



ST. JOSEPH'S PARISH, LEICESTER

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Dear People,

Last week Sister Mary Campion celebrated her 100th birthday and Sister Mary Coen celebrated 60 years of religious life. Here in the parish and at the convent in Rearsby were joyful celebrations. From the Rearsby Mass leaflet we learn:

Mary Campion was born 22nd July 1917 and although her birth certificate names her as Evelene Mary Campion she has always claimed Mary Magdalen as her name (22nd July is the feast of St Mary Magdalen). When Sister was received into the congregation of the Sisters of St Joseph of Peace she took the name Sister Mary Gabriel but reverted to her own name when that became an option. For more than eighty years Sister Mary has ministered generously and with such good grace.

Mary Teresa Coen knew from a young age that she wanted to be a Sister so in 1957 she left her parents and her two brothers in Rahara, County Roscommon, and came to Rearsby. Her parish priest at the time described her as "a young lady of excellent character" whom he could confidently recommend. The Sisters say how beautifully Sister Mary has ministered over the years - and that she is still a young lady in terms of energy and generosity, continuing her ministry of service and healing which began all those years ago. The Sisters thank her for her caring nature and willingness to take on whatever challenge came her way.

We can imagine the joy at Rearsby shared with all the Sisters who were able to come and we were glad at St Joseph's and the Rosary Church to share that joy in our prayer and gratitude. How generously over the years the Sisters have served in our parish and diocese and elsewhere. Many of the people of the parish will remember being taught by the Sisters at our school and how good it has been to be with them in the parish services and ministry. Thank you, Sisters, for all you have meant to us during the many years.

God bless you, Fr. John

PS Read and enjoy this week's Postbag over the page.

30th July 2017 (Prayer Week 1)
"Celebrating our Sisters of St Joseph"

Mass Times and Intentions

17th 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 Sarah Boyd, Pat Cox, Hughie McHugh, Alec Hill,
Sister Mary Campion, Sister Mary Coen*

MONDAY 31st MONDAY

(St Ignatius of Loyola, Priest)

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

TUESDAY 1st AUGUST

(St Alphonsus Mary Liguori, Bishop)

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

WEDNESDAY 2nd AUGUST

(St Eusebius of Vercelli, Bishop : St Peter Julian Eymard)

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

THURSDAY 3rd AUGUST

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

FRIDAY 4th AUGUST

(St John Vianney, Priest)

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

SATURDAY 5th AUGUST

(The Dedication of the Basilica of St Mary Major)

No Service at the Rosary Church today

FEAST OF THE TRANSFIGURATION

(Saturday) 6.00 pm at St. Joseph's

(Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament from 5.15 pm)

SUNDAY 6th AUGUST

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 Anya Rodrigues, Lilly Fernandes, T Braganza,

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.

WELCOME

Father Philip Scanlon will be celebrating mass for us this weekend. Fr Philip is a Rosminian priest - from the same religious Order that Fr John belongs to. We welcome him.

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 1st August

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. A warm welcome awaits - and if anyone would like to help in any way, please see Chris for more information. *The parish library, Home from Home shop, Garden, Watermead shop also available during opening hours.*

WATERMEAD SHOP OPEN 10.30 am-3.30 pm

Wednesday 2nd August

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 3rd August

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 4th August

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

St Joseph's Table

Summer Specials Menu

Summer Light Option - Butternut Squash Soup

Lunchtime specials - Lamb hotpot

served with potatoes & fresh vegetables

Various Salads available on request

(Ploughman's platter also available)

Dessert - Summer Puddings

(served with custard, cream, ice-cream)

Last week's collection was safely counted and banked. **£1,016**

*(Special RASH Collection £152)

Thank you. *Counters: TBA*

(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

Fabian, Declan, Jenny, Jonathan,

Jennifer, Pat, Mary, Patrick

Prayers for: Catherine, Sally, Ethan, Malcolm

The McCann family and all missing children

The peoples and countries of the world, especially VENEZUELA, COLOMBIA

POSTBAG

Dear Sister Campion,

I have learned with great pleasure that you will celebrate on 22nd July 2017 the hundredth anniversary of your birth.

What a wonderful occasion for you, your extended family and friends as you reminisce and celebrate a life great in years and, I have no doubt, rich in accomplishments. I join with your family and friends in wishing you a very happy birthday.

Born, as you were, in the second decade of the 20th century, you have lived through remarkable times in the history of Ireland and the world. You have witnessed remarkable changes and developments.

May you be surrounded today by the warmth of happy memories and secure in the knowledge that you continue to make this world a better place for all who love you. I am delighted to send my warmest personal congratulations and most sincere good wishes.

Yours sincerely, Michael D Higgins,

President of Ireland

I am so pleased to know that you are celebrating your 100th birthday on 22nd July 2017. I send my congratulations and best wishes to you on such a special occasion.

Elizabeth R

Miss Mary Campio

(PS a beautiful photograph of our Queen Elizabeth is on the card that Sr Mary received)

Dear Miss Campion,

Warm congratulations on the occasion of your 100th birthday. My best wishes go out to you for a most enjoyable day.

The Right Honourable David Gauke MP

Secretary of State for Work and Pensions

Watermead shop

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

www.watermead-apostolate.com

CHURCH ROTAS FOR NEXT WEEKEND

	Readers	Eucharistic Ministers
Sat. 6.00 pm	Marie	Ann B
Sun. 9.00 am	Alan	-
10.30 am	Paul	Gerry Sister Lelia
6.00 pm	TBA	Vincent

Dates for Diary

Lourdes in Glossop

Sunday 13th August

at St Mary's, Glossop

Mass at 2.00 pm,

Blessed Sacrament Procession at 4.00 pm.

Torchlight Procession at 6.00 pm

A Lourdes day of prayer and reunion

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

Fr John : Progress Report

Father John had his operation on Friday morning and the surgeon saw him again today (Saturday) and said that he is pleased with how the procedure went. He has had a partial replacement of the hip he was given 23 years ago. The operation should have been under epidural, but that didn't take effect and so he had to have a general anaesthetic - along with a dose of morphine for the pain, resulting in him being very 'happy' when I saw him last night. He did lose more blood than was expected and this is still being monitored, although today I was told this is improving.

One request from Fr John before he went into hospital was to ask me to discourage visitors whilst he was in hospital. Please ask people to pray instead of visit and I'll see them in church (or hall) when I get home, he said. I am sure everyone will understand and respect this wish. Sister Mary is taking him in Holy Communion.

Today the euphoria of morphine has worn off and he seems to be in a little more pain, which is now being managed by tablets. He is very tired and very sleepy but says he is delighted that he's been able to spend these two day resting and praying (in heaven) for everyone!

I am updating the parish Facebook Group each evening and if you are members please follow this (and join, also, if you are able). There have been many phone calls - and so I shall put a message on the parish phone later for the people who ring (Fr John's message from earlier in the week needs replacing, anyway).

He has asked me to pass on his appreciation of all the prayers and get well messages. Alison

HELP - THANK YOU!

Thank you to all those who volunteered help with the clean-up following the ongoing refurbishment work happening in the parish house to cope with Fr John's current immobility needs. If I haven't yet been back to you be assured I will do. Work is continuing through the weekend in preparation for Fr John's return from hospital. Thanks, again.

Alison (0116 2207881)

Catholic Singles is an organisation which helps single Catholics of all ages (over 18 years) meet other single Catholics, either one to one or through social events. For further information visit www.catholicingles.org.uk or tel. 0161 941 3498