



**CHRIST
IS RISEN**

ST. JOSEPH'S PARISH, LEICESTER

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Dear People,

Holy Week has been busy and peaceful, but full of prayer for the suffering in our sad world. Monday and Tuesday were quiet days of mass and Holy communion for the sick at home, in care and nursing homes and at the hospital, so that in the last couple of weeks all our sick have been able to share in our Easter Holy Communion with our Eucharistic Ministers and me.

Wednesday morning saw the Chrism mass at the cathedral with Bishop Patrick and as many of our priests and people who could make it there, and that evening we had our penitential service at St Joseph's - God's forgiving mercy in our sorrow for words spoken and unspoken, deeds done or not done, our acknowledging that we all fall short of the ideals that Christ has given us.

Maundy Thursday, and our crowded church celebrated the Last Supper in memory and sacrament, quiet adoration completing the evening.

Good Friday and our church was overflowing yet peaceful, the liturgy beautifully prayerful. How good our music and singing, serving and reading have been. The Easter Vigil will bring us into the joy of Sunday, the Lord's resurrection and the promise of our own. One Holy Week and Easter we shall not be here but shall be celebrating in heaven with the Lord and our many loved ones, watching and remembering our times on earth. Happy days, happy eternity.

So many of you have been involved in these recent days and throughout the parish year. I thank you on behalf of the whole community and pass on the appreciation of many parishioners and visitors who speak so well of the parish - the pleasant welcoming atmosphere, the varieties of involvement, the sense of belonging.

I feel blessed to be surrounded by so much support and friendliness, so much good in every aspect of our church life. Thank you.

God bless us, *Fr. John*

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

1st April 2018 (Prayer Week 1)
"The Joy of Easter - Resurrection"

Mass Times and Intentions

HOLY SATURDAY 31st MARCH

✠ **EASTER VIGIL** at 7.00 pm ✠

EASTER INTENTIONS

(Remembered at each Easter Mass)

*for Gil' & Noeline Powell, Howard Fertig
John McDonagh, David & Mary Ellen Hudson,
Patrick Bishop, Fabian Sweeney,
Deceased Members of the Murray & Earley Families*

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)

MONDAY 2nd APRIL

(St Francis of Paola)

10.00 am at St. Joseph's *for Kate Kenny*

TUESDAY 3rd APRIL

10.00 am at St. Joseph's *for Thanksgiving*

WEDNESDAY 4th APRIL

(St Isadore)

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

THURSDAY 5th APRIL

(St Vincent Ferrer, Priest)

10.00 am at St. Joseph's *for Departed Friends*

FRIDAY 6th APRIL

7.00 pm at St. Joseph's *for Popes Francis & Benedict*

SATURDAY 7th APRIL

(St John Baptist de La Salle)

9.30 am at The Rosary Church *for Family Blessing*

2nd SUNDAY OF EASTER (B)

(Saturday) 6.00 pm at St. Joseph's

(Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament from 5.15 pm)

SUNDAY 8th APRIL

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 Rosaleen White, Vincent Anderson, Howard Fertig,
Paul McDonagh, Family & Friends*

BLESSED SACRAMENT CHAPEL open every day this week from 10.30 am - 6.30 pm

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

Monday 2nd April
EASTER MONDAY MASS is at 10.00 am.

Thursday 3rd April
PARISH OPEN DAY - hot drinks in Coffee Shop after the morning service (library, Home from Home, Garden). All welcome.

WATERMEAD SHOP OPEN 10.40 am - 1.00 pm

Friday 4th April
THE MIRIAM PRAYER GROUP meet at 6.00 pm for faith sharing and Rosary. All welcome, in church or chapel.

St Joseph's Table

Closed this Week

**OPEN AGAIN ON
TUESDAY 10th APRIL**

Another Parish Story

Jim and Liam had work in the Peak District. The first day they went looking for lodgings and asked at a local pub. The man said he didn't know of any but to come back later when his wife was at home. He asked Jim "Are you from Northern Ireland?" He was.

Outside Liam warned "He might call up some of the local boys to give you a hammering." "Local boys or not, I'm coming back," said Jim.

They returned and his wife was the there. There were no local digs but the two men were welcome to stay at the pub and free of charge.

"We couldn't do that," said Jim.

"Let me tell you a story," said the lady. "In World War II my brother was badly injured at Dunkirk. He was brought home to a hospital in Belfast to die. My parents asked me to go to be with my brother while he was dying. I travelled to Belfast. The hospital had no room for me and suggested I looked for local lodgings. It was a rough part of Belfast. I knocked on a door. The lady said there were no lodgings locally, why did I want to stay? I explained my brother, Dunkirk, dying at the hospital, my parents request. The lady said 'You're going to stay here as long as your brother is alive.' And I did. I've waited twenty years to say thank you to someone from Northern Ireland for that kindness - and you two men came looking for digs. You can stay here as long as you need."

Jim says he has always treasured that kindness.

Prayer Box

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

Fabian Sweeney (RIP)

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

Prayers for: Margaret, Lucy, Mario

The McCann family and all missing children

The peoples and countries of the world,
especially SOUTH SUDAN, CONGO.

POSTBAG

Dear People,

The priests of our Leicester churches held our deanery meeting recently. One of the priests said "In five years time there will half the number of active priests in Leicester that there are now. It is the same around the diocese."

Bishop Patrick wants us to work together so that we can draw up a diocesan plan.

One obvious result of fewer priests is that many parishes will be looked after by the people (already happening elsewhere in the country) and we must start planning for this now.

After Easter we shall have an open parish meeting to look at the needs. Please suggest anything you would like discussed, but already the agenda is being set by the deanery:

- (1) Holy Communion for the sick at home, in nursing and care homes, at the hospitals;
- (2) Celebration and times of mass;
- (3) Sacramental celebration, parishes sharing;
- (4) Children's Liturgy, music and singing, serving, reading.

Please offer your suggestions. Fr John

Dear Father,

You recently told us of a retreat you and your fellow students made in Rome before ordination and the retreat preacher advised you that there were hundreds of women with whom you might have made a happy marriage and you must expect to meet at least twenty of them in the course of your life and to be aware of this.

I hope this should apply to everyone, not just to priests. I certainly haven't yet met twenty with whom I might make a happy marriage and I'm getting on a bit. Do you think we could set up a parish dating agency to help us fulfil our quota? We could call it the 'Upta Twenty Club' and perhaps ask St Joseph's Table to put on candlelight lunches (most of us don't like going out in the evenings).

Yours faithfully, Ian Hope.

Parish Pilgrimages 2018

We have been given more rooms for . . .
STRESA & ITALIAN LAKES, 16th-22nd August
and **ROME, 9th - 15th November**
Just 2 rooms left for each - see Fr John.

Dates for Diary

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

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God loved the world
so much . . .

Jesus came and we
broke his heart . . .

We share God's

suffering love . . .



I shall stand for love, even with a broken soul, even with a heavy heart.

I shall stand for love, for the world is wounded, not just my little piece of land, where I am mostly safe, where I am mostly well, but our world, everywhere, every day.

I shall stand for love, because we need more light, not more deaths, not more power, not more bombs.

I shall stand for love, so that our children are safe, so that our friends are sheltered, so that our borders are open.

I shall stand for love, even with a broken soul, even with a heavy heart.

(Dorothy Oger)

Watermead shop

OPENING TIMES

CLOSED Tuesday & Wednesday this week

OPEN Thursday from 10.40 am-1.00 pm

next Sunday from 11.45 am-12.15 pm

Information from from 0116 220 7881 / 0

Last week's collection was safely counted and banked. **£1,014**

Thank you. Counters: TBA

(Next week: Karen & Chris)

The RASH collection, our regular giving for Leicester's Refugees, Asylum Seekers, Homeless, resumes next weekend

CHURCH ROTAS FOR NEXT WEEKEND

	Readers	Eucharistic Ministers
Sat. 6.00 pm	Edward	Ann B
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