

# ST. JOSEPH'S PARISH, LEICESTER

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Dear People,

Thank you for your enquiries about the Church Catechism and YouCat (Youth Catechism). Both are the work of Pope John Paul II and Pope Benedict XVI. At the back of our two churches are copies of the books and if you would like to order please sign your name and we shall buy in bulk through Watermead. Each book will cost £5 as someone has offered to subsidise the cost. Do buy one and consider buying the two. I promise you a life-time of fascinating reading and reference.

This week, in a book I had not looked at for a little while, I came across notes for a talk I gave on Papal elections. Here is an insight you might enjoy into that process during the elections of Pope John Paul I and Pope John Paul II in 1978.

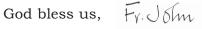
Pope John Paul I was elected in the evening of the first day of the conclave. In the first morning ballot Cardinal Siri polled 25 votes, Cardinal Luciani 21, Cardinal Pignedoli 20, and others a few votes each. In the second morning ballot Siri polled 25 again (meaning no one else would choose him) and Luciani polled 55, gathering 34 extra votes. In the second evening ballot Luciani was elected and became Pope John Paul I.

Thirty-three days later he died suddenly. The same cardinals met to elect his successor. On the first ballot Siri, Benelli and Colombo all received good support. In the second ballot Siri lost and Benelli and Columbo gained support. On the third ballot Benelli almost reached the two-thirds required but in the fourth vote Columbo overtook him and it seemed certain he would be elected at the next vote.

But he told his fellow cardinals he would not accept. He was too old and frail to bear the burden of the papacy. They must choose someone else.

The mood of the conclave changed and the cardinals looked in a new direction. Cardinal Wojtyla from Poland had received just 5 votes on the first ballot and only 12 on the fourth when Cardinal Columbo was close to being chosen. Now great support came for the cardinal from Poland and on the seventh ballot he was elected and became Pope John Paul II.

Where is the Holy Spirit in the above process? There is a very good answer.



### **16th July 2017** (Prayer Week 3)

"Dear God, make me as nice a person as my dog thinks I am . . ."

# Mass Times and Intentions 15th 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 Peggy Keeley (B), Mary MacPhillips, Brenda Cassidy, Peter Lobo, Hughie McHugh, Fr John Mee

### **MONDAY 17th JULY**

7.00 pm at St. Joseph's for Brendan O'Shea

#### **TUESDAY 18th JULY**

10.00 am at St. Joseph's for Ursula Fidler

### WEDNESDAY 19th JULY

10.00 am at St. Joseph's for Mike & Pat Thorne

### THURSDAY 20th JULY

10.00 am at St. Joseph's for Holy Souls

### FRIDAY 21st JULY

(St Lawrence of Brindisi, Priest) 7.00 pm at St. Joseph's for Children in the Womb

### **SATURDAY 22nd JULY**

(St Mary Magdalene)

9.30 am at The Rosary Church for Family Blessing

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#### **SUNDAY 23rd JULY**

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 Colette Wright, Holy Souls, Children in the Womb

#### CONFESSIONS EACH WEEK

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 - 6.30 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).

# Parish Diary This Week

**Tuesday 18th July** 

St JOSEPH'S TABLE open today from 10.40 am - 3.30 pm. See the special lunchtime menu of the week (below), along with 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

STRESA/LAKES PILGRIMAGE meeting tonight, 7.00 pm, in the parish hall to dicuss details and make final payments. Please remember to bring your passports and your insurance details.

Wednesday 19th July 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. All welcome.

WATERMEAD SHOP OPEN 10.30 am-3.30 pm

### **Thursday 20th July**

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

Friday 21st July

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

# St loseph's Table

Summer Specials Menu has arrived!

Summer Light Option - Melon Medley or Soup <u>Lunchtime specials</u> - Beef Bourguignon

served with potatoes & fresh vegetables Various Salads available on request

(Ploughman's platter also available)

Dessert - Fruit Crumble (served wih tcustard, cream, ice-cream)

### Catholic Certificate of Religious Studies

Please visit www.brs-ccrs.org.uk or phone 0207 901 1900 for starting dates, fees and the nearest centres.

Last week's collection was safely counted and banked. £1,114 \*(Special RASH Collection £153)

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

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

Please collect your new counting/reading rotas from the Sacristy after mass

# 🛮 Prayer Box 📭

Please pray for:

Families of the parish and our loved ones living and dead

especially for those who have recently died: Pam Leggott (RIP)

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

> > Prayers for: Chris, Sally

The McCann family and all missing children

The peoples and countries of the world. especially KENYA and TANZANIA

#### Prayer for Refugees and Victims of War:

Lord God, no one is a stranger to you and no one is ever removed from your loving care. In your kindness, watch over refugees and victims of war. those separated from their loved ones. anvone who is lost, and those who have no home or have been forced to flee. Bring them back safely to the place where they long to be and help us to show your kindness to strangers and to all in need. Grant this through Christ Our Lord, Amen.

Prayer from Aid to the Church in Need

# POSTBAG

Dear People.

I have always warned to be careful about funeral plans which often are not good value and leave problems for relatives and friends when the sad time comes.

Last week Dignity (800 outlets around the country) advised people to be very careful in investing in funeral plans which so often cause more problems than they solve. Be careful.

Fr John

Dear Father.

This was one of my mother's favourite prayers. (Vincent).

And I saw surely that ere God made us he loved us:

which love was never slacked. nor ever shall be. And in this love he hath done all his works. and in this love he hath made all things profitable to us, and in this, life is everlasting. In our making we had beginning; but the love wherein he made us

was in him from without beginning; in which love we have our beginning, and all this shall we see in God

without end. (Dame Julian of Norwich)

### CHURCH ROTAS FOR NEXT WEEKEND

Readers Eucharistic Ministers Sat. 6.00 pm Clare Sal Sun. 9.00 am Luke 10.30 am Steve /Sr Lelia Theresa 6.00 pm TBA Vincent



made her First Holy Communion last week and today

Braden

makes his First Holy Communion. We pray for them and their families.

# Dates for Diary

**SEND Catholic Conference** and Healing Service Saturday 29th July,

9.30 am - 5.30 pm

at Trinity Hall School, Beechdale Road, Nottingham NG8 3EZ See leaflets at back of church

Rosary Rally

at Mount St Bernard's Abbey Sunday 27th August

starting with mass at 2.00 pm Full details on church notice board

**Queen of Peace** Pilgrimage to Walsingham **Monday 28th August** 

Coach from St Joseph's at 9.00 am Adults £16 (children under 14 free) Ring Mary on 07792 162 518 See posters on notices boards

### → Pilgrimages 2018 →

Malta: 30th Jan - 6th Feb / or 30th Jan - 11th Feb All travel and hotel at half board 8 (£420 approx),12 days (£565 approx) Rome, 9th - 15th November All travel and bed & breakfast at hotel 7 days (£595 approx) Late Spring or Summer:

Padua, Venice & Assisi All travel and hotels at half board 8 days (£595 approx)

Bookings are being made. Ask Fr John

Thank you - Fr John is still overwhelmed by the hundreds of gifts, cards, mass offerings and greetings for his Golden Jubilee. He would like to give personal thanks for each one - and feels helplessly grateful. He wants to say thank you, once more, for the kindness that so many people have shown.

Please ask if you would like to sign the Jubilee book in which parishioners and visitors wrote their personal greetings. The book will be made available at our two churches. Please ask.

Photographs of Fr John's Jubilee weekend are on the parish Facebook group. The video will be uploaded soon onto the Parish YouTube site.

### Watermeao shop **OPENING TIMES**

Tues, Wed, Thur from 10.30 am-3.30 pm Sat 5.15 - 6.00 pm & Sun 11.45 am-12.15 pm Information from 0116 220 7881 / 0 www.watermead-apostolate.com

## MISSIO - Red Collection Boxes

Please collect your boxes from the table at the back of the church. Thank you for your support. Anthony Phiri & Carmen Fernandes

A VERY GOOD ANSWER .... Dictatorship, monarchy and imperialism are simple - one dominating voice speaks. But democracy is messy - everyone can speak! The Church has chosen a democratic process for the election of a pope - its only example of democracy.