



ST. JOSEPH'S PARISH, LEICESTER

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Dear People,

Thank you for your comments about last week's homily on 'Humane Vitae' (Of Human Life) and the Church's teaching on birth control. You found your minds clearer about the issues - the teaching of the Church by the Pope in union with the bishops, the primacy of conscience, and the background to the Commission on birth control set up by Pope John XXIII and enlarged by Pope Paul VI.

You saw the human side of the Church, striving to understand God's loving will, reverence for life and sexual love, the wonder of life's being passed down the generations; and the sincerity of all those who want to teach the truth as they understand it and to live the truth as they experience it.

The Commission advised Pope Paul VI that a ban on artificial means of birth control could not be upheld by reason. That was key. Whatever the Pope and bishops finally gave to the Church would be based on faith, not reason. That was a tremendous lesson to learn. The minority report by the four priests (Ford, Visser, de Lestapis and Zalba) acknowledged that, but insisted that God would not have allowed the Church to be wrong for so long on so important an issue, and that the Church's traditional teaching - no artificial birth control, only natural methods - must be right, even though no reasons could be given.

I shared with you the dilemma for the loving spouses who could not understand or accept a teaching based on faith not reason, especially spouses who were not Catholic, who could say "This teaching is not based on reason and I cannot be bound by the faith of a Church to which I do not belong." You told me of the sadness of marriages where such tensions arose. That whole time was one of sadness and we saw a broken Pope Paul VI.

One lesson did become more clear, the supremacy of conscience. It is God we love and obey and serve. The Church guides us as far as possible in that loving relationship, then we freely decide to do what we truly believe to be right. No one takes away our freedom of conscience - not Church, not State, not Tribe. We are free as children of God to live for God. That teaching became clearer as the Church's debate raged, subsided, calmed.

The Church teaches every human being lives in God's love, is enlightened by that love even if seeming to know nothing about it! Human goodness we see all around us, it is God's gift. The Church guides its members in that goodness as far, as well, as it can.

God bless us to love and serve,

Fr. John

22nd July 2018 (Prayer Week 1)
"Questions - do you like or are you afraid"

Mass Times and Intentions

16th 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 Cecila Cates, Hilda, Aerial Pamintuan,
Patrick Bishop, Romeo Da Souza

MONDAY 23rd JULY

(St Bridget)
7.00 pm at St. Joseph's for Teresa Conroy & friends

TUESDAY 24th JULY

(St Declan)
10.00 am at St. Joseph's for Dorothy Muir

WEDNESDAY 25th JULY

(St James, Apostle)
10.00 am at St. Joseph's for Private Intention

THURSDAY 26th JULY

(St Joachim & St Anne, parents of Our Lady)
10.00 am at St. Joseph's for Joy George

FRIDAY 27th JULY

7.00 pm at St. Joseph's for Family Blessing (D)

SATURDAY 28th JULY

9.30 am at The Rosary Church for Eileen Green

17th SUNDAY OF YEAR (B)

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

SUNDAY 29th 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 Agnes Wright, Alec Hill, Jack Muir,
Timmie & Winnie Van Rensburg

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.

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 24th 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). Parish library, Garden, Home from Home shop and Watermead shop also open.

WATERMEAD SHOP OPEN 10.30 am-3.30 pm

CHOIR PRACTICE tonight, 7.30 pm.

Wednesday 25th 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 26th July

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

Friday 27th July

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 - Leek & Potato

Lunchtime specials - Fish Pie

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)

Watermead shop

OPENING TIMES

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

Information from 0116 220 7880

Prayer Box

Please pray for:

Families of the parish

and our loved ones living and dead

especially for those who have recently died:

Mary Pring (RIP)

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

Prayers for: Gordon, Margaret,
Fr Joseph O'Hanlon

The McCann family and all missing children

The peoples and countries of the world,
especially THE CONGO, NICARAGUA, CHILE

POSTBAG

Dear Father and St Joseph's.

Thank you for your generous donation for our work at 'One Roof Leicester'. Your support is very much appreciated. Many thanks,
from The One Roof Leicester team

Dear Friends,

There should be a will and there is a way! For some years now local charity Age UK has campaigned to reduce the number of people who die without making a will - 7 out of 10 people fail to make a will.

Twenty offices of local solicitors have generously agreed to reduce their Will Writing charges for older people to only £35 plus VAT.

The offer is available during September and October. Details available from 0116 2992233 or www.ageuk.org.uk/leics.

Dear Christian Friends,

United Christian Broadcasters plays popular contemporary Christian music alongside topical conversations about everyday life and faith on UCB 1, and on UCB 2 provides a mix of praise and worship music together with bible-based encouragement.

Do join us. God bless you, all at UCB

PS from Fr John. If you appreciate religious broadcasts do also try our Catholic Radio on <http://www.heavensroadfm.com/>.

Fr John's homily from last week on "Humane Vitae" is available to listen to on the parish website

Aaran

makes his First Holy Communion today.

We pray for him and the family.

Dates for Diary

Pilgrimage at Mount St Bernard's Abbey
in honour of Blessed Cyprian Tansi
Saturday 25th August, 10.30 am
See notice board for more information

Our Lady Queen of Peace
Pilgrimage to Walsingham
Monday 27th August

Coach from St Joseph's car park
Price £17, children under 14 free
Phone Mary on 07792162518 to book a place
(details on notice boards)

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We celebrate St Joseph's Church's
50th anniversary on the weekend of
22nd/23rd September.

Details will follow and suggestions welcomed from anyone who would like to be involved.

Pilgrimage to Stresa and Italian Lakes
16th-22nd August 2018

We have been full a while, but a room has just become available - single or twin/double.
Please tell Fr John if you are interested.

→ 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 6 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

Depression, Anxiety

Stress, Bereavement

For Help and Support, for Adults and Teenagers, call David, a qualified and registered Therapist.
Tel: 0116 3183185 Mob: 07591 308 287
or email - david@rubikminds.co.uk
for further information, or for an initial discussion, to hear how he may be able to help you.

CHURCH ROTAS FOR NEXT WEEKEND

	Readers	Eucharistic Ministers
Sat. 6.00 pm	Doreen	Ann B
Sun. 9.00 am	Philip	-
10.30 am	Ann	Gerry / Sister Lelia
6.00 pm	TBA	Marie

Last week's collection was safely counted and banked. **£848**

*(Special RASH Collection £107)

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

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

CONGRATULATIONS!



Earlier this month the Health and Hygiene Regulator made an unannounced inspection visit to St Joseph's Table. Again, we secured a 5 out of 5 rating! This has been achieved by the very dedicated, hardworking and lovely volunteers who give up their time to help to run it. They provide all customers with excellent service and fabulous home cooked or baked food. It goes without saying that many of our customers are regulars and help us enormously by spreading the word about our café to family and friends.

We have now been open for two years and hope to be open in another two years but for this to be possible we do need some more lovely people to volunteer to help us! Do you have a couple or three hours to spare to help us? Whether you love to cook or just to love to serve and chat to people, we would love to hear from you and welcome your help! Or, if you have any other ideas about improving our offer, please call on 07986704201 or pop into the kitchen on Sunday after mass for a chat.

Finally, a big well done to all the St Joseph's Table team on our 5 out of 5 star rating! We are so proud! From Chris and the team. (Editor's note: Well done on behalf of all St Joseph's customers)