



# ST. JOSEPH'S PARISH, LEICESTER

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Dear People,

On 7th August at mass we remembered Pope Sixtus II and his companions who were martyred whilst celebrating mass during the persecution of the Emperor Valerian, AD 258. On the 10th we remembered Lawrence, martyred a few days later - his one of the famous deaths, roasted over a fire.

Sad to recall those Roman persecutions but also an invitation to move from imagination to reality. There were four main persecutions - Nero, Decius, Valerian, Diocletian - but many years of relative peace. Most of the Roman emperors were cruel, especially in the 3rd century when there were twenty of them, all murderers and many murdered. Persecution of Christians was part of a horrifying culture of death.

Nero's persecution was a consequence of his madness (absolute power seems to push people towards insanity), and the Roman populace hated him so much that after his death they filled in his house (the Golden House) with earth so that no one could live there.

Decius (245-251) wanted Christian property and wealth. That was his chief motive, as was that of Valerian a few years later. Greed, casual cruelty and certainly not love of the Roman gods and goddesses inspired those persecutions. Diocletian's was the worst of the persecutions. He truly hated Christians in the way we see some fundamentalist do today in parts of our world. Then came the Emperor Constantine and freedom of religion throughout the empire.

Living in Rome brings the surprise that only a small numbers of martyrs are remembered there. Why so few when the persecutions seem to have been so ferocious? Because most Christians did what was asked. A simple act of worship to the Roman gods and they were given a certificate (the *libellus*) to prove they worshipped the Roman gods, not the Christian God.

So human. We might be the same today. Deny Christ or die. Deny Christ or you will never see your children again. Deny Christ or your children will suffer and die. Who could blame the terrified loving parents, denying Christ to save their children, knowing that God would understand and forgive. So it happened. The Christians denied Christ but the faith lived on. The Church grew, the power of Rome faded to nothing.

We pray with sadness but with faith in our world of today. God's love is invincible.

God bless us,

Fr. John

**12th August 2018 (Prayer Week 3)**

"Dear Lord, why do we fail you?"

## Mass Times and Intentions

### 19th 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 Michael Binnersley, Philip & Ann Jackson,

George Jacob, Andrew Kempin,

Stephen & Vikki Pinchbeck (WA)

### MONDAY 13th AUGUST

(St Pontian, Pope : St Hippolytus, Priest)

7.00 pm at St Joseph's for H Gomes

### TUESDAY 14th AUGUST

(St Maximilian Kolbe)

10.00 am at St Joseph's for Michael Jones

### WEDNESDAY 15th AUGUST

**HOLY DAY : Feast of the Assumption of Mary**

10.00 am & 7.00 pm at St Joseph's

for Anne & Jim Sweeney and for People of the Parish

### THURSDAY 16th AUGUST

(St Stephen of Hungary)

10.00 am at St Joseph's: Service of Word & Communion

### FRIDAY 17th AUGUST

(Our Lady of Knock)

7.00 pm at St Joseph's: Service of Word & Communion

### SATURDAY 18th AUGUST

No Service at the Rosary Church today

### 20th SUNDAY OF YEAR (B)

(Saturday) 6.00 pm at St Joseph's

(Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament from 5.15 pm)

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for Family Blessing, Family & Friends

### 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 - 5.00 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 14th 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, Garden, Home from Home, Watermead shop are also open.)

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

### Wednesday 15th 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 16th 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 17th 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 - Vegetable

Lunchtime specials - Beef Gratin

served with potatoes & fresh vegetables

(Please come before 2.45 pm to avoid disappointment)  
Quiche of the week & Salad, Sandwiches, etc.

Dessert - Summer Trifle

(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 7881 / 0

[www.watermead-apostolate.com](http://www.watermead-apostolate.com)

Last week's collection was safely counted and banked. **£810**

\*(Special RASH Collection £104)

Thank you. Counters : Sarah & Pippa  
(Next week : TBA)

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

### St Joseph's at 50 : Did You Know?

Someone asked what was the date of the first wedding in the new 'round' St Joseph's.

There are two weddings recorded in the parish register and they both took place on the same day - **29th June 1968**. If you are celebrating 50 years married on this date please tell us, so we can share.

## Prayer Box

Please pray for:

**Families of the parish**

**and our loved ones living and dead.**

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

Prayers for: Clare, Harry & Anne

The McCann family and all missing children

The peoples and countries of the world,  
especially CAMEROON, VENEZUELA

### Hymn : The Lord's Way

Elijah sought the Lord, longed to serve;  
he prayed the Lord to hear, guide his way.

The humble prayer was heard  
and the Lord sent food:

forty days and nights he walked,  
that food his strength;

at Horeb came the wind,  
quake and fire, gentle breeze - the Lord!

Emmaus was the road, Easter day;  
disciples walked that way, met the Lord.

They told him of their life,  
and he spoke his word -  
showed them that the Christ  
would suffer and die.

They heard the holy Word,  
then he broke the bread - they knew!

I also seek the Lord, long to serve;  
I pray the Lord to hear, guide my way.

The Eucharist he gives  
as my food of life.

Every day, along my way,  
he gives his love:  
the breaking of the bread  
and the gentle breeze - his signs.

Elijah saw a world without God;  
he felt his life was gone, knew despair.

Emmaus was a road  
without hope or light,  
yet the Lord was there in Word and Sign -  
the breaking of the bread,  
and the gentle breeze - I believe!

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### Prayer to know the Lord's Way

Lord, your love is strong.

I place my trust in you  
for you are always with me.

Thank you for my family, my friends,  
and all who have helped me  
to become who I am today.

Help me to discover my own gifts  
that I might use them to serve others.

Teach me your ways, Lord,  
as I search each day for meaning in my life.  
Bless our world with people who love others.

Give me the strength to answer you  
on my life journey.

Bishop Fergus O'Grady

## Vikki & Nathan

Today make their First Holy Communion.  
We pray for them and their families.

### WELCOME AND CONGRATULATIONS!

to Vikki who, following her being part of the RCIA programme for the past year, was received into the Catholic Church at a quiet family service on Thursday evening. We pray with all 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

### 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)

### → Parish Pilgrimages 2019 →

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

One twin or double room has become available

**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

### Do it anyway . . .

People are often unreasonable and self-centred.

*Forgive them anyway.*

If you are kind,  
people may accuse you of ulterior motives.

*Be kind anyway.*

If you are honest, people may cheat you.

*Be honest anyway.*

If you find happiness, people may be jealous.

*Be happy anyway.*

The good you do today  
may be forgotten tomorrow.

*Do good anyway.*

Give the world the best you have  
and it may never be enough.

*Give your best anyway.*

For you see, in the end,  
it is between you and God.

It was never between you and them,  
*anyway.*

St Mother Teresa

### CHURCH ROTAS FOR NEXT WEEKEND

	Readers	Eucharistic Ministers
Sat. 6.00 pm	Kate	Cecilia
Sun. 9.00 am	John	-
10.30 am	John	Gerry / Sister Lelia
6.00 pm	TBA	Vincent

Please do keep sending your photos, memories and facts so we can put together a good exhibition for our St Joseph's Church 50th anniversary celebration on the weekend of 22nd/23rd September this year.