 41 of our people receiving Holy Communion at home or in the nursing homes. The number is steadily increasing and I need help. I would be grateful if some of you were willing to visit (arranged with the communicant) so that we can be certain no one is left more than a few weeks. Please tell me of your readiness to serve. God bless you, Fr John

260 Club

This Months Winners!

No.113 wins £75; No.57 wins £50;
No.208 wins £50; No.29 wins £50;
No.129 wins £35.

YEAR OF MERCY

8th December 2015 - 20th November 2016
'CHURCH UNITY'



Pope Francis and the Archbishop of Canterbury ask our prayers for Church unity. We are celebrating the 50th anniversary of the meeting between Pope Paul VI and Canterbury when a new beginning was promised in the name of our "Sister Churches". We pray.

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