



ST. JOSEPH'S PARISH, LEICESTER

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Dear People,

Early in my parish life I was at a clergy fraternal, ministers of the local Anglican, Methodist, Baptist, URC Churches welcoming me to the area. Good men, and we worked well together over the years. The Baptist minister and I walked partway home together before he left me to visit one of the elderly in their church. "We Baptist ministers are expected to make a thousand visits a year," he said. What an ideal, I thought, and I made up my mind I would take that as a guideline.

One thousand per year equals 20 per week. Allow for weeks not possible (weather, other priestly work like retreats, hospital, schools, conferences, pilgrimages, meetings) and that rises to 30 per week, 5 per day. Allow that the housebound, the sick at home and in hospital and in our nursing and care homes would need my first consideration, and it becomes clear that the thousand visits will not be to a thousand homes but must include regular visits to the needy, the lonely, the sick.

Every day I spend the morning at prayer, at mass, at my desk, on the phone, meeting with people and at the schools. Every afternoon I am out in the parish or at the hospital, aiming to make at least five or six visits. I so enjoy the visiting, regret not being able to visit more - but when would I do it? Trying to plan home visits, given people's widely differing lives, is not easy. If no one is at home I say a prayer at the door and leave a card of a smiling Pope Francis (it used to be smiling Pope Benedict and smiling Pope John Paul) and go on my way.

It is a privilege to be welcomed into people's homes, but the pattern of home and family and work life is very different from years ago. One of my priest friends walked his parish for two and a half hours and found no one at home anywhere and told me how disheartening it felt. I agreed it is much harder than years ago to judge good visiting times.

As my ability to walk has weakened in recent months it is parish visiting I have most missed. But, as when you were not at home (at work, school, shopping, visiting yourselves, gone for a walk, in the garden) and I prayed for you at your door, I now pray for you back here at No.12 Goodwood Road. I am still clocking in my thousand visits in prayer . . .

God bless you for your understanding,

Fr. John

25th June 2017 (Prayer Week 4)

"Do you know the catechism? Honestly?"

Mass Times and Intentions

12th 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 Kathleen Kearney, Sarah Boyd, Celia Cates,
Margaret Wanjui, David & Mary Ellen Hudson,
Hughie McHugh, Maureen Burns, John & June Fertig*

MONDAY 26th JUNE

7.00 pm at St. Joseph's *for Peter & Mary O'Brien*

TUESDAY 27th JUNE

(St Cyril of Alexandria, Bishop)

10.00 am at St. Joseph's *for Colette Wright*

WEDNESDAY 28th JUNE

(St Irenaeus, Bishop)

10.00 am at St. Joseph's *for Hughie McHugh*

THURSDAY 29th JUNE

HOLY DAY Feast of St Peter & St Paul

10.00 am and 7.00 pm at St. Joseph's

for People of the Parish & for Our Departed Loved Ones

FRIDAY 30th JUNE

(First Martyrs of Rome)

7.00 pm at St. Joseph's *for Good Neighbours*

SATURDAY 1st JULY

(St Oliver Plunkett)

No Service at the Rosary Church today

13th SUNDAY OF YEAR (A)

(Saturday) 6.00 pm at St. Joseph's

(Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament from 5.15 pm)

SUNDAY 2nd 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 Reg & Mary Lowe, Grandma's Grandsons,
Children in the Womb.*

BLESSED SACRAMENT CHAPEL

open every day this week from 10.30 am - 6.30 pm.

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



Grace

is making her First Holy Communion.
We pray for her and the family.

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 27th June

St JOSEPH'S TABLE open today from Note the new summer specials menu, available along with the usual snacks and homebakes (Library, Home from Home shop, Garden, Watermead also open).

WATERMEAD SHOP OPEN 10.30 am-3.30 pm

CHOIR PRACTICE tonight, 7.30 pm.

Wednesday 28th June

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 29th June

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 30th June

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

Saturday 1st July

THE CATHOLIC MEN'S SOCIETY of Great Britain are holding their executive meeting here at St Joseph's. The men are travelling from around Britain! Welcome.

Sunday 2nd July

FR JOHN celebrates the 50th anniversary of his ordination to the priesthood at each mass today. Please share his prayer of gratitude for many blessings. Welcome all!

St Joseph's Table

Summer Specials Menu has arrived!

Summer Light Option - Watercress Soup

Lunchtime specials - Roast chicken served with new potatoes assorted vegetables or salad.

Various Salads available on request

including Coronation Chicken

(Ploughman's platter also available)

Dessert - Apple Pie & Custard/Cream or Summer Trifle / Ice Cream

Last week's collection was safely counted and banked. **£967**

(Day for Life Collection **£200**)

Thank you. *Counters: Pauline & Christine*
(Next week: Tony)

Prayer Box

Please pray for:

Families of the parish

and our loved ones living and dead

especially for those who have recently died:

Cyril Murphy (RIP),

Grenfell Tower families & neighbours (RIP)

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

Prayers for: Colette, John, Robert

The McCann family and all missing children

The peoples and countries of the world,
especially the countries of the European Union

POSTBAG

Dear People,

Pax Christi is a fine movement whose members live by the values of Peace, Reconciliation, and Nonviolence. It is rooted in Catholic Christianity but is open to everyone.

Archbishop Malcolm McMahon writes "Last year I was on pilgrimage to the Holy Land and once again I was horrified by the injustice that prevails there. Pax Christi's determination to achieve a just settlement for the Palestinian communities witnesses to the love of Christ in the land where he walked."

To know more, telephone 020 8203 4884 or see www.paxchristi.org.uk.

We pray alongside the good work and members of Pax Christi. Fr John

Dear People,

Rebecca Kiessling is Founder and Director of **Save The 1** and speaks of her gratitude that her mother allowed her to live. In a national radio interview the interviewer spoke about abortion as a medical procedure, but Rebecca corrected him: "What is an abortion? You're talking about securing the death of an unborn child."

Rebecca is working with Precious Life in Northern Ireland who are running a "Vote for Life" campaign to protect the life of all unborn children.

We pray for all those who see the sanctity of life from the womb to the very end, valuing everyone as a child of God. Fr John

Visitors to the church on Tuesday said how welcoming and blessed the parish seemed to be, with so many involved in various ways.

Thank you for all you do.

Men in Sheds

Would men in the parish who have expressed an interest in meetings and hobbies please see Fr John and we shall arrange a meeting with Tony Donovan at AgeUK.

CHURCH ROTAS FOR NEXT WEEKEND

	Readers	Eucharistic Ministers
Sat. 6.00 pm	Edward	Sal
Sun. 9.00 am	Philip	-
10.30 am	TBA	Steve / Sister Lelia
6.00 pm	TBA	Marie

Dates for Diary

Diocesan Pilgrimage to Padley Sunday 9th July

to honour the martyrs Nicholas Garlick and Robert Ludlam (Full details on notice board).

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.



A Novena for Madeleine and all Missing Children



We pray that Blessed Antonio Rosmini will act on our behalf, praying with us, as we earnestly ask that Our Lord, to whom each child is precious, will return dear Madeleine and all missing children to their families. We also pray that the Church will seek every means possible to highlight the plight of missing and exploited children throughout the world.

Most holy Mother of Sorrows, to whom Blessed Rosmini consecrated his Institute of Charity, we pray you to intercede with your Son, our Lord, to hear our humble prayers, Amen.

Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory be.....

Please say this prayer each day starting on the 1st July, Blessed Antonio's Feast Day, until the 9th July, which is the anniversary of Madeleine's baptism.

Blessed Antonio Rosmini is the founder of the religious order to which Fr John belongs. His tomb is at Stresa where we shall go in August. He was a wonderful saintly man.

→ 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

PASSPORT TO WALES

**LLANFIARPWLLGWYNGYLLGOGERYCHW
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This is the second longest place name in the world. It means: "The church of Mary in the hollow of the white hazel near the fierce whirlpool and the church of Tysilio by the red cave." Please learn the meaning and the pronunciation and the parish will send you to any part of Wales you choose.

Watermead shop

Holy Communion/Confirmation Gifts & Cards



OPENING TIMES

Tues, Wed, Thur from 10.30 am-3.30 pm

Sun 11.45 am-12.15 pm

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