



# ST. JOSEPH'S PARISH, LEICESTER

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Dear People,

Last week we celebrated with *Pax Christi* ("The Peace of Christ") and its work for justice and peace around the world. I hope you felt involved in the prayer and dedication. Today we celebrate our longing for Christian Unity, reaching out to the other churches for forgiveness for our arrogance in past times, accepting their regrets that they separated into various churches from the one Church, and hoping we can find ways to come together in spite of all that divides us.

Next Sunday we celebrate our diversity of race, colour and people in the human family, on Racial Justice Sunday, and admit the shame of prejudices that destroy the oneness of the family.

These three Sundays come together each year at this time. On a scale of 0-5 how would you rate your interest? What have you ever done or said to help bring justice in race relations, international peace, Christian unity? If the answer is zero that's your rating. If you ask "What could I do?" you could do what other people have done. Examples are many.

Someone said to me "I enjoy watching Leicester City if they are on TV, but I never go to watch them play. They don't need my voice with 30,000 other voices shouting and cheering." I enjoyed that because it is so true: any one voice is negligible and one more or less makes no difference - so why bother?

Don't bother, say the smart ones. Curl up in your own little world, grumble and grouse about everything and everyone, but don't get involved because you'll be criticised for whatever you try and fail to do.

Avoiding criticism is the achievement. Do nothing and you'll not be noticed. Try to do something and your inabilities will be noticed.

Around us is a world, a parish, a street, a neighbour who would be pleased, feel blessed, if you bothered. Ask God to help you bother.

God bother us all, *Fr. John*

**21st January 2018 (Prayer Week 3)**  
**"That we may be one . . . says Jesus"**

## Mass Times and Intentions

### 3rd SUNDAY OF YEAR (B)

(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)

*William Acres, Michael Staples, The Shinkwin Family,  
Nicolau & Nacimenta, Mario, Anthony Rodrigues,  
Conversion of Sinners, Family & Friends*

### MONDAY 22nd JANUARY

(St Vincent)

7.00 pm at St. Joseph's for *The Biju Family*

### TUESDAY 23rd JANUARY

10.00 am at St. Joseph's for *World Peace*

### WEDNESDAY 24th JANUARY

(St Francis de Sales)

10.00 am at St. Joseph's for *Holy Souls*

### THURSDAY 25th JANUARY

(Conversion of St Paul, Apostle)

10.00 am at St. Joseph's for *Pedro F Rodrigues*

### FRIDAY 26th JANUARY

(Ss Timothy & Titus, Bishops)

7.00 pm at St. Joseph's for *Family Blessing*

### SATURDAY 27th JANUARY

(St Angela Merici : Holocaust Memorial Day)

9.30 am at The Rosary Church for *Vincent Reed*

### 4th SUNDAY OF YEAR (B)

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

### SUNDAY 28th 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)

*for Hugh Burns, Mary Ellen Burns, Norah Cleary,  
The Carlise Family, Peter Wood, Family & Friends*

**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.

## Week of Prayer for Christian Unity 18th - 25th JANUARY

We welcome our friends from the local Churches

### TODAY Sunday 21st January

for a Service of Prayer at 4.00 pm  
in St Joseph's Church and on

### Tuesday 23rd January

for Prayers at 12.00 noon  
in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel

(followed at 1.30 pm by the CT Committee Meeting)

## The Parish on Sundays



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

## Parish Diary This Week

### Tuesday 23rd January

**St JOSEPH'S TABLE** open today from  
10.40 am - 3.30 pm (2.45 pm last serving  
of special menu of week - see details  
below). Anyone who would like to join the  
teams, please do offer - and welcome (full  
training given). *The parish library, Garden,  
Watermead shop are also open.*

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

**CHOIR PRACTICE** tonight, 7.30 pm.

### Wednesday 24th January

**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. Quiet prayer, meditation,  
intercessions. All welcome.

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

### Thursday 25th 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**

### Friday 26th 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

### Winter Specials Menu

Soup - Pea & Mint

Lunchtime specials - Fish Pie

served with assorted vegetables

(Please come before 2.45 pm to avoid disappointment)

Quiche of the week & Salad, Sandwiches, etc.

Dessert - Steamed Sponge Pudding

(served with custard, cream, ice-cream)

Last week's collection was safely  
counted and banked. **£1,026**

\*(Special RASH Collection £121)

Thank you. *Counters: Margaret*

(Next week: June & John)

\*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:**

Collette (RIP)

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

Prayers for: Malcolm, Mary, Geri

The McCann family and all missing children

The peoples and countries of the world,  
especially MALI, TURKEY, KURDISTAN



## POSTBAG



Dear People,

Two beautiful pocket-sized booklets for Lent  
have just been published by the CTS: "Lent and  
Easter with Pope Francis" and "Stations of the  
Cross through the eyes of Mary".

They are available in the Watermead shop,  
alongside many other good books for now and  
always.

I spoke to you last year of the fascination of  
reading "Catholic Women Speak" and  
discovering how different the woman's way of  
looking at life may be from the man's. Familiar  
ideas were presented in ways I had not seen -  
but, more, ideas I had never had were here  
opening my mind and heart to new truths  
besides new ways of looking at familiar truths.

In the booklet of Mary's Stations of the Cross  
Helen Pepper writes as though she were Mary  
and I was caught by her womanly and maternal  
perspectives. Please let me know what you  
think if you read and pray the book.

Pope Francis is always the same: honest,  
deep feeling, compassionate, wonderfully  
aware of God's loving mercy. We always know  
what we are going to hear/read - such  
freshness each time.

Pope Francis does not repeat himself, his  
words reflecting a mind and heart full of love for  
God and for God's peoples. Several of his  
books are in the shop.

Have you thought of writing a small book or  
pamphlet, your understanding of life and faith?  
Would you like it to be published? Several  
ways are open to us. Do ask me. Fr John.

## CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

**St Mary's Catholic Primary School, Grantham,**  
is seeking to appoint Headteacher. Details from  
01476 5622017.

**St Paul's Catholic School, Leicester,** is  
seeking to appoint a teacher of religious  
education. Details from 0116 2414057.

## FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

Preparation during the Sunday 10.30 am Mass  
~ this Sunday and next Sunday (21st/28th)

## CHURCH ROTAS FOR NEXT WEEKEND

	Readers	Eucharistic Ministers
Sat. 6.00 pm	Clare	Sal
Sun. 9.00 am	Bob	-
10.30 am	Ann	Steve / Sister Lelia
6.00 pm	TBA	Marie

**Children's Liturgy** - none next weekend

## Dates for Diary

**'Lectio Divina' at the Rosmini Centre**  
**Saturday 27th January, 3.00 pm**  
(more details on notice boards)

## Racial Justice Sunday Sunday 28th January

Prayer cards available at the back of church

## ARCH

(Abortion Recovery Care and Helpline)

Arch supports women and men who have  
had an abortion experience and are troubled.

There is a trainee counsellor weekend on

**Friday 2nd- 4th February**

(all costs covered). For more information  
please phone Sica on 07943711549  
or email francisca@sicamartinez.plus.com

## Novena to St Joseph

**24th January - 2nd February**

for the pro-life work in Leicester.

"Please pray in union with us and St Joseph"

## → Pilgrimages 2018 →

**Stresa & Lake Maggiore & the Italian Lakes**

**16th - 22nd August**

All travel and half board at lakeside hotel  
7 days (£595 approx - very close to last 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 in either dates.

## Leicestershire Active Catholic Youth (LACY)

The Working Group of LACY will have their next  
meeting at the Franciscan Convent, Dalby Road,  
Melton Mowbray, Leicestershire, LE13 0BG on  
**Wednesday 31st January 2018.**

We will be discussing and taking forward some of  
the major events that we have planned for 2018.  
These will include "Countryside Stations" of  
the Cross during Lent, a "Confirmation Pre and  
Post Retreat Day" and a "Fun Day at Rutland  
Water." People of all ages are invited to come  
along to the meeting to help us prepare the best  
way to engage with our young teenagers and  
encourage them to enjoy their Faith, have Fun  
and last, but not least - socialise with Food! Our  
meeting will commence at 7.30 p.m. and finish  
by 9.00 p.m.

A warm welcome awaits you! Thank you to  
the Franciscan Sisters for hosting the meeting.  
We look forward to seeing you there! More  
information from [paolinepayne@hotmail.com](mailto:paolinepayne@hotmail.com).

## 'HOME FROM HOME'

Just a reminder that for the time-being we cannot  
accept any more donations as the store room is  
full. We shall put a note in the newsletter when  
we are ready to 'recycle' your donated items of  
clothing, bric-a-brac, etc. Thank you.

## 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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