



God  
so loved  
the world

# ST. JOSEPH'S PARISH, LEICESTER

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Dear People,

Every now and then someone says to me "I wish we had a local Catholic nursing home." It's impossible. The costs of building and running such an enterprise are beyond us. Work out for yourself the cost of building, employing nursing, care and domestic staff - before we could invite anyone into the home. The risks are too great but our elderly, especially, need care.

Home visits, medical and social, are better than hospital or care-home if the people are happy to live at home. Could we help there? The State prefers such services. The Church fits in with friendly and helpful visits from societies such as the SVP and the Legion of Mary, but these are friendly and church, rather than social and need, based.

Last week a fascinating report gave details of small enterprises (five seemed the best number) of dedicated care workers who form their own small company. They know and trust each other and work to cover a small area, meaning little travel time and more care time. Supporting and trusting each other they come to know well the people they visit.

Could we help promote such teams in our parish area? Would you be able to work out a business plan that we could promote in the parish? Organisation is essential, trusting one another, good wages, good contacts with local services.

Is it feasible? The present system does not always satisfy - visits are rushed, are businesslike (understandably) rather than friendly, and can seem impersonal if tight schedules are being adhered to.

Devise a scheme in its ideal, registered with the local authorities, and the people of the parish lending enough to start the work with a loan to be repaid within a reasonably short time.

Dream on, Fr John, dream on. I shall. Every parish, with its small teams of care workers in the local parish areas. It's working in general society, the report makes clear how well, so why not in the local Catholic Christian community? We can't hope for a Catholic nursing home but we could establish a Catholic home care system.

God bless and guide us, *Fr. John*

**CONFESSIONS THIS WEEK SUNDAY 5.15 pm at St. Joseph's**

**BLESSED SACRAMENT CHAPEL**

open every day this week from 10.30 am - 6.30 pm.

**9th April 2017 (Prayer Week 2)**  
"Christ suffers for and with the world"

## Mass Times and Intentions

### PASSION (PALM) SUNDAY

(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 Ella D'Souza, Vincent Anderson, Michael Staples,*

*Patrick & Doreen Bishop, Thanksgiving*

### MONDAY 10th APRIL

7.00 pm at St. Joseph's *for Holy Souls*

### TUESDAY 11th APRIL

*(St Stanislaus of Krakow, bishop)*

10.00 am at St. Joseph's *for Edward Noronha*

### WEDNESDAY 12th APRIL

**No parish mass today.**

We are invited by the Bishop to the Chrism Mass.

11.30 am, at St Barnabas Cathedral, Nottingham

*PENITENTIAL SERVICE TONIGHT - see below*

## EASTER SERVICES

### WEDNESDAY 12th APRIL

**Service of Reconciliation, 7.00 pm**

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### ***Easter Triduum***

### MAUNDY THURSDAY 13th APRIL

**7.30 pm** Mass of the Last Supper at St. Joseph's

*for People of the Parish*

*(Adoration until 10.00 pm)*

### GOOD FRIDAY 14th APRIL

**3.00 pm** Liturgy at St. Joseph's

**7.00 pm** Rosary Church for Stations of the Cross

### HOLY SATURDAY 15th APRIL

***EASTER VIGIL*** at 7.00 pm

### ***Easter Sunday***

### SUNDAY 16th APRIL

**9.00 am** at Rosary Church

**10.30 am and 6.00 pm** at St. Joseph's

*(Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament from 5.15 pm)*

*INTENTIONS REMEMBERED AT EACH EASTER MASS*

*Howard Fertig, Jack Laing, Michael Staples,*

*Percy Brown, Thanksgiving*

## EASTER FLOWERS

there will be a retiring collection today.

## The Parish on Sundays



Hot (and cold) drinks after mass on Sunday mornings at both our churches. (Library, Lourdes Garden, "Home from Home" Shop, Watermead Shop open at St Joseph's)....and on EASTER SUNDAY.

## Parish Diary This Week

### Tuesday 11th April

**St JOSEPH'S TABLE** open this week as usual from 10.40 am - 3.30 pm. Special menu of the week (see below), along with all the usual hot/cold food and homebakes. **THE TABLE WILL BE CLOSED AFTER EASTER UNTIL Tuesday 25th April.**

*Note that parish facilities (Library, Home from Home shop, Garden, Watermead) will also be available during opening hours.*

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

**CHOIR PRACTICE** tonight, 7.30 pm.

### Wednesday 12th April

**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**

**SERVICE OF RECONCILIATION** 7.00 pm here at St Joseph's. Everyone is invited to this prayerful penitential service.

### Thursday 13th April

**SEE OVER FOR EASTER SERVICES**

**WATERMEAD SHOP OPEN 10.30 am-2.00 pm**

### Friday 14th April

**SEE OVER FOR EASTER SERVICES**

## St Joseph's Table

### This Week's Specials

**Soups** - Vegetable or Stilton & Broccoli, served with a white or wholemeal bap

**Main dish of the day** - Fish Pie served with assorted vegetables

**Pudding Choices** - Queen of Puddings, Marmalade Bread & Butter Pudding served with hot custard, ice cream or cream

**NOTE WE ARE OPEN HOLY WEEK BUT CLOSED THE WEEK OF EASTER**

## Watermead shop

We are open as usual

during Holy Week but shall be closed from **Easter Sunday until Sunday 23rd April**

Tues, Weds and Thurs from 10.30 am - 3.30 pm  
Sunday 11.45 am - 12.15 pm  
Information from 0116 220 7881 / 0

## This Week's Thought for Lent

*Takers ultimately lose but givers win forever.  
This is a rule the universe never breaks.*

Last week's collection was safely counted and banked. **£1,137**  
\*(Special RASH Collection £194)

Thank you. *Counters: Margaret  
(Next week: John & June)*

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

## Prayer Box

Please pray for:

**Families of the parish  
and our loved ones living and dead  
especially for those who have recently died:**

Bill Voss (RIP)

Fabian, Declan, Jenny, Jonathan,  
Jennifer, Pat, Mary, Patrick

Prayers for: Margaret, David, Robert,

The McCann family and all missing children

The peoples and countries of the world,  
especially those living under cruel dictatorships

## POSTBAG

Dear Father,

I was at the Station Mass on Wednesday evening. It was beautiful. Thank you. The welcome and hospitality we received, the music and singing, the prayer and prayers of the mass were uplifting and touching.

You were right to remind us that in comparison with Leicester City on Tuesday evening (where there was a full stadium), the busy bingo halls, cinemas, restaurants and cafes in town, our congregation from 14 parishes was small. Yet I spoke with people from Market Harborough and Earl Shilton, indicating some people feel involved enough to want to share the prayer of the Station Mass.

What does football, gambling, drinking and eating have that church does not have with its lame excuse "people don't like going out in the evenings". They do - for football and gambling and drinking. Can we learn from them?

You told us of your local Christian Churches who meet every Thursday in Lent and how few come. You were the only Catholic at two of those Thursdays. That's shameful. We don't even attempt such meetings in our area. Perhaps we know no one would come.

Thank you for reminding us that if churches and parishes die it's because the people allow them to.

Yours sincerely, A sincere visitor.

PS What's a fellow named Daly doing scoring the winning try for England against Wales? If he's related to you give him a piece of my mind.

Dear Friends in Christ,

I would be happy if we could have a representative from each of our local Christian Churches to give a three minute talk on any of the last sayings of Christ.

Thank you, Rev Saidu (Methodist Church)

PS from Fr John. Please tell me if you would like to be involved.

## CHURCH ROTAS FOR EASTER WEEKEND

VIGIL	Readers	Eucharistic Ministers
Sat. 7.00 pm	Gail & Bob & Doreen & Vincent	Cecilia / + one
<b>SUNDAY</b>		
Sun. 9.00 am	Alan	-
10.30 am	John	Anne G / Sister Lelia
6.00 pm	TBA	Vincent

## Dates for Diary

### The Chrism Mass

at St Barnabas Cathedral, Nottingham  
**Wednesday 12th April**, 11.30 am.  
All are welcome.

### Leicester @ the Cross Good Friday 14th April

beginning at 11.00 am in Humberstone Gate  
Leicester's famous Good Friday Christian witness returns with readings, drama, music and singing. See [www.leicester.anglican.org/leicesteratthecross](http://www.leicester.anglican.org/leicesteratthecross) for more information or to become involved.

### "Twilight" Retreats

Evenings of talks, prayer & music at St Joseph's. We begin the programme again on **Wednesday 19th April** (Easter Week)  
Leaflets with this year's programme at back of church

### The Miraculous Relic Image of Our Lady of Guadalupe

at St Barnabas Cathedral, Nottingham, on **Friday 21st - Wednesday 26th April**  
Details [www.relicofourladyofguadalupe.co.uk](http://www.relicofourladyofguadalupe.co.uk)

### A Day with Mary at Walsingham Sunday 21st May

The day begins at 11.40 am with the crowning of Our Lady at the Shrine. Details on notice board

**"Celebrate!" Charismatic Weekend**  
at Cleethorpes. **8th/9th July**  
([cleethorpes@celebrateconference.org](mailto:cleethorpes@celebrateconference.org))  
Details on notice board

### Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes 10th - 15th July 2017

By air: £649, by train: £569  
Details on notice board

### "TWILIGHT" RETREATS

Our Wednesday evenings of talks, prayer and music begin during Easter Week  
**Wednesday 19th April**  
**Wednesday 14th June**  
**Wednesday 12th July**  
**Wednesday 13th September**  
**Wednesday 18th October**  
(leaflets at back of church)



## YOUTH POLL



### Life, Faith & Vocational Discernment Survey

Calling all young people aged 13 - 29!!! The Catholic Bishops' Conference (England and Wales) would love to hear your voice! This is to help them prepare for the up n'coming 15th Ordinary General Assembly of the Synod of Bishops, focused on "Young People, the Faith and Vocational Discernment" in October 2018. This poll will be closed on Monday 5th June 2017 and it is open to all young people, not just those who are part of the Catholic Church. The link to the survey is: <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/cathnews-synod-youth-poll> (link also on parish website and FB group).

### Lourdes Pilgrimage (11th - 17th May)

### MEETING FOR PILGRIMS on Tuesday 25th April at 7.00 pm

We meet for final payments and to discuss details of travel and our days in Lourdes.  
Please bring your passport and details of your travel insurance so that we can confirm with the airlines and the hotel.

### REMINDER - Mother of Peace: Easter 2017

Would any young people who write regularly to pen friends at MOP please give their letters to Fr John or Lynn THIS WEEK. If anyone would like the children to pray for them on Chigona, the Holy mountain, please also hand their intentions to Fr John or Lynn.