



ST. JOSEPH'S PARISH, LEICESTER

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Dear People,

I served under a wonderful bishop in British Columbia, Canada, 1971-73. I remembered him in my prayer this week when news of the bad weather across North America came through. My first Christmas day with him saw us 40° below zero!

Bishop O'Grady was appointed to Prince Rupert in 1956. Find the port by following the west coast of Canada about 500 miles north of Vancouver: from there the Yellowhead Highway runs inland as far as Prince George and on to the Rockies. From Prince George a road runs north to the Peace River country (Dawson Creek, Fort St John, Chetwynd): these two roads became the Diocese of Prince George in the early 1960's.

The diocese is 147,000 square miles - one and a half times the size of Great Britain! It is forest, lakes and mountains. The people were spread out in small townships and native reservations and there were only about 30 priests, but Bishop O'Grady had a vision of a diocese based upon the work of the lay apostolate. He invited people to give two years of their lives to God and promised them "*long hours, hard work, no pay*". He believed the human heart longs to give and love generously. He was right.

People from around the world asked to be involved in the wonderful vision of Church that the bishop inspired, and the diocese of Prince George at that time offered magnificent witness to what is possible when someone is inspired and touches the hearts and lives of others. Schools and churches were built by volunteers, parish and schools staffed by volunteers (all fully qualified), and generous men and women followed the call in helping in all the diocesan work: administration, finance, legal, etc.

There were 147 of us in my two years with Bishop O'Grady and I met people who had come out as volunteers in previous years and who had stayed, making home where they had intended only to help! I was at the Bishop's side at the 50th wedding to take place between these lay apostles.

I have lived with his vision all the years I have served God and the Church, and I know others privileged to be involved feel the same. We are still in contact, grateful to have known him.

We pray for all those longing to serve God,

Fr. John

7th January 2018 (Prayer Week 2)

"We bring our Epiphany gifts: 3"

Mass Times and Intentions

FEAST OF THE EPIPHANY

(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)

Jim, Nancy & Breda Earley, Jim & Mary,

Craig & Katy, Jude & Lauren & family,

Leo Lobo, Judy Neal, Anthony Doherty, Brennan Family

MONDAY 8th JANUARY

(Baptism of the Lord) (Prayer Week 1)

7.00 pm at St. Joseph's *for Holy Souls*

TUESDAY 9th JANUARY

10.00 am at St. Joseph's *for Janet Jasper*

WEDNESDAY 10th JANUARY

(St William)

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

THURSDAY 11th JANUARY

10.00 am at St. Joseph's *for Kathleen Jenkinson*

FRIDAY 12th JANUARY

(St Aelred of Rievaulx)

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

SATURDAY 13th JANUARY

(St Hilary, bishop)

9.30 am at The Rosary Church *for Maureen Shaw*

2nd SUNDAY OF YEAR (B)

(Saturday) 6.00 pm at St. Joseph's

(Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament from 5.15 pm)

SUNDAY 14th JANUARY

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)

Michael Staples, Bill Wall, Conversion of Sinners

CONFESSIONS EACH WEEK

SATURDAY & SUNDAY 5.15 pm at St. Joseph's
(in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel)

BLESSED SACRAMENT CHAPEL

open every day this week from 10.30 am - Dusk.

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 9th January

St JOSEPH'S TABLE will re-open on Tuesday 16th January (SEE BELOW)

WATERMEAD SHOP OPEN 10.30 am-3.30 pm

Wednesday 10th January

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 11th January

PARISH OPEN DAY - hot drinks in Coffee Shop after the morning service (library, Home from Home, Garden). All welcome.

WATERMEAD SHOP OPEN 10.30 am-3.30 pm

FOOTCARE CLINIC in the Watermead Centre. Please contact Julie direct on 0116 367 8480 for an appointment.

MALTA PILGRIMS A meeting in the parish hall at 7.00 pm to make final payments and discuss arrangements. Please bring Passports and travel insurance details.

Friday 12th January

THE MIRIAM PRAYER GROUP meet at 6.00 pm for faith sharing and Rosary. All welcome, in church or chapel.

St Joseph's Table

begins serving meals (hot/cold snacks/drinks) again on TUESDAY 16th and WEDNESDAY 17th JANUARY

Do you have a couple of hours a week to spare? St Joseph's Table is looking for 3 or 4 people willing to commit to 2 hours each per week. Consider whether you can help and please do offer? (Ask one of the team or let Fr John know and he will point you in the right direction).

Marriage Preparation Courses

The successful course continues into 2018. The dates are Saturdays: 10th March, 21st April, 7th July, 15th September. Deacon Tom and Janet Berrie will present the course, 9.15 am - 5.00 pm, and the cost is £30. All couples planning to marry in our diocese are expected to attend this course. Forms are available from Fr John.

Last week's collection was safely counted and banked. **£1,241**
*(Special RASH Collection £101)

Thank you. *Counters: Sarah*
(Next week: Terry)

*RASH stands for our regular giving for Leicester's Refugees, Asylum Seekers, Homeless.

Prayer Box

Please pray for:
Families of the parish
and our loved ones living and dead
especially for those who have recently died:
Malcolm Scanlon (RIP)

Fabian, Declan, Jenny, Jonathan,
Jennifer, Pat, Mary, Anna, Patrick

Prayers for: Charlotte & family

The McCann family and all missing children

The peoples and countries of the world,
especially IRAN, YEMEN, PERU

POSTBAG

Dear Father,

The work of **PAX CHRISTI** is based on the Gospel and inspired by faith. Our vision is of a world where people can live in peace, without fear of violence in all its forms. Rooted in Catholic Christianity, we work with all who share our values to abolish war and create communities of peace and justice.

Please encourage the people of the parish to share our vision and ask if they would like to contribute to our work.

Thank you. Fausta Valentine

PS from Fr John - envelopes on tables at back of church.

Dear St Joseph's Parish,

I am a young musician from Beaumont Leys, currently in my final year studying the cello at the Royal Birmingham Conservatoire. As part of my final assessments I have to do a major project and I am organising a charity concert series at St Patrick's Church and English Martyrs School.

There will be a retiring collection at the end of each concert to raise money for the charity ARCO which provides music lessons for children in Soweto, South Africa.

Thank you, Griffith Wadkin

PS Details on notice boards and in "Dates for Diary"

Dear People,

Several of you have asked me to invite Fr Frank Daly and the St Peter's Singers and SPANED to come again to perform 'Mother Mary'. There was a good crowd on December 18th but "we shall fill the church next time", say our people. Good. We'll invite them.

Fr John

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

The next session will be during the liturgy at the 10.30 am mass on **Sunday 14th January.**

CHURCH ROTAS FOR NEXT WEEKEND

	Readers	Eucharistic Ministers
Sat. 6.00 pm	Kate	Cecilia
Sun. 9.00 am	Philip	-
10.30 am	Paul	Anne G / Sister Lelia
6.00 pm	TBA	Marie

Children's Liturgy at next weekend's 10.30 am Mass

Dates for Diary

HEALING SERVICE

at the Rosmini Centre

Friday 12th January

led by Fr Ted Mullen.

Mass at 7.00 pm

followed by Adoration and prayers for healing.

→ Pilgrimages 2018 →

Padua, Venice & Assisi : 24th - 31st May

All places taken, but waiting list available

Siresa & Lake Maggiore, 16th - 22nd August

All travel and half board at hotel (£595 approx)

7 days (price very close to this year's)

(Just a few places left)

Rome, 9th - 15th November

All travel and bed & breakfast at 4 star hotel

7 days (£495 plus cost of flight when known)

35 places booked so far

Contact Fr John if interested.

TODAY'S GOSPEL READING

'The visit of the Magi to Bethlehem'

The story is full of symbolism. The star is guidance for those seeking to find God - the 'light' of today's first reading.

The Wise Men come to Jerusalem in mistake for Bethlehem, about five miles away. Jerusalem was God's dwelling place on earth, in the Temple on Mount Zion; but the babe is born in Bethlehem, as the prophet Micah had foretold.

Mary and the babe are in their home. Matthew says nothing of a stable (neither does Luke), nor of Mary and Joseph coming from Nazareth. Only later, after the return from Egypt, does Nazareth become their home.

The Wise Men bring three gifts: gold, frankincense and myrrh. In Isaiah (today's first reading) there are two gifts for the Lord in Jerusalem - gold and incense; but Matthew sees a completion by adding a third gift, the myrrh.

Matthew invites us to see in the Babe of Bethlehem our King (gold), our God (incense), our Saviour (myrrh). The Old Testament is fulfilled, God has come amongst us as the babe destined to be our Saviour and founder of the Kingdom.

THE LORD'S DAY

Every week the Watermead Apostolate writes a background to the readings at Sunday mass and gives glimpses of the teaching and people of the Church. It is available on the Watermead website and people from around the world have written to express their appreciation of this service, some parishes even downloading copies for their people along with their parish newsletter.

(Copies on the table at back of our two churches)

Watermead shop

OPENING TIMES

Tues, Wed, Thur from 10.30 am-3.30 pm

Sun 11.45 am-12.15 pm

Information from 0116 220 7881 / 0

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