



ST. JOSEPH'S PARISH, LEICESTER

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Dear People,

In our British democracy we have a vote. If we were members of political parties we would also have a vote and be able to influence policies in two main ways: oppose what we dislike, support what we approve. Shall we, as a parish?

The members of our two main political parties are overwhelmingly white and very largely middle class. Members of the black and ethnic minority communities make up around 13% of our population but they constitute only three or four per cent of the party memberships.

Labour is closer to gender parity than the Conservatives: some 47% of Labour's members are women, but just 29% of Conservatives. Some people may be surprised that Labour has more young members, but not such a big proportion as the image of Momentum suggests. Research tells us that quite a few people have rejoined the Labour party, having left it when Tony Blair took it to the centre and the country into the Iraq war.

Some 98% of Labour members think austerity has gone too far, but only 11% of Conservatives. Just 15% of Conservatives think the Government should re-distribute income to the less well-off but 94% of Labour look for more just distribution. Ordinary working people don't get their fair share of the nation's wealth say 97% of Labour members but only 19% of Conservatives.

Law and order: 59% Conservatives support the death penalty, but only 7% of Labour. 85% of Labour support gay marriage but only 40% Cons.

Brexit: 25% of Conservatives favour staying in the single market and the customs union - an option favoured by 85% of Labour. Nearly 80% of Labour (compared with just 14% of Conservative) would like to see a second referendum on leaving the EU.

"Society Now" is a quarterly magazine of research on social issues. The above figures come from the latest edition. Do they surprise you? Thus the question: do we get involved? If we don't, we choose not to have a voice, only the occasional vote.

God bless us,

Fr. John

6th May 2018 (Prayer Week 2)

"Look after God's world and people"

Mass Times and Intentions

6th 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

6.00 pm at St. Joseph's

(Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament from 5.15 pm)

(Intentions for Sunday Mass)

for Celia Cates, Peg & Dave, John Lawrenson,

Stewart Wilkins, Patrick Bishop

MONDAY 7th MAY

10.00 am at St. Joseph's for The D'Costa Family

TUESDAY 8th MAY

10.00 am at St. Joseph's for Leo Lobo

WEDNESDAY 9th MAY

10.00 am at St. Joseph's for Olga McGreevy

THURSDAY 10th MAY

(HOLY DAY : Ascension of the Lord)

10.00 am and 7.00 pm at St. Joseph's

for Judith Neil and for Family blessings

FRIDAY 11th MAY

7.00 pm at St. Joseph's for Mary Reilly

SATURDAY 12th MAY

(St Achilleus, St Nereus, St Pancras)

No Service today at the Rosary Church

7th SUNDAY OF EASTER (B)

(Saturday) 6.00 pm at St. Joseph's

(Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament from 5.15 pm)

SUNDAY 13th MAY

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)

Tony Pinchbeck, Anthony Cates, Kanute Westergren

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 - 6.30 pm.

Dear Young People to be confirmed. I have written you another letter over page. Please read, Fr John.

ROOF REPAIRS AT ST JOSEPH'S

The top roof work on the garden canopy is complete, although there is still some under-roof repair and painting that will need to be done, so please still be observant when entering the garden - which is now open again. The courtyard area can also now be tidied (volunteers needed) and the outdoor tables and chairs made ready for St Joseph's Table customers. Unfortunately, there is still work to be done on the roof as there was a substantial problem with flooding in the balcony and the tower during the last couple of weeks. This has been urgently assessed and a temporary repair done, but the balcony (choir side) may be unusable if this has not been not successful as we cannot risk damage to the exposed amplification equipment and organ.

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).

HOME FROM HOME

is our ongoing project which distributes donated next-to-new clothing, bric-a-brac, books, etc., either by selling them in our 'Home from Home' shop or sharing with other charitable organisations. The shop is hoping to re-open during the week, but to open on a Sunday we need a volunteer to look after the shop following the 10.30 am mass (11.45 am-12.30 pm). Anyone who would like to offer should see Sr Lelia, Alison or Fr John.

Parish Diary This Week

Tuesday 8th May

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). *Parish library, Garden.*

WATERMEAD SHOP OPEN 10.30 am-3.30 pm

CHOIR PRACTICE tonight, 7.30 pm.

Wednesday 9th May

St JOSEPH'S TABLE open again today 10.40am-3.30 pm (for detail see Tuesday). Our **Home from Home** shop is also open today from 1 - 3.00 pm. (See box above).

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 10th May

PARISH OPEN DAY - hot drinks in Coffee Shop after the morning service (Library and Garden open). All welcome.

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Friday 11th May

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

Saturday 12th May

DEACONS RETREAT. Note that our Blessed Sacrament chapel, halls and garden are being used today for this diocesan event.

St Joseph's Table

This Week's Specials

Soup - Leek & Potato

Lunchtime specials - Beef Stew

served with mashed potatoes and vegetables

(Please come before 2.45 pm to avoid disappointment)

Quiche of the week & Salad, Sandwiches, etc.

Dessert - Apple Strudel

(served with custard, cream, ice-cream)

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: Joan B, Patricia O

The McCann family and all missing children
"We pray for Madeleine and encourage Kate and
Gerry in faith, hope, strength, perseverance and
courage." said Rev Gladstone at the service
of remembrance at Rothley last Thursday

The peoples and countries of the world,
especially YEMEN, THE PHILIPPINES

POSTBAG

Dear Father,

Little Alfie Evans died this morning. I feel ashamed of my country. As a daughter and daughter-in-law of parents who died as a result of being placed on the shameful Liverpool Pathway, without our knowledge or consent, I feel it is incompatible with a civilised society to tolerate the abuse of the most vulnerable among us.

As a young nurse I would tube-feed deeply unconscious patients. Believe me when I say those patients knew when they were being fed, they were comforted by food and a full tummy. There is a deep need to breathe and to feel nourished. This is not imaginary and these basic needs are there no matter how deeply unconscious a person may be.

I feel desperately strongly about this issue as my brother died from a degenerative condition, muscular dystrophy. He died in our arms at home, thank God, but these days what would have happened to him if he had a chest infection and required hospital admission.

In tears, Frances Stevens

→ Parish Pilgrimages 2018 →

All places taken for this year

We look forward to 2019 and

Malta . . . Lourdes . . . Rome

Last week's collection was safely counted and banked. **£1,289**

*(Special RASH Collection £269)

Thank you. *Counters: Sarah & Co*
(Next week: Terry)

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

CHURCH ROTAS FOR NEXT WEEKEND

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

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

Dates for Diary

Healing Mass at the Rosmini Centre
Friday 11th May 7.00pm

Adoration and prayers for healing led by Fr Ted Mullen).
Refreshments afterwards

World Communications Day
Sunday 13th May

Retiring collection for work of Church Communication

Diocesan Pilgrimage to Walsingham
Sunday 16th June

Full details and programme on noticeboard

Confirmation 2018

Dear Young People,

There is a form that your parents need to sign before you go to the Confirmation Retreat Day on **Sunday 13th May** (see below). Please be certain your parents sign the form and that you are all aware of the arrangements for next Sunday.

God bless you, Fr John



"HIDDEN TREASURES"

A Retreat Day for those preparing for the
Sacrament of Confirmation and for those of

all ages who have already celebrated the Sacrament and
would like to journey onwards with us sharing their Faith!

SUNDAY 13th May 2018

"Our Emmaus Journey - where God Reveals Himself"

TOPSTONES CAMPSITE & ACTIVITY CENTRE

Cold Newton, Nr. Tilton on the Hill, LE17 9HF.

A day of "Activities, Faith, Fun and Food." 10.30 a.m. - 5.00 p.m.
£3.00 per person (which will include hot drinks and biscuits!)

Bring a packed lunch - outdoor clothing and footwear,
i.e., waterproof and wellies if forecast looking wet!

Celebration of Mass at 4.00 p.m. with Fr. Simon Gillespie - Music shared with LACY Band.

LACY will provide a coach, at a small cost, from Leicester if numbers demand!

Contact us by Friday 4th May if you are requesting transport!

paulinepayne@hotmail.com or iancardwell50@hotmail.com

BE MOTIVATED! GET INVOLVED! Looking forward to hearing from YOU!

I remember the time
when you told me all I'd ever done,
and I was astonished, Lord.

But now I am tired by the journey
and this land seems strange.
Astonish me, again, Lord,
with your talk of living water
and of spirit and of truth.
Astonish me again, Our Saviour,
for we are a thirsty people,
and your well is deep.

Amen



Bereavement Support

Depression, Anxiety, Stress, PTSD

For Help and Support, call David,
a qualified and registered Therapist.

Tel: 0116 318 3185 Mob: 07591 308 287

For further information, or for an initial discussion,
to hear how he can help

Watermead shop

OPENING TIMES

Tues, Wed, Thur from 10.30 am-3.30 pm
Sun 11.45 am-12.15 pm (info from 0116 2207880)
www.watermead-apostolate.com