



# ST. JOSEPH'S PARISH, LEICESTER

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Dear People,

Thank you for your comments on the homily of last week and your expressions of sympathy for the many thousands of children abused over the years and the terrible hurts they have carried into their adult lives.

Our professor of Church history advised us we have to know the worst because those who detest the Church do and we have to be ready to acknowledge the truth they know before we try to defend what and whom we know and love.

Christ suffers with his church in every age. The crucifixion is an ever-present reality – Crusades, Inquisitions, The Reformation, horrifying wars between Christian countries (Europe) and tribes (Rwanda and South Sudan, for example), and corruption at the highest levels. We have had vile popes – look up Benedict IX and John XII to start, and cry – and many unworthy churchmen.

Now it is our turn. We deserve the condemnation given the Church over child abuse. Just this week in the USA state of Pennsylvania three diocese have admitted a culture of sex abuse and cover-up going back seventy years, involving over 300 priests. Mary McAleese, former President of Ireland, revealed last week an approach from Cardinal Sodano asking for an agreement between the Holy See and the Irish government under which Church documentation would be protected and the state would have no access to it. He wanted to prevent damning Church and Government archives being released. She refused.

The new archbishop of Melbourne in Australia says "Melbourne has been an epicentre around the sexual abuse crisis. I'm walking into that history of some absolutely terrible abusers." We pray for him and the other courageous men and women of the church who are speaking out so that the truth be known and reparation made.

You may recognise the name Patricia Heaton, who comments on the USA bishop's statement on abuse: "The laity does not care how much shame you feel... we want all those who perpetrated and covered up sexual abuse OUT. You had your chance to help and you failed," and she advises people to go straight to the police.

There is so much, too much, but we are glad it is becoming known.

God bless us,

*Fr. John*

## CONFESSIONS EACH WEEK

SATURDAY & SUNDAY 5.15 pm at St. Joseph's  
(in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel)

**19th August 2018 (Prayer Week 4)**

"Bless us, guide us, be with us . . ."

## Mass Times and Intentions

### 20th 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 Maureen Crewe (90), Family & Friends,

A Family Blessing, Thanksgiving

### MONDAY 20th AUGUST

(St Bernard)

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

### TUESDAY 21st AUGUST

(St Pius X, Pope)

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

### WEDNESDAY 22nd AUGUST

(The Queenship of Mary)

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

### THURSDAY 23rd AUGUST

(St Rose of Lima)

10.00 am at St Joseph's for Peter Horan

### FRIDAY 24th AUGUST

(St Bartholomew, Apostle)

7.00 pm at St Joseph's for Sylvia McCauliffe

### SATURDAY 25th AUGUST

(St Louis : St Joseph Calasan, Priest)

9.30 am at The Rosary Church for Family & Friends

### 21st SUNDAY OF YEAR (B)

(Saturday) 6.00 pm at St Joseph's

(Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament from 5.15 pm)

### SUNDAY 26th 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 Arianna Kubavat, Zefereino Remedios,

Maria Lourdes Remedios

## BLESSED SACRAMENT CHAPEL

open every day this week from 10.30 am - 5.00 pm.

**Welcome to Fr Ted Mullen** saying mass for the parish over the weekend. He is always so welcome.

## 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 21st 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). Library, Home from Home and Watermead shop are also open.)

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

### Wednesday 22nd 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 23rd 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 24th 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 Orange

Lunchtime specials - Tenderloin Pork

served with potatoes & fresh vegetables

(Please come before 2.45 pm to avoid disappointment)

Quiche of the week & Salad, Sandwiches, etc.

Dessert - Lemon Meringue Pie

(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)

## CHURCH ROTAS FOR NEXT WEEKEND

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

Last week's collection was safely counted and banked. **£1,045**

\*(Special RASH Collection £102)

Thank you. Counters: TBA

(Next week: Terry)

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

## POSTBAG

Dear people

Do you keep old letters? Are these worth keeping?

Dear Violet Elizabeth Bott,

I saw your picture in the Cardiff Echo. You are very beautiful. Would you consider marrying me? I was thinking of being a Catholic priest but I am sure God will understand if he has seen your photo. Yrs faithfully.

Dear Welsh Rugby Union,

I play for our school rugby team, I would like to play for Wales in a few years time. I plan to marry Miss Violet Elizabeth Bott and I am sure she would like to come training with me. She has the making of a fine loose-head prop.

Yrs scrumtiously.

Dear England and Wales Cricket Board,

I am in our school cricket team. I would like to play for England in a short while. Unfortunately I shall not be available to tour Australia and India in the winter months as I hope to be playing rugby for Wales after marrying Miss Violet Elizabeth Bott, who might be willing to take my place on your winter tours. She is a fine swing bowler who needs a long leg, two short legs and some one going silly a mid-on. Yrs balefully.

Dear Lord Mayor of Liverpool,

I understand you have two teams in Liverpool. I would like to play football but Cardiff has only one team and I guess my chances are greater if I apply to a city that has two teams. I hope to marry Miss Violet Elizabeth Bott, and she might like to play for the other Liverpool team, though I haven't asked her. We both understand the offside law. Yrs goalfully.

Dear Queen Elizabeth,

You are a wonderful lady and I have long admired you. If the Duke of Edinburgh had not asked you, I might have tried to win your hand, but I have seen a lovely lady named Violet Elizabeth Bott in the Cardiff Echo. I was wondering if after the exciting sporting life I have planned for myself - rugby for Wales, cricket for England, football in Liverpool - you might consider me as your Prime Minister? I know it's a long time off but politics seems a risky business and I would like to reserve my place now. Violet would be a good double first lady. Yrs loyally.

Dear Pope Your Holiness,

I feel a little lost. I have proposed marriage to Miss Violet Elizabeth Bott, offered to play rugby for Wales, cricket for England, football in Liverpool, asked the Queen if I might be Prime Minister and have had no replies. I did at one time think of being a priest and now I think it may be my best option. Yrs sinlesscerely.

*This correspondence must now cease. Editor*

## 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 ITALY, ETHIOPIA, ERITREA, CAMEROON

## 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)

**Walsingham: A Summer Festival.**

**23rd - 27th August**

Music, Workshops, Worship,

Conferences, Sacred spaces.

Do come any day, every day.

**Humberstone Churches Together**

**A Retreat at Launde Abbey**

**Wednesday 22nd - Friday 24th May 2019.**

Full Board £181, day guests £28

to cover morning coffee, lunch & afternoon tea.

Please tell Fr John if you are interested.

## 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](mailto:david@rubikminds.co.uk)

for further information, or for an initial discussion, to hear how he may be able to help you.

## 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**

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

Do you remember the May Queen procession around the grounds and gardens of St Joseph's.

Were you a May Queen?

Were you a petal strewer?

Mags is arranging a procession for the afternoon of our Sunday celebration - speak to her.