



**CHRIST  
IS RISEN**

# ST. JOSEPH'S PARISH, LEICESTER

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Dear Fr John,

I find it disappointing to have you raise that question yet again "Why does God allow suffering?" All my life I've heard people grumble like that - and now you.

Isn't it obvious that it isn't God. Most of the suffering you can point at is caused by people - wars, revolutions, dictators, greed, lust for power, ambitions, terrible accidents, strikes and tensions, spite, jealousy, envy, gossip. Blame the people, not God.

Sickness is often self-inflicted: people's life styles, foolishness, addictions, greed, etc. Further, sicknesses are the consequences of our being living organisms, some weaker some stronger. If we were stones we'd last a lot longer, but for what purpose? To be alive is to grow and wain. All that lives will die. That is nature. All that exists will one day fade or crumble away, but surely life is better than existence, to die rather than go on and on.

Floods, avalanches, subsidences, other natural disasters - we know where they will probably occur and to choose to live in those areas is to accept the risk. We can hardly blame God if we freely choose to live how and where we please.

The great question is why there is any life or existence at all. If there were no life there would be no problems. But if we live we shall die. We may not be grateful (to our parents) for being alive, for how we look, for our relative strengths and weaknesses, our abilities or lack of them, but we are free not to pass on the gift of life so that we won't be criticised or abandoned by ungrateful children, nor expect them to look after us as if that were the reason we gave them life.

But we do need each other. That is obvious. None of us can live independently. We depend on others for everything - work, food, clothing, house, travel, hospitals, sanitation and public amenities - all the details of everyday life.

Maybe that's where God made the big mistake. If we were all self-reliant, not needing others, we would have only ourselves to blame for everything, each of us, which might be better rather than blaming God and other people.

Blame yourself for what you don't do, not God or other people for what they don't do. Let criticism, like charity, begin at home and even stay there. A world in which we are totally selfish and self-reliant - or God's world where we are expected to look after one another. God's world or our own selfish one.

God bless us to live and accept the truth.

**15th April 2018 (Prayer Week 3)**

"Gaudete et Exsultate"-

*Pope Francis calls us to holiness*

## Mass Times and Intentions

### 3rd SUNDAY OF EASTER (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 and 6.00 pm at St. Joseph's

(Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament from 5.15 pm)

(Intentions for Sunday Mass)

for Peggy Keely, Cheryl Sweeney, Jack Laing,

Jils Jose, Oliver McKavanagh

### MONDAY 16th APRIL

(St Bernadette)

7.00 pm at St. Joseph's for H Gomes

### TUESDAY 17th APRIL

10.00 am at St. Joseph's for Anne McKavanagh

### WEDNESDAY 18th APRIL

10.00 am at St. Joseph's for Val Costello & family

### THURSDAY 19th APRIL

10.00 am at St. Joseph's for Margaret Richards

### FRIDAY 20th APRIL

7.00 pm at St. Joseph's for Mary Thompson

### SATURDAY 21st APRIL

(St Anselm, Bishop)

9.30 am at The Rosary Church for Con Driscoll

### 4th SUNDAY OF EASTER (B)

(Saturday) 6.00 pm at St. Joseph's

(Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament from 5.15 pm)

### SUNDAY 22nd 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 Ann Feeney, Bill Wall, Patrick Keely, Declan Maloney,

Atra Coutinho Clara, Johnny D'Costa

## BLESSED SACRAMENT CHAPEL

open every day this week from 10.30 am - 6.30 pm.

## CONFESSIONS EACH WEEK

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

**ROOF REPAIRS AT St JOSEPH'S** Over the next few weeks there will be ongoing work happening at St Joseph's to sort the maintenance and repair of the flat roofs. We cannot be sure of the exact days and areas overall as this will very much depend on the weather and the level of work needed to the various flat roof areas. We hope there will be as little disruption as possible to our mass and regular activities, although certain places will be cordoned off and not accessible to parishioners. We will notify you through the newsletter each week and by signage to the areas affected - so please be aware. This coming week the work begins with the canopy linking the church with the house and therefore there will be no access to the garden (including Memorial Garden), either via the garden gates or from the sacristy. For your own safety please do observe these restrictions.

## 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).

## Help needed

Thank you to those who offered last week. We would still welcome more helpers and if you were considering offering after last week's appeal then we would still welcome you (to serve the teas and coffees on Sunday mornings at St Joseph's). Offer to the team on Sunday or tell Fr John. It would be very much appreciated.

## Parish Diary This Week

### Tuesday 17th April

**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) "Home from Home" will open from 1.00 - 3.00 pm today and Wednesday, (There will be an appeal for donations soon).

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

**CHOIR PRACTICE** tonight, 7.30 pm.

### Wednesday 18th April

**St JOSEPH'S TABLE** open today from 10.40 am-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 19th April

**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**

**PADUA, VENICE, ASSISI Meeting** to pay the full balance and discuss details of our pilgrimage, 7.00 pm in the parish hall. Please bring passport and travel insurance details.

### Friday 20th 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

### Winter Specials Menu

**Soup** - Butternut Squash

**Lunchtime specials** - Cottage Pie or Lasagne served with fresh vegetables or salad

(Please come before 2.45 pm to avoid disappointment)

**Quiche of the week & Salad, Sandwiches, etc.**

**Dessert** - Pineapple upside down pud (served with custard, cream, ice-cream)

## FOOTNOTES

**CONFIRMATION. Tuesday 26th June.** 20 of our young people have signed to begin our programme. There will be full details in next week's newsletter.

**CATHOLIC WOMEN SPEAK** A new book is being published in time for the Church's 'Synod on Young People' later this year. Anyone interested in attending the launch in Rome (28th September - 2nd October) contact Alison on 0116 2207881.

## Prayer Box

Please pray for:

**Families of the parish**

**and our loved ones living and dead**

**especially for those who have recently died:**

John Argenta (RIP), George Cairns (RIP)

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

Prayers for: Trump (D), Putin (V)

The McCann family and all missing children

The peoples and countries of the world, especially THE POWERFUL and POWERLESS

## POSTBAG

Dear Parishioners,

Thank you for your generous contribution to MISSIO. The total for the year 2017, including the monies paid directly to MISSIO, is £1,745.00. The previous year (2016) it was £1285.00. We sincerely thank you for your continued support.

Red MISSIO Box monies are due for banking again. Could you please bring in your Red Boxes to the parish so we can arrange this.

God Bless you, Anthony and Carmen

## Gaudete et Exsultate

In his new document Pope Francis calls us to holiness, Here is a summary of his teaching:

**1** (a) The great saints inspire us; (b) So do good people; (c) The Lord calls us all; (d) We have a mission in life; (e) Our activities are part of our holiness; (f) Be fully alive and grateful.

**2** (a) Spiritual selfishness spoils holiness - thinking we need not to know more; (b) So does spiritual pride; (c). Be humble before God.

**3** (a) The Beatitudes from the Gospel draw us towards others: *Blessed are the poor in spirit, the humble, those who mourn with and for others, hunger and thirst for justice and peace, are kind and merciful, pure in heart, are peace makers, and are willing to suffer for others;* (b) See God in the poor, sick, homeless, refugees; (c) Be merciful as God is.

**4** Signs of true holiness: patience and humility, joy and a sense of humour, boldness and passion, community love, prayer.

**5** Battles of life: (a) Against evil we need courage, vigilance, alertness and trust; (b) be careful and wise in your judgements; (c) Accept the cross (difficulties) in everyday life.

Mary is a beautiful example of living the life of holiness: "My soul glorifies the Lord".

The full document is on the Vatican website - [http://w2.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/apost\\_exhortations/documents/papa-francesco\\_esortazione-ap\\_20180319\\_gaudete-et-exsultate.html](http://w2.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/apost_exhortations/documents/papa-francesco_esortazione-ap_20180319_gaudete-et-exsultate.html) - or see the link on our parish website.

## Dates for Diary

**LACY (Leicestershire Active Catholic Youth)**

the next working group meeting is on

**Wednesday 18th April, 7.30 pm** at St. Thomas More Parish, Knighton LE2 3HN

"Consider coming along, hearing about our plans for future events and help us with your thoughts & ideas."

More information from: paulinepayne@hotmail.com.

**ROSMINI CENTRE - Deepening Our Faith**

"Mary the Mother of God"

**Saturday 21st April, 10.00 am**

Please book in advance

**Blessed Sacrament Procession**

led by Bishop Patrick through the streets of Nottingham

**Saturday 28th April** begins 2.00 pm from St Mary's, Hyson Green (details on notice boards)

## Rosary on the Coast

**Faith, Life and Peace in the British Isles Sunday, 29th April**

Cars and/or a minibus will depart Leicester for this event on the East Coast at around 11 am.

We hope to go to an historic location (details/travel cost to be confirmed). Contact Francisca on 07943 711549 (email francisca@sicamartinez.plus.com)

## Charismatic Renewal Day

**Saturday 5th May**

with Bishop Patrick and Ros Powell

at Our Lady of Lincoln (10.00 am - 4 pm).

We may be able to book a coach if the numbers justify.

## MARCH FOR LIFE

**Saturday 5th May**

Coaches from Nottingham, Loughborough, Leicester.

Tickets **£15, £10** (unwages/students), **£7.50** (children)

Details on [www.marchforlife.co.uk](http://www.marchforlife.co.uk) and from

Francisca Martinez on 07943 711 549

[francisca@sicamartinez.plus.com](mailto:francisca@sicamartinez.plus.com)

## WEEKEND RETREAT

**Teacher's Retreat 6-8th July Cost £70.**

Weekend retreat for teachers from primary/secondary schools

For more information [bookings@ndcys.com](mailto:bookings@ndcys.com)

## Parish Pilgrimages 2018

One room has become available for . . .

**PADUA, VENICE, ASSISI 23rd-30th May**

See "Parish Diary" - for above pilgrimage meeting

Two rooms have become available for

**STRESA & ITALIAN LAKES, 16th-22nd August**

Two rooms have become available for

**ROME, 9th - 15th November**

## CHURCH ROTAS FOR NEXT WEEKEND

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

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

Last week's collection was safely counted and banked. **£1,059**

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