



**CHRIST  
IS RISEN**

# ST. JOSEPH'S PARISH, LEICESTER

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Dear People,

Some of the famous people in the Bible seem unlikely choices to do God's work - but they were chosen! If they were, why not you and me?

Noah was a drunk, Abraham too old, Isaac was a daydreamer, Jacob was a liar, Joseph was abused, Moses had a stutter, Samson had long hair and was a womaniser, Jeremiah was too young, King David was an adulterer and a murderer, Elijah was suicidal, Jonah ran from God, Naomi was a widow, Jacob was a bankrupt, Peter denied Christ, all the disciples fell asleep while praying (and ran away when Jesus was arrested), Martha was a worrier, Zacchaeus was too small, Timothy had an ulcer, Paul arrested and approved of the killing of Christians, and Lazarus was dead.

That's an unusual journey through the Bible, to remind us how frail we all are. We need each other, in love and in encouragement, and we need to acknowledge that all our blessings come from God to be shared with others. From our weaknesses we strengthen one another. God wants us to need each other.

Today is the Church's World Communication Day. Here is a prayer given by the bishops that we can pray together:

"Lord, make us instruments of your peace. Help us to recognise the evil in communication that does not build communion, to remove the venom from our judgements, to speak about others as our brothers and sisters.

"You, O God, are faithful and trustworthy. May our words be seeds of goodness for the world: where there is shouting let us practice listening; where there is confusion let us inspire harmony; where there is ambiguity let us bring clarity; where there is exclusion let us offer solidarity; where there is superficiality let us raise real questions; where there is prejudice let us awaken trust; where there is hostility let us bring respect and friendliness, where there is falsehood let us bring truth."

Today our young people are at a Confirmation camp with other parishes in preparation for receiving the Sacrament on Tuesday 26th June. They have written letters for me to explain why they wish to be confirmed. The letters are very good and I shall be glad to share them with Bishop Patrick.

God bless our young people in our sharing the life of the Church.

Fr. John

**13th May 2018 (Prayer Week 3)**

"How can we trust God to choose?"

## Mass Times and Intentions

### 7th 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 Margaret Murray, Jane Varnham, Anthony Cates,  
Tony Pinchbeck, Knute Westergren, Harry Frizzell

### MONDAY 14th MAY

(St Matthias, Apostle)  
7.00 pm at St. Joseph's for Holy Souls

### TUESDAY 15th MAY

10.00 am at St. Joseph's for Children in the Womb

### WEDNESDAY 16th MAY

10.00 am at St. Joseph's for H Gomes

### THURSDAY 17th MAY

(St Paschal)  
10.00 am at St. Joseph's for Edward, Ivan & Rani

### FRIDAY 18th MAY

(St John I, Pope)  
7.00 pm at St. Joseph's for Usha Joseph

### SATURDAY 19th MAY

(St Dunstan)  
9.30 am at The Rosary Church for The D'Costa Family

### FEAST OF PENTECOST

(Saturday) 6.00 pm at St. Joseph's  
(Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament from 5.15 pm)

### SUNDAY 20th 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)  
for Leo Lobo, Edward Morgan, Maureen Connolly

### CONFESIONS 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.

**ROOF REPAIRS AT ST JOSEPH'S** The top roof work on the garden canopy and the office of the house 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 much-needed work on St Joseph's church roof is going to be very expensive, as scaffolding will be required. We have started gathering quotations and you will be notified when this work commences.

## 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 15th 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, Home from Home, Garden, Watermead shop also open.

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

### Wednesday 16th May

**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 17th May

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

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

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION CHILDREN** are making their first confession tonight, 7.00 - 8.00 pm, in St Joseph's church.

### Friday 18th May

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

## St Joseph's Table

### This Week's Specials

Soup - Vegetable

Lunchtime specials - Roast Chicken Dinner served with potatoes & fresh vegetables  
(Please come before 2.45 pm to avoid disappointment)  
Quiche of the week & Salad, Sandwiches, etc.

Dessert - Rhubarb & Almond Pudding (served with custard, cream, ice-cream)

Last week's collection was safely counted and banked. £1,295 \*(Special RASH Collection £85)

Thank you. Counters : Temy  
(Next week: TBA)

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

Vince Pech (RIP), Norbert Ehrenfried (RIP),  
Derek Thorpe (RIP)

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

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Prayers for: Margaret M, Philip D, Leroy F

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The McCann family and all missing children

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*The peoples and countries of the world, especially  
in THE HOLY LAND and CAMEROON*

### A Prayer for my Exams

Dear God,

Guide me as I prepare for my exams  
and bless me with  
knowledge and understanding  
as I take each exam.

Calm my nerves and help me concentrate  
so that I can recall everything I have studied  
and answer the questions well.

Give me strength of mind  
to handle the pressure of this exam period  
and your Spirit guide me,  
so that I perform to the best of my ability.  
Amen.

Exams begin in our schools this coming week.  
We pray with and for our young students

## POSTBAG

Dear People,

A £5 note was found on the car park on Thursday evening, serial number BA4225\*\*\*\*. If you recognise it as yours please contact the parish office, otherwise it goes on the 2.30, with two Hail Marys, at Newmarket next Saturday.

Fr John

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Dear Fr John,

Thank you for your confidence in us regarding changes that may need to be made if we are linked with other parishes. You are right to trust us. Together we would consider the best ways to adjust, everyone listened to and involved. It is sad, though, to see lesser numbers of people wanting to come to church and fewer men willing to serve as priests.

I hadn't thought of your point about married priests and women priests. The other churches are worse off than we are and married and women priests have proved no answer. If our Catholic Church is to look prayerfully at these issues we need to see if it is the right thing to do, not simply look for, as you said, a stop-gap solution. People are not stop-gaps. Under the guidance of the Holy Spirit we must do what is right, not what is convenient.

Off my soap box! Thank you, David

## Dates for Diary

### World Communications Day TODAY Sunday 13th May

Retiring collection for work of Church Communication

"Deepening Our Faith" Bishop Robert Baron DVD at the Rosmini Centre **Saturday 19th May**  
10.00 am mass, DVD at 11.00 am (shared lunch at 1.00 pm)

### Diocesan Pilgrimage to Walsingham Sunday 16th June

Full details and programme on noticeboard

### Nottingham Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes Monday 16th – Friday 20th July

For more details contact Fr. Gregory Tobin (Pilgrimage Director) gregorytobin@btinternet.com or contact Joe Walsh Tours 0161 820 8790 (official Diocesan booking agent). See notice boards.

### Parish Pilgrimages 2018

A twin double room has become available  
**STRESA & ITALIAN LAKES, 16th-22nd August**  
and a twin double room also for  
**ROME, 9th - 15th November**

### Holy Water

A reminder that the holy water in the large vessel at the back of St Joseph's church is available to take home. Water from Lourdes and the River Jordan, brought back by parish pilgrims, is added to the water.

### Questions of Faith / Retreats

Several people have asked whether these regular parish meetings and events would be resuming now that Fr John has recovered well from his hip operation. What do you think?

## Watermead shop

### FOR A FINE SELECTION

### FIRST HOLY COMMUNION GIFTS

### 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)

### Watermead Centre REFLEXOLOGY

is a complementary therapy which works on the feet to help heal the whole person, not just the prevailing symptoms. If you would like to know more or make an appointment contact our therapist:

Sharon on 0116 2120719

(Mon - Fri) Sample sessions available.

### Bereavement Support

Depression, Anxiety, Stress, PTSD

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

Tel: 0116 318 3185 Mob: 07591 308 287

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

## CHURCH ROTAS FOR NEXT WEEKEND

Readers	Eucharistic Ministers
Sat. 6.00 pm Francis	Susan
Sun. 9.00 am Bob	-
10.30 am Paul	Anne G / Sister Lelia
6.00 pm TBA	Marie

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