



ST. JOSEPH'S PARISH, LEICESTER

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Dear People,

Here is the concluding part of the Homily at the Eucharist by the Australian bishop, Geoffrey Robinson. Thank you for the comments you have made about this "song of faith".

"There was always a tension between the beauty of the song and the weakness and the pettiness that I found within myself and in so many others who shared this song with me, but the song sustained me throughout the years.

"But then the darkness of evil within the Church gathered around me, and at times it was so deep that it seemed that the very song itself had been conquered. But in the depths of that darkness, when my clinging to the song was based on blind faith rather than on any warm feeling within me, I realised that the song is quite simply part of who I am and it is in the darkness that it is most important to me.

"The song must not stop with us and we in our turn must sing it to others. In doing this we must remember that this song has two special characteristics.

"The first is that we, too, will never sing the song as well as Jesus did - our voices lack strength and go flat, we misunderstand the words - but, if we sing this song to the best of our ability, people do not hear only our voices. Behind us and through us they hear a stronger and a surer voice, the voice of Jesus.

"The second is that we always sing the song better if we can learn to sing it together - not one voice here, another there, each singing different words to different melodies, but all singing the one song in harmony. Then people will truly know that it is still the most beautiful song the world has ever known."

God bless us all to sing the song in harmony, each in our own voice.

Fr. John

29th January 2017 (Prayer Week 4)
"Love trumps all"

Mass Times and Intentions

4th SUNDAY OF YEAR (A)

(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 Bernadette Howard, Mary Robinson, Ellen Kelvey,

Colette & Ashley Wright, Olive Maltida Nkhata,

Jack Laing, Mike Sullivan

MONDAY 30th JANUARY

(St Aidan)

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

TUESDAY 31st JANUARY

(St John Bosco)

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

WEDNESDAY 1st FEBRUARY

(St Brigid)

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

THURSDAY 2nd FEBRUARY

(Presentation of the Lord)

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

FRIDAY 3rd FEBRUARY

(St Blaise, St Ansgar, Bishops)

12 noon: St Joseph's: Requiem Mass for Judy (Angelina) Neal

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

SATURDAY 4th FEBRUARY

No Service at the Rosary Church today

5th SUNDAY OF YEAR (A)

(Saturday) 6.00 pm at St. Joseph's

(Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament from 5.15 pm)

SUNDAY 5th FEBRUARY

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 Kaylie Rodrigues, Patricia O'Callaghan,

Colette & Ashley Wright, Theresa Munnelly

CONFESSIONS THIS 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 - 4.00 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).

Parish Diary This Week

Tuesday 31st January

St JOSEPH'S TABLE open today from 10.40 am - 3.30 pm. Special menu of the week (see below), along with all the usual hot/cold food and homebakes.

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

Wednesday 1st February

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 2nd February

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

"KNITT AND KNATTER" meet in the coffee shop after the service. Please feel welcome to join us.

WATERMEAD SHOP OPEN 10.30 am-2.30 pm

Friday 3rd February

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

Home from Home UPDATE

The shop is now open on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays 11.00 am - 3.00 pm

We are always grateful for your donations, and at present are especially needing bric-a-brac. One small request regarding clothes:

the team would be grateful if items could be clean and folded, as this would help with the sorting.

Thank you, as always, for your support - and thank you to the 'Home from Home' team.

St Joseph's Table

This Week's Specials

Soup - Winter Vegetable served with a white or wholemeal bap

Main dish of the day - Lasagne served with garlic bread and salad

Pudding Choices

Apple Pie, Spiced Pear Crumble served with hot custard, ice cream or cream

Prayer Box

Please pray for:

Families of the parish

and our loved ones living and dead

especially for those who have recently died:

Christina Flynn (RIP), Judy (Angelina) Neal (RIP), Olive Maltida Nkhata (RIP), Roy Stuttard (RIP)

Fabian, Declan, Jenny, Jonathan, Jennifer, Pat, Lina, Mary, Patrick, Clare, Annette, Chris & Cliff, Donald

Prayers for: Colin Jackson, Irene Coelho

The McCann family and all missing children

The peoples and countries of the world, especially the people of SOMALIA, EGYPT

Catholic Women Speak

began as a group forum on Facebook and, to date, nearly 3,000 Catholic women from around the world engage in discussion about issues relevant to their lives as women in the Catholic Church, seen through the many different cultures and societies from which they come. Some may remember, or even have read, the CWS book "Bringing our Gifts to the Table", published in 2015 and given to the bishops and cardinals involved in the Synod on the Family in October of that same year. Members of the Catholic Women Speak community will soon be meeting to plan for local discussion groups outside of Facebook.

If you would like to know more, possibly share in the planning, please contact Alison on 0116 2207881 or email Alison.CWS@outlook.com.

VACANCIES

Chaplain at Leicester Royal Infirmary

The position is being advertised for a good Catholic woman or man willing to organise chaplaincy services.

If you know of someone suitable, including yourself, please notify Fr John or Rev Mark Burleigh,

at Leicester General Hospital, 0116 2584243

The Briars Catholic Youth Retreat Centre

is seeking to appoint a programme co-ordinator.

For details and application pack contact Angela Gillespie at The Briars, Crich Common, Matlock, Derbys DE4 5BW or 01773 852044 or angela@ndcys.com

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

A reminder that next week the prayers at our 10.30 am mass will be led by the children preparing for their First Holy Communion.

260 Club

This Months Winners!

No.170 wins £75; No.118 wins £50; No.239 wins £50; No.13 wins £50; No.98 wins £35.

Last week's collection was safely counted and banked. **£956**

Thank you. Counters: Sarah & Gloriosa (Next week: Terry)

Dates for Diary

Healing Mass with Blessing of Throats

at the Rosmini Centre, LE7 4SJ

Friday 3rd February, 7.00 pm

All welcome. Refreshments after mass.

We have been invited to a

Visit my Mosque Open Day

Sunday 5th February

12.30 - 5.30 pm

17A Duxbury Road, Leicester LE5 3LR

Guided tours every hour, refreshments and opportunity for discussion.

Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes

10th - 15th July 2017

By air: £649, by train: £569

Details on notice board

Pilgrimages to Medjugorje

11th-18 May / 14th-21st September

Contact Kath Gambin on 0116 2340103

DEANERY LENT COURSE

on ministering to people with dementia

at St Patrick's, Beaumont Leys Lane,

2nd, 16th, 30th March, 7.30 - 8.30 pm

There will be a short film, commissioned by the Bishops' Conference of England and Wales, and then discussion on this very important area of ministry in today's Church.

YOUNG ADULT PRAYER GROUP (16+)

will be starting at

St Mary's, South Wigston, 7.00 pm, on

Friday 3rd February

All are welcome and further information

is available from

katieannejones1@hotmail.com or visit the

Facebook page called "Faith, Fun, Fellowship"

Parish Pilgrimages 2017

Lourdes 11th - 17th May

The cost for all travel and full board at the hotel is **£495**. This is a wonderful opportunity and places are still available.

Stresa & Lake Maggiore 17th-23rd August

The hotel has given us the option on another two or three (twin/double) rooms. **£595** covers all travel and half board at the lakeside hotel. Blessed Antonio Rosmini, the founder of the religious order to which Fr John belongs, is buried at Stresa. Lake Maggiore is very beautiful and we shall be visiting Lake Como, Lugano and Locarno - a wonderful glimpse of the Italian and Swiss Alps.

Ask Fr John if interested in all above - but soon!

STOP DRESS - A place for Malta

(30th January - 6th February) still available

CHURCH ROTAS FOR NEXT WEEKEND

	Readers	Eucharistic Ministers
Sat. 6.00 pm	Edward	Sal
Sun. 9.00 am	Luke	-
10.30 am	Children	Gerry
6.00 pm	TBA	Vincent