



# ST. JOSEPH'S PARISH, LEICESTER

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Dear People,

Did you ever have a Badedas bath? The advert suggested that you were given a bathrobe, a sea view apartment and a young man waving to you from a yacht. It seemed a good bargain for the price of a packet of bath salts.

I asked my mother if she would enjoy seeing a young man coming towards her on a yacht. She said she was satisfied with my father coming home from work on a bike.

I asked her what the advertisement intended. Advertising sells dreams, she said. People might enjoy closing their eyes and imagining they were the woman in the picture. They knew it was only a fantasy, a dream, but women were imaginative and romantic and might enjoy the pretend dream.

Advertising sells dreams. Bad religion sells dreams and worse religion sells nightmares.

Richard Holloway, former Anglican bishop of Edinburgh, wrote a study of religions, showing how similar they were: essentially, follow the way and you could dream of great rewards, a whole variety of heavens; but if you did not follow the way you faced the nightmare of being dammed and punished.

They all did it! They all had their hells and they all had their heavens: fantasy heavens and nightmare hells - so similar. Does the human psyche need to dream, be frightened?

I thought of our classroom of 6-year-olds, top infants. Next year we would be seven, said teacher, the age of reason and be able to commit mortal sin. At six we were only capable of venial sin. We wondered at mortal sin. She told us missing mass on Sundays and eating meat on Friday meant we would have to go to confession. What about murder, someone asked. That was another mortal sin, she said, and we would have to go to confession. We were 6 years old. My friend is still angry, over seventy years later. Six! When he heard at ten that only baptised people went to heaven, he gave up.

Read the Gospel. Never mind what you think you remember of what you were taught in primary school. Read what Jesus said and did, willing to suffer and die for teaching God's love and challenging the man-made commandments of the religious authorities.

God bless us in love,

Fr. John

**11th February 2018 (Prayer Week 2)**  
**"Lent already, this coming Wednesday!"**

## Mass Times and Intentions

### 6th 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)*

*for Janet Jasper, David & Mary Ellen Hudson,  
The Burke & Brett Families, Special Intention, World Peace*

### MONDAY 12th FEBRUARY

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

### TUESDAY 13th FEBRUARY

10.00 am at St. Joseph's *for Teresa Gainsborough*

### WEDNESDAY 14th FEBRUARY

## Ash Wednesday

10.00 am & 7.00 pm at St. Joseph's

*for Jack & Bernie Watts, and Conversion of Sinners*

### THURSDAY 15th FEBRUARY

10.00 am at St. Joseph's *for Cosy Rodrigues*

### FRIDAY 16th FEBRUARY

7.00 pm at St. Joseph's : Stations of the Cross followed by  
the Mass *for H Gomes*

### SATURDAY 17th FEBRUARY

*(Seven Servite Founders)*

9.30 am at The Rosary Church *for Philip & Mary Smith*

### 1st SUNDAY OF LENT (B)

(Saturday) 6.00 pm at St. Joseph's

*(Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament from 5.15 pm)*

### SUNDAY 18th FEBRUARY

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 Peter Wainwright, Family Blessing*

## 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, Watermead Shop open at St Joseph's).

## Parish Diary This Week

### Tuesday 12th 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 and anyone who would like to join the team, please do offer. *The parish library, Garden, Watermead shop are also open.*

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

**CHOIR PRACTICE** tonight, 7.30 pm. We begin our preparations for Holy Week and Easter. New singers welcomed.

### Wednesday 13th 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 14th February

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

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### Friday 15th 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 - Butternut Squash

Lunchtime specials - Fish Cakes

served with saute potatoes & fresh vegetables

(Please come before 2.45 pm to avoid disappointment)

Quiche of the week & Salad, Sandwiches, etc.

Dessert - Rice Pudding or Pancakes  
(served with custard, cream, ice-cream)

## Headteacher Appointment

The governors of St Thomas More Catholic Voluntary Academy, Leicester are seeking to appoint a new headteacher. For further details call Mrs C O'Halloran on 0116 2706365 or visit [www.thomasmoreprimary.org.uk](http://www.thomasmoreprimary.org.uk) Closing date: Monday 12th March 2018

Last week's collection was safely counted and banked. **£905**  
\*(Special RASH Collection £87)

Thank you. *Counters: Pauline & Christine*  
(Next week: Tony)

\*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**

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

Prayers for: Fr Terry Fellows, Maureen

The McCann family and all missing children

The peoples and countries of the world, especially  
NORTH and SOUTH KOREA,  
TURKEY, SYRIA, KURDISTAN

## POSTBAG

Dear People,

United Christian Broadcaster, who publish the 'Word for Today', have sent us a Valentine card from God for the 14th February. They have chosen lines of love and assurance from various parts of the Bible:

"You may not know me,  
but I know everything about you"

"I am familiar with all your ways"

"In me you live and move  
and have your being"

"I have been misrepresented  
by those who don't know me"

"I am not distant and angry,  
but I am the complete expression of love"

"If you seek me with all your heart  
you will find me"

"When you are broken hearted  
I am close to you"

"One day I shall wipe away every tear  
from your eyes"

### FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

Preparation during the Sunday 10.30 am Mass  
today, Sunday 11th February.

Details on [www.ourliturgy.btck.co.uk/](http://www.ourliturgy.btck.co.uk/)  
or contact David on 07591308287

### CHURCH ROTAS FOR NEXT WEEKEND

	Readers	Eucharistic Ministers
Sat. 6.00 pm	Edward	Sal
Sun. 9.00 am	Alan	-
10.30 am	Theresa	Steve / Sr Lelia
6.00 pm	TBA	Vincent

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

### Notice for Ministers of the Eucharist

On 2nd June the Diocese is celebrating 40 years since the first Ministers of Holy Communion were commissioned. There is a mass with Bishop Patrick at Nottingham Cathedral followed by a reception to which you are all invited - but replies are to be in by **14th February**. Copies of the full letter, with all the necessary details, are in the sacristy awaiting your collection and Anne Gallagher is collating names (see your rota for her contact details). (Apologies for the short notice but we have only just received the notification to the parish office.)

## Dates for Diary

### Deepening our Faith

with Bishop Robert Barron DVD  
at Rosmini Centre, 433 Fosse Way (A46) LE7 4SJ  
**Saturday 17 February.**  
Mass at 10.00 am followed at 11.00 am by DVD on the Teachings of Jesus.  
Shared table at 1.00 pm with soup and a roll.  
Please book in advance on 01509 813078 or 243mulls@gmail.com. All are welcome.

### 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**.

#### "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.

Contact [bookings@ndcys.com](mailto:bookings@ndcys.com) for both retreats

## CONGRATULATIONS TO ST PAUL'S on its excellent OFSTED report.

Mr Lockyer has written to parents that the hard work and excellent attitudes of our young people, the extraordinary commitment and dedication of our staff, have been reflected in the report which recognises St Paul's as "a good school with an outstanding Sixth Form".

The inspectors commented on the welcome given them by the students and how much they enjoyed conversations with them. The school is proud of the students who are a credit to their families.

### NOTTINGHAM DIOCESAN LOURDES PILGRIMAGE

#### Friday 16th July - Friday 20th July 2018

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

To make a booking please contact  
[info@joewalshstours.co.uk](mailto: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.

## Watermead shop Lent books and resources now available

### 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  
[www.watermead-apostolate.com](http://www.watermead-apostolate.com)