

ST. JOSEPH'S PARISH, LEICESTER

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Dear People,

A radio broadcast suggested that people need advice on funerals and their high costs – but from whom? The local minister or priest was seen as the one best placed to advise.

Funeral firms can be reluctant to publish their prices, claiming that costs vary according to type of coffin chosen, number of limousines required, bringing the coffin into church the night before, service sheets, individual requests, etc. We understand the reluctance but also know that in the emotional turmoil of arranging a funeral people will be afraid of seeming mean (some firms play on that) and want only what they think is best.

Your loved ones are not honoured by your paying a funeral firm a great deal of money. We all want to arrange dignified loving funerals, but we need to be practical. To be later faced with a bill far in excess of what we had estimated, because we had been afraid to ask, is a most unpleasant shock. Going into debt benefits no-one – but refusing to pay, as some of our families have done, is plain dishonest and inexcusable.

The costs of the funeral firms differ even by thousands of pounds for the same services. One firm charged £650 for "Administration" and when queried it amounted to two telephone calls and "being available" The parishioner refused to pay. Was he right?

Coffins can cost hundreds or thousands. You choose. Be careful of being pushed.

Church fees are only a tiny proportion of the total cost. Yet churches are sometimes criticised for charging any fees. Expenses need to be covered.

Don't buy a pre-paid funeral plan. Recently, I took a simple crematorium service on a plan that cost £5,000. I could have easily arranged it for less than £2,000. On another plan I was assured the cost of the reception in the hall after the Requiem Mass was covered. It wasn't. The parish had to pay hundreds of pounds and I felt we were badly cheated.

I work comfortably with all the local firms but the people of the parish are my first concern and the firms know that. But sometimes people arrange funeral with no intention of paying. What should I do when I discover that later?

God bless us, Fr. John

4th February 2018 (Prayer Week 1)
"Answer Job in today's first reading"

Mass Times and Intentions

5th SUNDAY OF YEAR (B)

(Saturday) 6.00 pm at St. Joseph's

(Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament from 5.15 pm)

9.00 am Mass at Rosary Church

10.30 am Mass at St. Joseph's

6.00 pm Mass at St. Joseph's

(Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament from 5.15 pm)

(Intentions for Sunday Mass)

for Eileen Landers, Joaquim & Rosalina Rebello,

Larry & Eilish Jordan, Jack Laing

MONDAY 5th FEBRUARY

(St Agatha)

7.00 pm at St. Joseph's: Service of Word & Communion

TUESDAY 6th FEBRUARY

(Ss Paul Miki & Companions)

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

WEDNESDAY 7th FEBRUARY

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

THURSDAY 8th FEBRUARY

(St Jerome Emiliani)

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

FRIDAY 9th FEBRUARY

7.00 pm at St. Joseph's: Service of Word & Communion

SATURDAY 10th FEBRUARY

(St Scholastica)

No Service at the Rosary Church today

6th SUNDAY OF YEAR (B)

(Saturday) 6.00 pm Mass at St. Joseph's

(Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament from 5.15 pm)

SUNDAY 11th FEBRUARY

Mass is 9.00 am at Rosary Church, 10.30 am at St. Joseph's

and 6.00 pm at St. Joseph's

(Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament from 5.15 pm)

(Intentions for Sunday Mass)

for Janet Jasper, David & Mary Ellen Hudson,

Family Blessing, World Peace

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. (The Parish Library, Lourdes Garden, at St Joseph's).

Parish Diary This Week

Tuesday 6th February

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). Warm welcome awaits all.

The parish library, Garden, Watermead shop are also open.

WATERMEAD SHOP OPEN 10.30 am-3.30 pm

Wednesday 7th February

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 8th February

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-2.00 pm

Friday 9th February

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 - Leek & Potato

Lunchtime specials - Mince Beef Gratin

served with potatoes & fresh vegetables

(Please come before 2.45 pm to avoid disappointment)

Quiche of the week & Salad, Sandwiches, etc.

Dessert - Pear Frangipane

(served with custard, cream, ice-cream)

260 Club

This Months Winners!

No.248 wins £75; No.199 wins £50;

No.156 wins £50; No.34 wins £50;

No.232 wins £35.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

Preparation during the Sunday 10.30 am Mass is this Sunday and Sunday 11th February.

Details on www.ourliturgy.btck.co.uk/ or contact David on 07591308287

CHURCH ROTAS FOR NEXT WEEKEND

	Readers	Eucharistic Ministers
Sat. 6.00 pm	Clare	Ann B
Sun. 9.00 am	Philip	-
10.30 am	Gail	Gerry/Sister Lelia
6.00 pm	TBA	Marie

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

Ministers of the Eucharist

Your new rotas are in the sacristy awaiting collection

Prayer Box

Please pray for:

Families of the parish

and our loved ones living and dead

especially for those who have recently died:

Nick Sutton (RIP)

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

Prayers for Eileen, Michael, Leroy, Fr Terry Fellows

The McCann family and all missing children

The peoples and countries of the world, especially AFGHANISTAN, CAMBODIA, and THE COUNTRIES OF EUROPE

POSTBAG

Dear People,

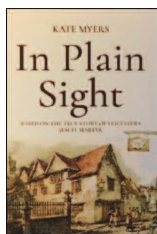
Would you like your money, sitting quietly in the bank, to go out work? You might consider investing in 'Shared Interest' where it will be used to give loans to small projects and producers in the developing world to help them along, even give them a start.

Your money will earn interest and can be withdrawn at any time. Fr John

PS thank you for your comments on this good idea. More leaflets at back of church.

Dear People,

Several of you have asked me about natural burial grounds. The nicest one I have seen is The Willows at South Croxton. If you know of people who would like to consider this option please tell them of the Willows. Fr John



In Plain Sight is the story of a Jesuit who worked in Leicester for 40 years after the Civil War in the 17th century. He was based at the old Belgrave Hall and was arrested when he was 70, dying in Leicester Gaol in 1692, probably one of the last to die in the persecutions. "Every region needs its heroes and Fr William Bentney is one for Leicester."

Kate Myers, a parishioner at Sacred Heart, is the author, and the book will soon be available from the Watermead Shop. It is a fascinating read.

Watermead shop

Lent books and resources now available

USUAL OPENING TIMES

Tues, Wed, Thurs from 10.30 am-3.30 pm
Sun 11.45 am -12.15 pm (but not Sunday 4th February)
(See "Parish Diary" box to confirm weekly opening times)

Information from 0116 220 7881 / 0

"May the peace of Christ be yours in the love of each day."

Last week's collection was safely counted and banked. **£1,083**

*(Special RASH Collection £114)

Thank you. Counters: TBA

(Next week: Pauline & Christine)

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

Dates for Diary

'Healing Service' at the Rosmini Centre

Friday 9th February

led by Fr Ted Mullen (details on notice boards)

Diocesan Youth Singing Day
at Nottingham Cathedral

Saturday 10th February

10.30 am - 5.00 pm : for 8 - 18 year olds.

Book online www.nottinghamcathedralmusic.com

WEEKEND RETREATS

at The Briars Youth Retreat Centre

"Taste and See" Women's Retreat

2nd - 4th March

Women of all ages are welcome to take part in this relaxed, inspiring and welcoming retreat. Cost **£70**.

Early booking is advised as places are on a first come first served basis.

"Search for the Light"

Easter Retreat for young people

(School Years 10-13).

29th March-1st April

Young people are invited to journey through the Easter story at The Briars Youth Retreat Centre.

Cost **£60** all inclusive.

Know any young people struggling with exam pressure?

Pre-exam Destresser!

A retreat for School Years 11-13

13th-15th April,

Join other young people on this weekend retreat aimed at helping you to stay balanced through the exam season. Learn relaxation techniques, stress management strategies and have a bit of fun along the way! Cost **£45**.

Teacher's Retreat

6-8th July

A weekend retreat for teachers from primary and secondary schools. An opportunity to recharge your batteries and receive some spiritual encouragement. Cost **£70**.

For more information on all the above retreats
Contact bookings@ndcys.com

NOTTINGHAM DIOCESAN LOURDES PILGRIMAGE

Friday 16th July - Friday 20th July 2018

ITravel from East Midlands Airport. Prices range from £649 - £699 depending on the hotel.

To make a booking please contact
info@joewalshstours.co.uk or phone 0161 820 8790

MEDJUGORE PILGRIMAGES 2018

29th May-5th June & 7th-14th October

£589 (single room supplement £130)

for more information please contact

Kath Gambin on 0116 2340103

→ 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)
(All places taken. Waiting list begun)

Contact Fr John if interested in either dates.