



ST. JOSEPH'S PARISH, LEICESTER

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Dear People,

What a shock on Thursday to learn from the BBC that the Catholic Church has changed its teaching on the death penalty.

In Paragraph 2266 of the Catechism we read that the death penalty is justified in very serious cases. The Catechism was published in 1994. Thirty-five years later, on such an important issue, the Church has changed its teaching.

Will you accept the change or do you still believe that in extreme circumstances the death penalty is justified? Consider the plight of good Catholics in those parts of the world where the death penalty obtains who will have to choose between Church and State. Imagine their work even including executions: they will have to choose between obeying the Church and losing their job, or keeping their job, disobeying the Church.

You may not know the name Giovanni Bugatti. He worked for the Popes in Rome 1796-1864, beginning at the age of seventeen. He was the Roman executioner and in those brutal years he carried out 514 death sentences. He hanged, decapitated, quartered and burned victims, adept at using axe or guillotine. He is one of the horrors of the Popes' rule over Rome. The Church certainly approved the death penalty then - and severe penalties for many so-called crimes, like life sentences for writing graffiti.

Now the Church has condemned the death penalty. Would you call this a change in teaching or a development of teaching? The Church, like many ruling powers, likes to portray change as development. It is hard to understand black developing into white, but people in power will try. They will even justify it by "Whatever I say is right," though we can see it is different from what they said yesterday and what may be said tomorrow. Absolutely clear, they say. Hah!

Listen to the politicians, churchmen, justifying new positions. They weren't wrong but they are more right now. They are like the advertisers who claim "New low price: £5!" and the old low price was £3.

The Church has changed its teaching on the death penalty. The awful possibility is "Who cares?" Who does? I do and I hope you do. Next stop, nuclear arms. Anyone coming?

God bless us with truth, Fr. John

5th August 2018 (Prayer Week 2)
"Where am I, where going?"

Mass Times and Intentions

18th 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 Teresa Conroy, Judith Page, Peggy White,
Patrick Pritchard, John & June Fertig (56)

MONDAY 6th AUGUST

(Transfiguration of the Lord)

7.00 pm at St Joseph's for Maryanne Breen

TUESDAY 7th AUGUST

(St Sixtus II, Pope : St Cajetan, Priest)

10.00 am at St Joseph's for John Parker

WEDNESDAY 8th AUGUST

(St Diminic, Priest : St Mary MacKillop, Australia)

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

THURSDAY 9th AUGUST

(St Teresa Benedicta of the Cross - Edith Stein)

10.00 am at St Joseph's for Thanksgiving to St Anthony

FRIDAY 10th AUGUST

(St Lawrence)

7.00 pm at St Joseph's for Family & Friends

SATURDAY 11th AUGUST

(St Clare)

9.30 am at The Rosary Church for Family Blessing

19th SUNDAY OF YEAR (B)

(Saturday) 6.00 pm at St Joseph's

(Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament from 5.15 pm)

SUNDAY 12th AUGUST

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 Michael Binnersley, Philip & Ann Jackson

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)

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 6th August

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 are also open.

WATERMEAD SHOP OPEN 10.30 am-3.30 pm

CHOIR PRACTICE tonight, 7.30 pm.

Wednesday 7th August

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 8th August

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 9th August

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 - Carrot and Butternut Squash

Lunchtime specials - Roast Gammon

served with potatoes & fresh vegetables

(Please come before 2.45 pm to avoid disappointment)

Quiche of the week & Salad, Sandwiches, etc.

Dessert - Sticky Toffee Pudding

(served with custard, cream, ice-cream)

CHURCH ROTAS FOR NEXT WEEKEND

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

Last week's collection was safely counted and banked. **£965**

*(Special RASH Collection £188)

Thank you. Counters: Gail & Keith

(Next week: Sarah & Pippa)

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

St Joseph's at 50 : Did You Know?

Last week we told you about the Cross at the top of the tower - and the Williams family are now preparing more memories to share. Some photos have also arrived.

What do you have - pictures, memories, facts, etc?

All are welcomed, and will be shared here in the newsletter and exhibitions over the anniversary weekend.

Prayer Box

Please pray for:
Families of the parish
and our loved ones living and dead
especially for those who have recently died:
John Parker (RIP)

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

Prayers for: Clare, Jim, Phillippa

The McCann family and all missing children

The peoples and countries of the world,
especially ZIMBABWE, NICARAGUA

PRAYER

The raising of the
heart and mind
to God



My Lord God, I have no idea where I am going. I do not see the road ahead of me. I cannot know for certain where it will end. Nor do I really know myself, and the fact that I think that I am following your will does not mean that I am actually doing so. But I believe that the desire to please you does in fact please you. And I hope I have that desire in all that I am doing. I hope that I will never do anything apart from that desire. And I know that if I do this you will lead me by the right road though I may know nothing about it. Therefore will I trust you though I may seem to be lost and in the shadow of death. I will not fear, for you are ever with me, and you will never leave me to face my perils alone.

Thomas Merton, "Thoughts in Solitude", Monk

God has created me to do some definite service, committed some work to me which has not been committed to another. I have my mission - I may never know it in this life, but I shall be told it in the next.

I am a link in a chain, a bond of connection between persons. I am not created for naught. I shall do good; I shall do God's work. I shall be an angel of peace, a preacher of truth in my own place while not intending it - if I do but keep the commandments.

Therefore I will trust God, whatever, wherever, I am. I can never be thrown away. If I am in sickness, or perplexity, I shall serve God. God does nothing in vain. I may feel desolate, my spirits may sink, my future be hidden from me - but God knows and understands.

Blessed John Henry Newman

A PRO LIFE PRAYER. God of all goodness, you have entrusted us with the gift of life. Help us to appreciate that gift from the first moments of conception to the last breaths of old age. Send your strength to all those who defend the unborn, the weak, the dying, against attempts to cut short their lives. May your Holy Spirit touch the hearts of those who are tempted to choose the way of death rather than life. Grant that you people may always be a sign of your love in the world. Amen.

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

Diocesan Rosary Rally

Sunday 26th August, Mass at 2.00pm,
at Mount Saint Bernard's Abbey
(see poster on notice boards)

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)

Adoremus : 7-9 Sept 2018

EUCCHARISTIC CONGRESS IN LIVERPOOL

There will be a coach leaving Leicester for the Adoremus Congress on 8th September from Mother of God and St Patrick's Church. The time has not yet been confirmed but will probably be around 7 am. The cost of travel is £15 per person and the cost of the ticket to attend the Congress is £40.

Further details on notice boards or from Diane Williams on 0115 9539841

→ Parish Pilgrimages 2019 →

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

All places now taken

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

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

It is planned to celebrate in various ways. Proposed so far is that the church be open during that weekend for people to visit and that there be events and exhibitions to welcome those that do come, along with refreshments. St Joseph's organ is unique, being the only new instrument of its status installed locally for over 50 years and Iain, who maintains it, has offered to give a recital one or both days. We have the Saturday folk group and Sunday choir who could provide a short recital, along with members of Watermead, also based here. It would be good to celebrate the many aspects of the life of the parish over the 50 years of St Joseph's round church, along with the earlier parish years from 1939. There is some archive memorabilia in the parish records, but we need your input - information, photos, ideas and practical help. Please tell Fr John what you think of plans so far, and advise him how you would like to help or be involved.

See "St Joseph's at 50" box - share details you know.

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