



Come,
Holy Spirit,
fill the hearts
of your faithful...

ST. JOSEPH'S PARISH, LEICESTER

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Dear People,

A month before my final exams in Rome a letter came to tell me I would be teaching in a school in Huddersfield from the September. Four very happy years I was there, teaching all week, helping in the local parishes at the weekend, and earning a good salary which helped support our retired elderly priests and brothers.

Two small clouds spoil the experience: (1) I was told priests were not needed in schools, priests were needed in parishes; (2) I was taking a job that someone else could have had to support their family.

Years later I was asked to come on the parishes. They have been very happy years with two small clouds: (1) I was told that with my education I should be teaching, lecturing, writing books, not wasting my time visiting homes and the hospitals which can be done by people of the parish; (2) I should get a proper job and earn my living, not sponge off hard-working ordinary people.

When I gave my life to God I had no regrets or conditions. I was asked if I would go anywhere, do anything. I would, if I could cope, I promised. So I've been to the north of England, the edge of the Canadian wilderness in a mission school, to New Zealand to open a training house, teach and give missions and retreats, and worked in various ways in Britain - parishes, hospitals, schools, retreats, conference work, and parish missions.

To hear what I do rubbish I have to accept. My concern is that young people hear the criticisms and despise the priesthood, just as they hear grandparents and parents criticise the parish and decide that church is not worth bothering about.

A mother told me she hoped none of her sons would want to be a priest: she would not want him at the mercy of spiteful critical parishioners. A granddaughter told me she disliked church because of the way her grandmother criticised other parishioners "Who'd want to be part of that?" she said.

True. Maybe the shortage of priests is our young people hearing the older ones grumble and criticise and they want nothing to do with it.

As the Church continues to urge prayer for vocations, what are you praying? Most of the priests you have known chose, or were expected, to make the priesthood their first choice, but today's students for the priesthood are older men who have had various work experiences and careers, and have decided not to marry rather than be expected not to marry. Is that the answer to our prayer - older, unmarried men? It looks like it. What do we do?

Holy Spirit, be our guide. Fr. John

4th June 2017 (Prayer Week 4 & 1)
"The Spirit and water give life, poured"

Mass Times and Intentions

PENTECOST SUNDAY

(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, Jennifer McGuinness, Bernadette Howard,
Patrick & Doreen Bishop, Frank Gallagher, Terry Graham

MONDAY 5th JUNE

(St Boniface)

7.00 pm at St. Joseph's for Alec Hill

TUESDAY 6th JUNE

(St Norbert, Bishop)

10.00 am at St. Joseph's for Poulouse Madassery

WEDNESDAY 7th JUNE

10.00 am at St. Joseph's for Sheila Kelly

THURSDAY 8th JUNE

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

FRIDAY 9th JUNE

(St Ephrem : St Columba)

10.30 am Requiem Mass for Sarah Boyd

7.00 pm Mass at St. Joseph's for Holy Souls

SATURDAY 10th JUNE

9.30 am at The Rosary Church for Family & Friends

FEAST OF THE HOLY TRINITY

(Saturday) 6.00 pm at St. Joseph's

(Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament from 5.15 pm)

SUNDAY 11th JUNE

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 Luiza Rodrigues, Celia Cates, Sarah Boyd,
Gene Vance, Lynn Tooher, Nora & Frank Gallsgher

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).

St Joseph's Table

This Week's Specials

Soup - Butternut

served with a white or wholemeal bap

Main dish of the day - Gammon & cheese Sauce
served with new potatoes assorted vegetables

Pudding Choice - Manchester Tart

served with hot custard, ice cream or cream

Parish Diary This Week

Tuesday 6th June

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

Library, Home from Home shop, Garden, Watermead also open.

WATERMEAD SHOP OPEN 10.30 am-3.30 pm

Wednesday 7th June

St JOSEPH'S TABLE open again today 10.40 am-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 8th June

ELECTION DAY Our parish centre is being used as a Polling Station

PARISH OPEN DAY continues as usual -

hot drinks in Coffee Shop after the morning service (library, Home from Home, Garden). All welcome. **Note that there is no exit to car park via hall door**, as this will be blocked off, so as not to compromise the security of the polling area (children's liturgy room). Please exit via Watermead Centre to side gates.

FOOT CLINIC TODAY in the Watermead Centre. Contact Julie direct on telephone 07731 965 543 to make an appointment.

WATERMEAD SHOP OPEN 10.30 am-3.30 pm

Friday 9th June

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

"On climate change, there is a clear, definitive and ineluctable ethical imperative to act."

Pope Francis

Last week's collection was safely counted and banked. **£1,023**

*(Special Collection £200)

Thank you. *Counters: Margaret*

(Next week: John & June)

*Last week for World Communications Day.

Prayer Box

Please pray for:

Families of the parish

and our loved ones living and dead

especially for those who have recently died:

Sarah Boyd (RIP), Philomena Oddy (RIP)

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

Prayers for: Barbara, Gill, Steve

The McCann family and all missing children

*The peoples and countries of the world,
especially those suffering
from the effects of climate change.*

WELL DONE!

Dear People,

For four years Kizito has been organising our parish effort for the Priests' Retirement Fund. We were asked to raise £50,000 in that time, the diocese hoping to raise £5 million. It seemed a very hard task - but we have done it! During the week a generous donor offered to complete the balance after Kizito's magnificent work and the generous and regular response of parishioners, and the various fundraising efforts.

Thank you, Kizito, and everyone who has made contributions, directly or helping in the various and, sometimes, unusual initiatives. The atmosphere at the recent International Dance and Food Event was so happy and people have asked more such evening should be arranged. Further blessings.

God bless us, Fr John.

Election Special

The Bishops of England and Wales have written guidelines for our voting in the election on the 8th June. Copies are available at the back of church. Their advice might guide you on the moral, political and social issues involved.

We pray God's guidance that we bring our faith into our politics as we bring it into every part of our lives. God bless us.

John of God Brothers work in the cities amongst the poor. They are asking for interest in vocations to their work. Leaflets are on the tables at the back of church. Details also available from www.stjohnofgodvocation.co.uk

The Catholic Herald. The magazine will no longer be in the church as its price has increased so much that it is far better, as with The Tablet, for people to order their own. The address is:

Catholic Herald, Lambs Passage, Bunhill Row, London EC1Y 8TQ

CHURCH ROTAS FOR NEXT WEEKEND

	Readers	Eucharistic Ministers
Sat. 6.00 pm	Marie	Sal
Sun. 9.00 am	Alan	-
10.30 am	John	Steve / Sister Lelia
6.00 pm	TBA	Vincent

Dates for Diary

TODAY Pentecost Sunday United Service

Sunday 4th June, 6 for 6.30 pm.
at Uppingham Road Methodist Church

Conference promoting Evangelisation through **FORGIVENESS, PEACE AND HOPE**

Saturday 10th June

10.00 am - 3.30 pm (Mass at 9.30 am)

An inspiring day with input from guest speakers, including Barry & Margaret Mizen (parents of murdered 16 year old Jimmy) and Julia Palmer.

Prayer and Worship with discussion and resources to take away.

Register at: <http://bit.ly/conference-2017>

Our next "Twilight" Retreat

Wednesday 14th June, 7-9.00 pm

in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel at St Joseph's
Talks, prayer, music on the theme of "Mystery"
Led by Fr John. (Donation to evening's expenses £2)

Diocesan Pilgrimage to Walsingham Saturday 17th June

For many years the pilgrimage has been on a Sunday but this year we are trying a Saturday. We shall organise a coach if enough people want to come. Please tell Fr John if you are interested.

Diocesan Pilgrimage of Rodsley Sunday 25th June

to honour St Ralph Sherwin. Details on notice boards

Praying for Leicestershire

Sunday 25th June, 6.30 - 8 pm

at Trinity Life Church, Highfields, Leicester,
A vibrant night of different prayer styles and wonderful worship. All welcome.

DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO PADLEY Sunday 9th July

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

Retreat for Young Adults 21st-24th September

at Minister Abbey in Kent. More information from raelrederwin@gmail.com

✈ Pilgrimages 2018 ✈

The suggestions so far are:

Winter: Malta

All travel and hotel at half board
8 (£420 approx), 12 days (£565 approx)

Autumn - Rome,

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)

Please tell Fr John if interested

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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