



ST. JOSEPH'S PARISH, LEICESTER

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Dear People,

Thank you for your comments on last week's readings and the way the Book of Wisdom looks at life and death. Death is not the end of life, it is the completion. You liked the thought that each day we are becoming the person God made us to be, or refusing to be by staying self-centred.

Each day we are as we choose to be: pleasant, kind, understanding, patient, loving. No one can take away that freedom of being: it is God's gift to each of us and we shape that gift of life each day as we choose.

If, today, we are unpleasant, arrogant, stubborn, self-centred, impatient, it is because of the years we have allowed ourselves to become like that. We can't blame others or circumstances, we are free to react to circumstances: to smile, groan, accept, refuse, speak out or remain silent. Interior freedom is always ours. You are the person you choose to be.

Of course, other people and circumstances are important. To be loved and to be loving are the greatest blessings in daily life, the very essence of all that we are. To be fully human is to be open to the world, seeing God in life and death, longing to see peace and justice established for everyone. We open (or close) our hearts and minds each day and each day we are the person continuing to become as we choose. You are today whom you have allowed yourself to become

The final day comes. On that day we see God, our life complete. The God who gave us life, who knew us in the womb, as the prophets Isaiah and Jeremiah said, is there before us.

You loved the family moment I shared with you, of the children hugging their parents before going to bed and saying "Good night" to the baby in their mother's womb, and the oldest boy telling me "I knew them all before they were born." So wonderfully true! He was echoing God's words to the prophets "I knew you in your mother's womb."

On the final day of our day-to-day life we have become who we are. Life is complete. In that completion I give myself to God: "Lord, you gave me life: now I give you myself." Eternal life is knowing and loving God. Wisdom advises us to live each day aware of God's love to be shared - a wonderful vision.

God bless us all in daily love, Fr. John

PS You can always change for the better. Don't change for the worse. Choice is ours, says the Book of Wisdom.

8th July 2018 (Prayer Week 2)
"Sea Sunday - we pray for seafarers"

Mass Times and Intentions

14th SUNDAY OF YEAR (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 Dylan Jarrett, Mary & Michael Sheridan,
Special Intention (E), Thanksgiving (A), William Flynn

MONDAY 9th JULY

7.00 pm at St. Joseph's for Sue Davidson

TUESDAY 10th JULY

10.00 am at St. Joseph's for Antoine Vastenavondt

WEDNESDAY 11th JULY

(St Benedict, Patron of Europe)

10.00 am at St. Joseph's for Teresa Conroy & friends

THURSDAY 12th JULY

(St John Jones - Wales)

10.00 am at St. Joseph's for Friends in Prayer

FRIDAY 13th JULY

(St Henry)

7.00 pm at St. Joseph's for Felix Cassidy

SATURDAY 14th JULY

(St Camillus de Lellis, Priest)

9.30 am at The Rosary Church for Children in the Womb

15th SUNDAY OF YEAR (B)

(Saturday) 6.00 pm at St. Joseph's

(Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament from 5.15 pm)

SUNDAY 15th JULY

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 Brigid Mahoney, Sarah Brady, Peter Lobo

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.

Apostleship of the Sea

Today is Sea Sunday when the Church prays for all those who live and work at sea. Without them we would not have most of the items we can buy in the shops. Today's retiring collection is for the Church's good work for the seafarers. Please give generously.

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 10th July

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). We would love more volunteers to join the team. Please do offer your help. (Library, Garden, Home from Home Shop).

WATERMEAD SHOP OPEN 10.30 am-3.30 pm

Wednesday 11th July

St JOSEPH'S TABLE open again today 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 12th July

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

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PILGRIMAGE MEETING for all those coming to Stresa and Lake Maggiore We meet in the parish hall at 7.00 pm, to discuss details and make final payments - please, also, remember to bring your passports and insurance details with you.

Friday 13th July

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

St Joseph's Table

This Week's Specials

Soup - Vegetable

Lunchtime specials - Beef Stew & Yorkshire Pud served with potatoes & fresh vegetables

(Please come before 2.45 pm to avoid disappointment)

Quiche of the week & Salad, Sandwiches, etc.

Dessert - Summer Pudding

(served with custard, cream, ice-cream)

Dear Lord, bless all those we love,
Bless us to love everyone, as you do.

Last week's collection was safely counted and banked. **£1,176**

*(Special RASH Collection £113)

Thank you. *Counters: Terry*

(Next week: TBA - new list in Sacristy)

*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:**

Fr Paul Cullen (RIP)

Fabian, Declan, Jenny, Jonathan, Chris
Jennifer, Pat, Mary, Anna, Patrick, Olven
Fr Stephen

Prayers for: Dawn & Charlie

Chris, Roger, Toni, Anna & Hugh

The McCann family and all missing children

POSTBAG

Dear Fr Daley,

I am aware of how generous the people of St Joseph's have been in supporting our work. I ask for help again now for five schools in South Sudan which are urgently in need of help. Please ask your people if they will send donations for the work by contacting us on 0800 698 1212 or email info@marysmeals.org.

Please pray for our children and the volunteers who so kindly and generously look after them. Thank you.

Magnus MacFarlane-Barrow

Dear Fr John,

We shall be coming with our olive wood carvings from the Holy Land on the weekend of 21/22 July - as we did a couple of years ago.

We look forward to meeting your people once more and remind you of our work for Christian families in the Holy Land.

God bless you, Rana

PS Rana belongs to the Good Shepherd Company based in Nottingham and working alongside the SVP for orphans and elderly in Bethlehem.

Dear Fr John,

We are planning to organise SPUC campaign tours in the diocese. Would SPUC supporters in your parish be interested in helping us organise? I look forward to hearing from you. God bless you, Bridget Francis

Parish Pilgrimages 2019

MALTA, 5th-12th February - 5th-15th February

7 nights £450 (approx) and 10 nights £565 (approx)

to include all travel and and half board

at our excellent 4 star Preluna

Bookings have been made and there are 12 places left..

LOURDES in May (14 booked so far)

ASSISI with visits to FLORENCE, PISA, SIENA

September 19th-26th £625 (approx) half board.

All places have been taken

ROME 15th-21st November 2019

CHURCH ROTAS FOR NEXT WEEKEND

	Readers	Eucharistic Ministers
Sat. 6.00 pm	John	Susan
Sun. 9.00 am	Bob	-
10.30 am	Paul	Steve / TBA
6.00 pm	TBA	Marie

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

Dates for Diary

Diocesan Pilgrimage to Padley

Saturday 15th July

Full details on notice boards

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.

How do you read this?

Women are a species that one must approach with the utmost mistrust. Their risk potential must be thoroughly investigated in the Catholic Church. This investigation has been going on for 2,000 years and it is far from over.

Some people say women have existed only since 1968, the year of Humanae Vitae and the question of birth control. They are a phenomenon of our time and they will disappear again.

Others say they existed at the time of Second Vatican Council which in the Church is always a reassuring statement.

The Vatican is currently recruiting a panel of experts to explore what the feminine is all about and whether it may be possible to create posts for female beings. The woman is the other being. The norm is the man, the woman is the deviation. Women are upgraded or devalued, but never have the same influence. The woman is equal, but not the same.

How a woman must be is defined by men. Men know much better what women should be or should want than women themselves. That's why men assign women their places in the church, and she can choose from amongst them. Men circle the radius in which women can move. If they leave this circle they are not true Catholic women . . .

Women should not demand, they should only accept. Women are considered inferior (*but by whom?* asks Fr John and says: *On 4th July we celebrated St Elizabeth of Portugal, who was married at the age of twelve to a brute. Why did the Church allow such marriages for centuries in so-called Catholic countries? Was it because it had to accept the world as it was? It doesn't today, does it? What has changed?*)

The Church now needs to learn from the most developed parts of our world a much greater recognition of woman and her God-given gifts and talents (for example, it is only recently that girls have been allowed to serve at mass and women to read at mass. What was the justification of the previous bans?)

PS The above is part of a full statement, translated from a German book, and I was asked what I thought. In turn, I ask what you think of the sections I have quoted? Debate should be open and honest and courteous. Fr John.

Watermead shop

OPENING TIMES

Tues, Wed, Thur from 10.30 am-3.30 pm
Sun 11.45 am-12.15 pm

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