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so loved
the world

ST. JOSEPH'S PARISH, LEICESTER

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Holy Week at St Joseph's

We enter the quiet days of Holy Week.

Monday and **Tuesday** are days of prayer, especially the mass.

Wednesday is the day when the people and priests of the diocese gather at the Cathedral for the *Chrism Mass* - the blessing of the oils of the sick, of baptism and of anointing for confirmation. And in the evening at St Joseph's we have our *Reconciliation Service*, making our peace with God and one another.

Thursday we celebrate the *Lord's Supper*.

Friday we remember the *Lord's Sacrifice* on the cross.

Saturday, at the *Vigil* we look forward to the joy of the *Resurrection* and *Easter*.



BACKGROUND TO THE GOSPEL READING AT MASS TODAY

Gospel Reading : **Mark 14:1 - 15:47**

We are at the house of Simon the Leper. An unnamed woman anoints Jesus' head and the disciples complain about the waste - the ointment should/could have been sold and the money given to the poor. Matthew tells this story with the same detail (Matthew 26:6-13), but when we read John (12:1-8) we discover that Simon is Lazarus (of course - "Lazarus" means leper!) and the woman is Mary, his sister, and she anointed Jesus' feet, not his head...

Today's reading begins. Judas plans to betray Jesus. The price is 30 shekels - the fine imposed on the owner of an ox if it gored a slave to death. The evening of the Last Supper was probably Tuesday, Jesus and the disciples following the Lunar calendar in which 14th Nisan (the Passover) was always Tuesday/Wednesday, whereas the Solar calendar varied the days for 14th Nisan. In the week of Jesus' death we know it was Friday/Saturday.

Jesus foretells the treachery of an apostle, institutes the Eucharist, sadly answers Peter's promise of faithfulness and takes the disciples to Gethsemane. Mark follows the same pattern, but Luke tells it differently, so does John.

Only Matthew tells of Judas' suicide (27:3-10), of Pilate's washing his hands (27:24-5), of tombs opening and bodies rising from the dead (27:51-52) and of placing the guard at the tomb (27:62-66).

25th March 2018 (Prayer Week 2)

"Holy Week, for the 1,988th time"

Mass Times and Intentions

PALM (PASSION) SUNDAY

(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 Reg & Mary Lowe, Bernadette Snow, Ron Parkin,
Patrick Bishop, Eustace Thuillier, World Peace,
Gerry Barrios, Emma Torre

MONDAY 26th MARCH

7.00 pm: Mass at St. Joseph's for Sam Cosgrove

TUESDAY 27th MARCH

10.00 am: Mass at St. Joseph's for World Peace

WEDNESDAY 28th MARCH

(11.30 am: Chrism Mass at St Barnabas Cathedral, Nottingham)

7.00 pm: Service of Reconciliation at St Joseph's

Easter Triduum

MAUNDY THURSDAY 29th MARCH

7.30 pm Mass of the Last Supper at St. Joseph's

Intention for People of the Parish

(Adoration until 10.00 pm)

GOOD FRIDAY 30th MARCH

3.00 pm Liturgy at St. Joseph's

7.00 pm Rosary Church for Stations of the Cross

HOLY SATURDAY 31st MARCH

✠ **EASTER VIGIL** at 7.00 pm ✠

EASTER INTENTIONS

(Remembered at each Easter Mass)

for Gill & Noline Powell, Howard Fertig
John McDonagh, David & Mary Ellen Hudson

Easter Sunday

SUNDAY 1st APRIL

9.00 am at Rosary Church

10.30 am and 6.00 pm at St. Joseph's

(Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament from 5.15 pm)

BLESSED SACRAMENT CHAPEL

open each day until Good Friday, from 10.30 am - Dusk.

CONFESSIONS ON EASTER SUNDAY

5.15 pm at St. Joseph's

(in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel)

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 27th March

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). St Joseph's Table will be closed Easter Week (3rd/4th April), re-opening on Tuesday 10th April. 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 28th March

(Note there is no morning mass today because of the Chrism Mass at Nottingham Cathedral)

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

SERVICE OF RECONCILIATION tonight at 7.00 pm in St Joseph's church. A beautiful prayerful service to help us prepare for the Triduum and the celebration of Christ's Resurrection.

Thursday 29th March

(Note there is no morning mass today).

WATERMEAD SHOP OPEN 10.30 am-3.30 pm

HOLY THURSDAY MASS tonight, 7.30 pm

(See over for our TRIDUUM Service times)

St Joseph's Table

Winter Specials Menu

Soup - Leek & Potato

Lunchtime specials - Fish Pie

served with potatoes & fresh vegetables

(Please come before 2.45 pm to avoid disappointment)

Quiche of the week & Salad, Sandwiches, etc.

Dessert - Home Made Rice Pudding

Please note we're closed 3rd/4th April

EASTER PLAY AT ST JOSEPH'S

I'm just back from seeing the Easter play at St Joseph's school. It was very good. I was glad I did not have to speak at the end. The children and acted and sung the story so well and I sensed the emotion in the audience of parents - the story and their children.

At the beginning there was applause at each of the songs (deserved) but as the play reached its climax - Jesus' sadness and suffering, Mary's sorrow - there was no applause: the drama was holding us, not to be interrupted.

But the applause at the end allowed us to express our thanks to the children, the teachers and each other. It was a family and faith story: our children, that story. Fr John

First Holy Communion

Parents should have signed and returned letters in order to register their children to take their Holy Communion, but a number of letters have not yet been returned. We would like all forms to be returned, to either Fr John or David (telephone 07591308287), as soon as possible, please, otherwise the child may not be able to make their Holy Communion on the chosen date. Classes will be continuing until the end of April and there will be a parents' meeting after Easter - date to be advised soon.

Prayer Box

Please pray for:

Families of the parish

and our loved ones living and dead

especially for those who have recently died:

Helen Fowden (RIP)

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

Prayers for: Veronica, Sheila

The McCann family and all missing children

The peoples and countries of the world,
especially THE ROHINGIA REFUGEES from
BURMA (MYANMAR) IN BANGLADESH

POSTBAG

Dear Fr Daley,

May we appeal through your church newsletter for people to donate unwanted clothing, bric-a-brac and furniture to Age UK Leicester? Clothing can be taken to any of our shops directly and collections of furniture arranged by ringing 0116 2992233.

In the event of any of the parishioners going into care we can offer a house clearance service. The number, again, 0116 2992233.

Yours sincerely, A.P. Donovan, Age UK

Dear Parishes,

A reminder that Friday of the 5th week of Lent and Palm Sunday are days of prayer for victims and survivors of abuse.

Here are two prayers from the bishops of England & Wales composed for these days:

Dear God, your mercy has been revealed in the tenderness of your son, Jesus Christ, who said to his disciples: "Suffer the little children to come to me." We pray that your Church may be a secure home where all children and vulnerable adults are brought closer to your Beloved Son.

May all those who have been abused physically, emotionally and sexually by your ministers be respected and that respect be accompanied by tangible gestures of justice and reparation so that they may feel healed with the balm of your compassion.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Dear God, you love and care for all your children, especially the smallest and most vulnerable. We entrust to you the lives of the many children and vulnerable adults who have been sexually abused and whose trust and innocence have been destroyed. Help us to hear their cries of pain and to take responsibility for so many broken lives.

We pray for their families and communities, through Christ Our Lord. Amen.

Last week's collection was safely counted and banked. **£905**
(Easter Flowers Collection **£160**)
Thank you. Counters: John & June
(Next week: TBA)

Dates for Diary

Our Chrism Mass
at Nottingham Cathedral
Wednesday 28th March
11.30 am. We are all invited.

Divine Mercy Sunday

at Our Lady of Good Counsel, Gleneagles Ave

Sunday 8th April, 2.30 pm

Devotions, Confessions ending with Mass at 5.00 pm

WEEKEND RETREATS

at The Briars Youth Retreat Centre

Pre-exam Destresser!

A retreat for School Years 11-13

13th-15th April, Cost £45.

Teacher's Retreat 6-8th July

A weekend retreat for teachers from primary and secondary schools. Cost **£70.**

For more information on all the above 2 retreats
Contact bookings@ndcys.com

MARCH FOR LIFE

Saturday 5th May

Coaches from Nottingham, Loughborough, Leicester.

Tickets cost £15, £10 for unwages/students,
£7.50 for children

Details on www.marchforlife.co.uk and from
Francisca Martinez on 07943 711 549

Safeguarding Bulletin

The Diocese of Nottingham requires that each Parish and Religious Congregation has a Safeguarding Representative in place. The Safeguarding Representative has responsibility for promoting good and safe practices in all activities involving children, young people and adults and for providing advice on child and adult safeguarding matters within the Parish or Congregation.

I have been asked by the new recently appointed Diocesan Safeguarding Co-ordinator to remind the parish that I am the Safeguarding Rep for this parish (covering St Joseph's Church and the Rosary church). I provide the link between the parish and the Safeguarding Coordinator for the Diocese.

As Safeguarding Representative I have received relevant training and know whom to contact if a concern or allegation is raised. In addition I have a key role in administering the safer recruitment process, including facilitating the DBS Disclosure process at a local level.

I can be contacted on 0116 2207881 or stjoseph-parish@outlook.com, and further details are on the posters displayed around the church buildings.

The Safeguarding Coordinator for the Nottingham Diocese is Mrs Clare McKenzie who can be contacted at Family Care Nottingham, Tel no: 0115 9603010.

Please do contact me if you need any further information. Thank you. Alison Kennedy

CHURCH ROTAS FOR EASTER WEEKEND

VIGIL	Readers	Eucharistic Ministers
Sat. 7.00 pm	Gail & Bob, Edward & Vincent	Cecilia / + one
SUNDAY		
Sun. 9.00 am	John	-
10.30 am	John	Steve / Sister Lelia
6.00 pm	TBA	Vincent

Watermead shop

Religious Cards and Gifts for Easter

OPENING TIMES

Tues, Wed, Thur from 10.30 am-3.30 pm

Sun 11.45 am-12.15 pm

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