



ST. JOSEPH'S PARISH, LEICESTER

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Dear People,

The Catholic press carries reports of the words spoken by Pope Francis on Armistice Day, and pilgrims in St Peter's Square heard his appeal against war and war-mongering - besides the sadness for those who died during the war.

What he said is in what Fr Frank Daly said at Hinckley. Those of you who read the Leicester Mercury will know what the front page headlines were on Tuesday last, and you will have read the full report on the inside pages, including the full text of Fr Frank's words. The Mercury was fair, quoting those who agreed and disagreed with Fr Frank, on his message, the occasion, his audience. He would be challenged more than Pope Francis would be.

To remember the horrors of war at the same time as remembering the bravery of those who had to die is not wrong. To criticise the lack of reverence for life in the way battles are fought is not wrong. The sadness and horror of war is that people are killed and kill under orders from those who hold power. Wilfred Owen, probably the best-known and best-loved English war poet, who died as a serving soldier just two days before the Armistice in 1918, wrote one of the finest lines of war poetry: "*The old men sent the young men to die.*" This needs to be remembered by all of us.

Would you be a conscientious objector, refusing to kill under any circumstances? Would you spit at such a man after coming out of mass on Sunday? Sad details in the Catholic press of the way our people and our bishops were in World War I and of how our bishops supported and encouraged the war. Google Cardinal Bourne to read what he and other bishops said at that time. Not until the Vatican Council, 1962-65, did the Catholic Church officially recognise the right to conscientious objection.

The Church is always of its time, the people of God in the present age. When we look back at the sometimes spiritual and social blindness of our popes and bishops we know that a future age will look at us and wonder how we could possibly countenance the injustices, poverty, hunger, destitution, refugees and asylum seekers, war-mongering, arms' sales and weapons of mass destruction. We are of our time. We cringe at the defects of our Church and some of its leaders and its members. The news coming from the Birmingham Archdiocese on the inquiry into child abuse is a reminder that all human authority is defective. Sometimes our Church authorities have failed us very badly, smiling reassuringly as truths are hidden: but the hurts for the failed people last forever, hard to forgive.

May God bless us and help us to heal and to forgive,

Fr. John

18th November 2018 (Prayer Week 1)
"To be with the Lord . . . in prayer"

Mass Times and Intentions

33rd 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 Ana-Maria Graham, Dora Chapman,

Children in the Womb, Family Blessing

MONDAY 19th NOVEMBER

7.00 pm at St Joseph's *for The Morgan Family*

TUESDAY 20th NOVEMBER

10.00 am at St Joseph's *for Tony Burgess*

WEDNESDAY 21st NOVEMBER

(Presentation of the the Blessed Virgin Mary)

10.00 am at St Joseph's *for Peter Leach*

12.30 pm Requiem Mass for Sister Lucy

THURSDAY 22nd NOVEMBER

(St Cecilia)

10.00 am at St Joseph's *for Family & Friends*

FRIDAY 23rd NOVEMBER

(St Clement I, Pope)

7.00 pm at St Joseph's *for Clem McCormack*

SATURDAY 24th NOVEMBER

(Ss Andrew Dung-Lac and Companions)

9.30 am at The Rosary Church *for John Merchant*

FEAST OF CHRIST THE KING (B)

(Saturday) 6.00 pm at St Joseph's

(Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament from 5.15 pm)

SUNDAY 25th NOVEMBER

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 Virgilio Rosario, Thanksgiving

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 - 4.30 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 20th November

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 shop, Watermead shop and garden are also open.)

WATERMEAD SHOP OPEN 10.30 am - 3.30 pm

CHOIR PRACTICE tonight, 7.30 pm.

Wednesday 21st November

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.

REQUIEM MASS for Sister Lucy, 12.30 pm.

WATERMEAD SHOP OPEN 10.30 am - 3.30 pm

Thursday 22nd November

PARISH OPEN MORNING - hot drinks in Coffee Shop after the morning service (Library/ Garden also open). All welcome.

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Friday 22nd November

THE MIRIAM PRAYER GROUP meet at 6.30 pm for faith sharing and Rosary entry via the church. All welcome.

St Joseph's Table

This Week's Specials

Soup - Pea & Mint

Lunchtime specials - Fish Cakes

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)

CHRISTMAS DINNERS

Have you booked Yet?

Last week's collection was safely counted and banked. **£940**

*(Special RASH Collection £105)

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

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

CHURCH ROTAS FOR NEXT WEEKEND

	Readers	Eucharistic Ministers
Sat. 6.00 pm	Clare	Sal
Sun. 9.00 am	Alan	-
10.30 am	Theresa	Anne G / Sister Lelia
6.00 pm	TBA	Vincent

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

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

A reminder that the children will be looking at pages 14-15 of their workbook during their liturgy (9th December = pages 16-18).

Prayer Box

Please pray for:

Families of the parish

and our loved ones living and dead

especially for those who have recently died:

Sister Lucy (RIP), Dora Chapman (RIP)

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

Prayers for: June, Bridie, Rosemary

The McCann family and all missing children

The peoples and countries of the world, especially the CENTRAL AMERICAN MIGRANT CARAVAN



POSTBAG

Dear People,

Another wonderful pilgrimage to Rome. Mass three times in St Peter's, at the Vatican church of St Anne, the local parish church of Our Lady and in a 5th century church in Trastevere (on the site of St Benedict's home).

We prayed for the people of the parish at each mass, for family and friends, sharing the joy of being in Rome. We were made welcome at the hotel, at our favourite restaurant, and at St Peter's where we had the privilege of our own chapel for two of our celebrations of mass.

We saw Pope Francis at the Angelus on Sunday and at the Papal Audience on Wednesday and Toni (in her wheelchair) held Pope Francis hands as he blessed her and Don. The photographs so good! We did as much as was possible in six days, blending faith and history. A happy week. Fr John

Catholic Women of the Year

The Golden Jubilee Catholic Women of the Year Luncheon was held on Friday 9th November at the Amba Hotel, Marble Arch.

Each year four women are elected to share the title of 'Catholic Woman of the Year'. In this, their 50th anniversary year, the four women elected were Dr Rosalind Bearcroft, a doctor who has worked for many years at major London hospitals, Mary Maxwell, co-ordinator of volunteers at Westminster Cathedral, Clare McCullough, founder and director of the Good Counsel Network, and Alison Concannon Kennedy, for her contribution to church music, parish life and the Watermead Apostolate.

Unfortunately, Alison was with us in Rome and so could not attend in person to accept her award at the celebration in London, but the following day she received an email from the organisers saying "The Catholic Women of the Year Luncheon gave you an enormous round of applause when your name and citation were read out today and I explained that you were in Rome... and then another enormous round of applause when I said that we plan to (come to Leicester) to present you with your certificate and flowers on your return"...

The date will be arranged soon and hopefully parishioners, family and friends will be able to share in the presentation. Fr John

Dates for Diary

Celebrating the Canonisation of Archbishop Oscar Romero

Monday 26th November, 7.00 pm

at The Beckett School, Nottingham

with Bishop Patrick and CAFOD

Please confirm your attendance by emailing

Maggie at mmairura@cafod.org.uk

Classical Music Concerts

Beethoven String Trio on Friday 30th November, 7 pm at St Patrick's LE4 2BD

and Pop-in concerts on Saturday 1st December from 12 - 2 pm, during Melton Christmas Market at St. John the Baptist Church, LE13 1RB

Free admission to both days (donations)

Diocesan Marriage & Family Life Commission Day Conference on 'God, Love and Sex'

Saturday 1st December, 10.30am - 4.00 pm at University of Nottingham

Speaker: Edmund Adamus, plus workshops. Cost £10.

Details and booking <http://www.totbday.org.uk/>

EVENTS AT ST JOSEPH'S FOR YOUR

CHRISTMAS DIARY

MAKING ADVENT WREATHS

Thursday 22nd November, 1-3.00 pm

CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS FOR THE HOME

Tuesday 18th December, 1-3.00 pm

2 seasonal workshops with Alka Hyams-foster

Cost towards materials for each workshop is £5

St Joseph's Table CHRISTMAS DINNERS

Wednesday 5th & Wednesday 12th December

2 Course £9.50 : 3 course £12 (Booking essential)

Candlelight Carols in Memory of Loved Ones

followed by our **Annual Entertainment Evening**

Wednesday 12th December, 7.15 pm

(Please send in further dates to add to this advance notification)

Parish Pilgrimages 2019

LOURDES 10th - 16th May

Friday to Thursday, £495 approximately

(price includes all travel and full board at hotel)

We have started booking, there are 27 so far.

DEPOSIT OF £200 secures a place and flight

ASSISI with visits to FLORENCE, PISA, SIENA

September 17th-27th

We shall be making this pilgrimage in 2 overlapping groups

All places have now been taken. There is a reserve list.

ROME 8th-14th (15th-21st) November 2019

(Details later. 21 people already booked)

National Youth Sunday 25th November

"Young people are not the future of the Church but the present - and they must be involved in building a brighter future," said the Synod in Rome. Next week we shall dedicate the newsletter to involving our young people, following the guidance of our Diocesan Youth Centre, based on the Synod.

Watermead shop
Christmas has arrived!
Cards, Cribbs, Gifts, etc.
"Visions and Vocations" from Catholic Women Speak

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

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