



**CHRIST
IS RISEN**

ST. JOSEPH'S PARISH, LEICESTER

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Dear People,

Our day starts at 12 midnight - the strangest time to begin the day, when most people are asleep. Down the centuries we discover that various peoples and cultures began their day at 6.00 am, 12 noon, 6.00 pm, 12 midnight.

The Jewish day starts at 6.00 pm, following the poem that opens the Bible and imitating the day as the Jews believed that God saw it. That is part of the answer to the question of how we celebrate Holy Week.

The Passover meal, most sacred meal of the year, commemorating the exodus from the slavery of Egypt, was celebrated on the 14th day of the first month, Nisan. The meal was begun after 6.00 pm at the beginning of the Jewish day.

There were two calendars in use in the Holy Land in the time of Jesus. According to the lunar calendar the Passover was always Tuesday/Wednesday (as we reckon the days), but in the solar calendar the Passover might be any day of the week, as is our Christmas day.

In the Gospel we know that Jerusalem was celebrating Passover on the Friday/Saturday in the week when Jesus died, but it seems probable that Jesus and the disciples celebrated their paschal meal on the Tuesday/Wednesday.

No Jewish trial could take place during the hours of darkness: the light of day was the symbol of open and true justice. If someone were condemned to die the sentence could not be carried out for twenty-four hours in case some fresh evidence might be found. Jesus' trial was legal, otherwise Pontius Pilate would not have recognised the process.

The probable timetable thus is: *Tuesday*, the Last Supper and arrest in the Garden of Gethsemane; *Wednesday*, the trial before the Jewish court, the Sanhedrin; *Thursday*, Jesus appears twice before Pontius Pilate and once before King Herod. Soldiers at both courts mock him as "King of the Jews"; *Friday*, early, he is crucified and dies mid-afternoon, the ninth hour.

I spoke about this at the Maundy Thursday mass and people asked if I would write a summary in the parish newsletter. I am glad to. I hope you find the outline interesting and agree that it is probable - but not certain. Scholarship is always asking questions.

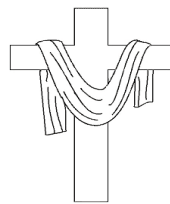
God bless us to grow in knowledge and understanding of our faith,

Fr. John

16th April 2017 (Prayer Week 1)

"The Lord is truly risen. Alleluia!"

Mass Times and Intentions



EASTER VIGIL

(Saturday) 7.00 pm at St. Joseph's

EASTER SUNDAY

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 will be remembered at each Easter Mass
for Anamaria Graham, Howard Fertig, Percy Brown,
Jack Laing, Bill Wall, Michael Staples, Thanksgiving,
Nicolau, Nacementa, Mario & Anthony

EASTER MONDAY 17th APRIL

10.00 am at St. Joseph's for William Thompson

TUESDAY 18th APRIL

10.00 am at St. Joseph's for Michael Staples

10.30 pm Requiem Mass at St. Joseph's for Bill Voss

WEDNESDAY 19th APRIL

10.00 am at St. Joseph's for Judy Neal

THURSDAY 20th APRIL

10.00 am at St. Joseph's for Christine Gibbons

FRIDAY 21st APRIL

(St Anselm, Bishop)

7.00 pm at St. Joseph's for Mary Thompson

SATURDAY 22nd APRIL

9.30 am at The Rosary Church for Family Blessing

SUNDAY OF LENT (A)

(Saturday) 6.00 pm at St. Joseph's

(Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament from 5.15 pm)

SUNDAY 23rd APRIL

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 Angelina Iannelli, Gerry Barrios, Thanksgiving

CONFESSIONS NEXT WEEKEND

SUNDAY 5.15 pm at St. Joseph's

SATURDAY 10.00 am at the Rosary Church
and 5.15 pm at St. Joseph's

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 (Library, Lourdes Garden, "Home from Home" Shop, Watermead Shop open at St Joseph's) including today Easter Sunday.



**Welcome
to
Chris**

Christine Curtayne becomes a full member of the Catholic Church at the Easter Vigil celebration. We welcome Chris who has been an active member of our parish for a long time and already has many friends here. We also welcome her family and friends who will be with her at the service to share the occasion with her.

St Joseph's Table

HELP - VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

This project started last June as a trial and has exceeded all expectations in quality, popularity and community outreach. To continue the service we do really need more volunteers, even for the hope of extending the days! If you are interested in being part of the team and can spare a regular half a day, or longer, on Tuesday or Wednesday (or even Thursday) then please speak to Chris, one of the team or Fr John. Full training is available.

Note that you do not have to be a member of St Joseph's parish to join the team, as this is a community project, welcoming anyone who would like to become involved.

Note, also, that St Joseph's Table is closed during Easter Week but re-opens on Tuesday 25th April

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.

Watermead shop

**We shall be open on Easter Sunday
then closed until Sunday 23rd April**

USUAL OPENING TIMES

Tues, Weds and Thurs from 10.30 am - 3.30 pm
Sunday 11.45 am - 12.15 pm

Information from from 0116 220 7881 / 0
www.watermead-apostolate.com

Last week's collection was safely counted and banked. **£1,151**
(EASTER FLOWERS £282)

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

CHURCH ROTAS FOR NEXT WEEKEND

	Readers	Eucharistic Ministers
Sat. 6.00 pm	Marie	Ann
Sun. 9.00 am	Bob	-
10.30 am	Paul	Gerry & Sister Lelia
6.00 pm	TBA	Marie

Prayer Box

Please pray for:

**Families of the parish
and our loved ones living and dead**

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

Prayers for: Margaret, David, Ania

The McCann family and all missing children

*The peoples and countries of the world,
especially of NORTH KOREA*

POSTBAG

Dear People,

My friend wrote a book about Jesus. He laughed as he told me its title: "Mad, Bad or God". He explained.

Jesus spoke of himself as the Son of God, existing before Abraham (the father of the Jewish people) and of speaking and acting in the name of God. The religious authorities found this blasphemous and condemned him to die as a blasphemer. If he was deluded, he was mad; if he spoke the truth, he was God.

The Jewish authorities were startled at the powers he seemed to have - beyond human. They especially were taken by his power to "cast out devils", to free people from the power of evil spirits, to cure sickness and the mentally disturbed. They accused him of tricking the people by pretending he was from God when he was truly in league with Beelzebul, the prince of devils, and was leading people away from God into evil. If they were right, he was bad; if they were wrong, it was the power of God that he showed, he was from God, he was God.

All that Jesus said and did, he said, came from God his Father. That is the claim: he was divine, he was of God, he was God.

It took the Church until AD325, at the Council of Nicea, to define Jesus as truly divine and truly human, truly God and truly man. Many of us learned this in a few minutes at the age of six in our catechism classes. Why did the Church take 288 years to learn what we learned in two minutes? Fr John

Dear Fr John,

Before we set off for our Easter visit to Mother of Peace, I must try to thank everyone for their outstanding kindness and generosity.

People have taken such care finding the items requested, have donated over **800 dollars** for the children during our stay, have shopped for me while I was ill and have given **£1,640**, already banked, for longer term education and food. I am also taking letters from **36** of our children.

What a boost! Wouldn't Father David love it! There will be many prayers on Chigona.

Thank you, Lynn

PS And our prayers go with Lynn and others of the MOP team travelling to Zimbabwe today.

Dates for Diary

"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 years programme at back of church

Divine Mercy Sunday Sunday 23rd April

Our Lady of Good Counsel, Gleneagles Ave.

2.30 pm: Devotions, Confessions

and Mass at 5.00 pm

The Miraculous Relic Image of Our Lady of Guadalupe

at St Barnabas Cathedral, Nottingham, on

Friday 21st - Wednesday 26th April

Details www.relicourladyofguadalupe.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)

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)

Regular Parish Activities

Will resume from next weekend

Mondays

St VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY meet fortnightly. See Fr John for details.

Tuesdays

St JOSEPH'S TABLE open from 10.40 am - 3.30 pm. All the usual hot/cold food and homebakes. A warm welcome awaits all.

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

St JOSEPH'S CHOIR meets fortnightly. Ask Alison.

Wednesdays

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.

WATERMEAD SHOP OPEN 10.30 am-3.30 pm

Thursdays

PARISH OPEN DAY - hot drinks in Coffee Shop after the morning service (library, Home from Home, Garden). All welcome.

WATERMEAD SHOP OPEN 10.30 am-3.30 pm

Fridays

THE MIRIAM PRAYER GROUP meet in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel at 6.00 pm for faith-sharing and Rosary. All welcome.