



ST. JOSEPH'S PARISH, LEICESTER

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Dear People,

At 6 o'clock last Saturday evening began the most bewildering 24 hours of my life. As I looked up from the book at the end of the first hymn I saw friends from around the country, some of whom I had said goodbye to only a few hours before with the hopes of seeing each other at the Catholic Men's Society conference in September. I then realised that my simple plan for celebrating the Golden Jubilee of priesthood quietly with the parish at each mass, but including everyone I would have liked to be here in prayer, had faded away.

If I could not invite everyone, I had reasoned, I would not invite anyone for fear of leaving anyone out but everyone would be present in my prayer at our parish celebrations of mass.

What happened was wonderful: so many people had been contacted, the word spread, the secret kept, and I guessed nothing. There was a party after each mass: Saturday evening, at the Rosary church and St Joseph's on the Sunday morning - so many people I was delighted to see and could never have guessed would be able to come.

On the Sunday evening I came out of confessions expecting the usual quiet 6.00 pm mass. Alison (the brilliant organiser) said: "Some of your friends are in the sacristy." The local priests and some of my Rosminian brethren were waiting for me! The choir was here again, my family from Wales (on the inside of the story) were still here, and we had another blessed and happy evening. Overwhelming.

It was all beyond anything I could have planned or hoped for. I was allowed to see the letter that had gone out around the country - not so much an invitation, but a welcome if people could come.

I was overtaken, overwhelmed, by brilliant planning and organisation, wonderful co-operation and a secrecy that held. I knew and suspected nothing, and thus was totally unprepared for the wonderful weekend that we celebrated - a precious memory for the rest of my life (and for eternity - you can take memories with you, you know: it's only possessions we leave behind).

Thank you, everyone, who helped to make the weekend so wonderfully happy for me.

God bless you, Fr. John

9th July 2017 (Prayer Week 2)
"Thank you, to God and everyone"

Mass Times and Intentions

14th 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, Dylan Jarrett, Hughie McHugh,
Michael Staples, Frank Deery, Felix Cassidy, Thanksgiving

MONDAY 10th JULY

7.00 pm at St. Joseph's for Family & Friends

TUESDAY 11th JULY

(St Benedict, Patron of Europe)

10.00 am at St. Joseph's for Holy Souls

WEDNESDAY 12th JULY

10.00 am at St. Joseph's for Colette Wright

THURSDAY 13th JULY

(St Henry)

10.00 am at St. Joseph's for Family & Friends

FRIDAY 14th JULY

(St Camillus de Lellis, Priest)

7.00 pm at St. Joseph's for Family & Friends

SATURDAY 15th JULY

(St Bonaventure, Bishop)

9.30 am at The Rosary Church for Children in the Womb

15th SUNDAY OF YEAR (A)

(Saturday) 6.00 pm at St. Joseph's
(Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament from 5.15 pm)

SUNDAY 16th 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 Brenda Cassidy, Peter Lobo, Hughie McHugh

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 11th July

St JOSEPH'S TABLE open today from 10.40 am - 3.30 pm. Special menu of the week (see below) A warm welcome awaits. *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 12th 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

"TWILIGHT" RETREAT, 7-9.00 pm in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel (see further details in "Dates for Diary"). Donation £2.

Thursday 13th 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 14th July

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 has arrived!

Summer Light Option - Melon Medley

Lunchtime specials - Baked Salmon

served with Dauphinoise potatoes & fresh vegetables

Various Salads available on request

(Ploughman's platter also available)

Dessert - Baked Custard Tart

or Bakewell Tart

MISSIO - Red Collection Boxes

Please collect your boxes from the table at the back of the church. Banking of your box contributions is done twice a year, March/April and October/November. Thank you for your support. Anthony Phiri & Carmen Fernandes

Last week's collection was safely counted and banked. **£1,758**

*(Special RASH Collection £140)

Thank you. *Counters: Gail & Keith*
(Next week: Sarah)

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

CHURCH ROTAS FOR NEXT WEEKEND

	Readers	Eucharistic Ministers
Sat. 6.00 pm	John	Ann B
Sun. 9.00 am	Bob	-
10.30 am	Gail	Gerry / Sister Lelia
6.00 pm	TBA	Marie

Prayer Box

Please pray for:
Families of the parish
and our loved ones living and dead
especially for those who have recently died:
Jim McGarrigle (RIP)

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

Prayers for: Chris

The McCann family and all missing children
(Our Novena To Blessed Antonio ends today)

The peoples and countries of the world,
especially NORTH AND SOUTH KOREA

POSTBAG

Dear People,

C.S. Lewis was one of my professors at university. He writes: "A man who was merely a man and said the sort of things Jesus said would not be a great moral teacher. He would either be a lunatic - on a level with a man who claimed to be a poached egg - or else he would be the devil of hell. You must make your choice: either this man was and is the Son of God or else a madman, or something worse."

"You can shut him up for a fool; you can spit at him and kill him as a demon; or you can fall at his feet and call him Lord and God. But let us not come up with any patronising nonsense about him being a great moral teacher."

Mark Greenwood, a Christian writer, adds: "Jesus made major claims - he said he was God, he was able to forgive and that we could trust him with our eternal destinies. If he made these claims and they weren't true, and he knew it, then he was the worst type of liar. If he made these claims and they weren't true, but he didn't know it, then he was deluded. Either way, simply saying he was a good moral teacher doesn't work."

How would you explain Jesus? Fr John

Dear People

I have been asked to share the letter from Bishop Patrick that was read at each mass last weekend. It is below

Dear John,

I am writing to congratulate you, on behalf of all the clergy and faithful of the Diocese of Nottingham, on the occasion of your Golden Jubilee of Ordination to the Priesthood.

I write also to express, in the name of the diocese, our gratitude for your excellent ministry both at St Joseph's along with Our Lady of the Rosary Chapel of Ease and at St Theresa's, Birstall and The Sacred Heart, Rothley.

I am truly sorry that, because of prior commitments in parishes, I am unable to join with your parishioners, and many others who have benefitted from your ministry, in giving thanks to God for your dedicated ministry as a priest these past fifty years. Ad Multos Annos!

With my prayers and every good wish,

Yours sincerely, + Patrick

Rt Rev Patrick McKinney
Bishop of Nottingham

Dates for Diary

Our next "Twilight" Retreat

Wednesday 12th July, 7-9 pm

Prayer, Talks, Music led by Fr John

Theme THE HOLY TRINITY AND SPIRIT

In the Blessed Sacrament Chapel. All welcome.

→ 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

SPICMA

(Special Projects in Catholic Missionary Areas)

celebrates 50 years of helping the poorest and most marginalised. Bernard began it to support his brother, Patrick, a Mill Hill Missionary Father.

Their prayer:

Compassionate and loving God, we praise you for the many gifts you provide us.

May we be mindful of those who go without.

Help us to provide the resources needed for our brothers and sisters burdened by poverty and oppression.

Let our work this day be a reminder of our connectedness with all your children.

Open our eyes to see the needs of others.

Cleanse our ears to hear the cries of the poor.

Anoint our hands and feet to be instruments of fulfilling your justice.

We ask you through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Thank you - Fr John has been 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 - but feels helplessly grateful. He wants to begin by this first general, but personal, thank you and hopes in the coming months to reply with individual greetings.

Children's Books of prayers and messages

The children of St Joseph's parish and at St Joseph's school have presented messages and memories of Fr John. They are beautiful and Fr John would like to share them with the parish in some way, making them available.

Also available is a book from the Jubilee weekend in which parishioners and visitors wrote their personal greetings. If you would like to add your message the book will be made available at our two churches. Please ask.

Photographs were taken last weekend and these will be available soon. A video was also made of the celebrations and this is to be uploaded and made available on the Parish YouTube site.

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

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