



LENT

ST. JOSEPH'S PARISH, LEICESTER

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Dear People,

"Imagine a world where you are enclosed by war, not knowing if you are going to die tomorrow or tonight, or maybe in an hour. Living in a world of fear. Hearing gunshots and shelling day and night, hoping that you won't be the one to get hit. Not wanting to step outside your door to go to the shops, in fear that you might not return home." Ava has poise. Her eyes scan the gathering. She has them hooked.

"There are children like Wasem and Maher, who were 3 and 11. They were both executed with knives in front of their parents, who felt as if they were being tortured themselves." This a conference room in the House of Lords: an audience of academics, politicians, charity leaders and experts.

"The people who are killing and destroying the country and causing the civil war are following harsh dictator Assad and are fighting against ISIS, an equally brutal militant religious group. The citizens are caught up in the middle of this awful war and are fleeing the country. This has caused one of the largest refugee crisis known in history." There are nearly 200 people in the room. Ava is only 12.

"So it's pretty bad, right? We surely must do something? There are now over 19.5 million Syrian refugees, that's nearly four times the population of Scotland. These are harmless innocent citizens fleeing from war and trying to get to safety. So far Britain has only let one thousand refugees into the country. Only one thousand!

"Let them in! Everybody, together, Let them in!" The audience of the great and good join Ava in a rousing chorus of "Let them in". She stares, shocked that they have followed her command. Surprised that her words could have such power. Relieved, drained, tearful, she sits back down."

These are the opening paragraphs of a fine article on education that all the governors of St Paul's were given a couple of weeks ago. Neil Lockyer, our headteacher, told us it was one of the best articles on education he had ever read. To teach a girl of 12 to speak like that in the House of Lords is a wonderful tribute to a school in the East End of London. Google "School 21, Stratford, London" and you will read of a fascinating new emphasis in education.

God bless us to bring good education everywhere,

Fr. John

19th March 2017 (Prayer Week 3)

"Samaritan female person
meets Galilean water divine-er"

Mass Times and Intentions

3rd SUNDAY OF LENT (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 Nott, Sheila Phelan, Mary Ellen Hudson,

Catherine Sellaers, Una O'Brien, William Jarrett,

Thanksgiving

MONDAY 20th MARCH

(St Joseph)

7.00 pm at St. Joseph's for Theresa Welch

TUESDAY 21st MARCH

10.00 am at St. Joseph's for Sean & Mary Davis

WEDNESDAY 22nd MARCH

10.00 am at St. Joseph's for Martin Connell

(7.30 pm Station Mass at Holy Cross, Wellington Street)

THURSDAY 23rd MARCH

(St Turibius de Mongrovejo, Bishop)

10.00 am at St. Joseph's for Patrick & Doreen Bishop

FRIDAY 24th MARCH

7.00 pm Stations of the Cross at St. Joseph's

leading into our parish Mass for Peter Burns

SATURDAY 25th MARCH

(The Feast of the Annunciation)

9.30 am at The Rosary Church for Patricia Russell

4th SUNDAY OF LENT (A)

(Saturday) 6.00 pm at St. Joseph's

(Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament from 5.15 pm)

SUNDAY 26th MARCH

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)

Chris & Clare Lowe, Sheila Gamble, Thanksgiving

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 - 4.30 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 - Tomato & Basil
served with a white or wholemeal bag

Main dish of the day - Beef Cobbler
served with assorted vegetables

Pudding Choice - Bakewell Tart
served with hot custard, ice cream/cream

Parish Diary This Week

Monday 20th March

ROSARY AND MASS for the Year of Fatima, 7.00 pm, at St Joseph's.

Tuesday 21st March

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. *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

CHOIR PRACTICE tonight, 7.30 pm.

Wednesday 22nd March

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. All welcome.

WATERMEAD SHOP OPEN 10.30 am-3.30 pm

THE STATION MASS this week is at Holy Cross, Wellington Street, 7.30 pm.

CHURCHES TOGETHER IN LENT Our meeting is on Wednesday this week at the Methodist Church on Uppingham Road, 7.00 pm for 7.30 pm discussions.

Thursday 23rd March

PARISH OPEN DAY - hot drinks in Coffee Shop after the morning service (library, Home from Home, Garden). All welcome.

THE LEICESTER DEANERY PRIESTS are meeting here today. We welcome them.

WATERMEAD SHOP OPEN 10.30 am-3.30 pm

Friday 24th March

THE MIRIAM PRAYER GROUP meet in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel at 6.00 pm. **STATIONS OF THE CROSS** 7.00 pm.

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: Katy, Teresa, Dermot, Martin

The McCann family and all missing children

The peoples and countries of the world,
especially refugees and asylum seekers

POSTBAG

Dear People,

In the last few weeks people have thanked me for raising questions about the faith, the Church, opposition to Pope Francis in Rome, understanding the Bible - and other people have criticised me for disturbing people by raising challenging questions.

What's a priest to do? People have told me no one is going to go home to read the Bible or to read about the Faith or the Church - so why bother? That's a good question.

People have thanked me for planning pilgrimage/holidays at costs much lower than travel firms can charge, thus allowing more people to have the chance to travel, but others have criticised me for going away so often. There are three such pilgrimages in the year, a total of 22 days (6+6+10) and they the only breaks/holiday I take.

Bishop Malcolm told us priests that parish pilgrimages were a blessing and we should encourage them, and my superiors told me I had been given much by studying in Rome and Italy and should share that with the people. What's a priest to do?

I do my best. Three hours of prayer for God every day are the basis; then, mornings attending to correspondence, telephones, study and schools' work; afternoon out in the parish, especially the nursing homes, the sick at home or in the hospital; evenings for various meetings, school, parish, church. I don't take a day off, I sincerely serve God and the parish every day, always on call to the hospital, etc. but still people say I don't do enough. It's wearisome to be told priests don't have anything to do.

This is not a grumble, just a puzzlement. How does a priest please all the people all the time? It is expected, it seems.

God bless us, Fr John

Dates for Diary

STATION MASS

here at St Joseph's for the Leicester parishes
Wednesday 5th April, 7.30 pm

Walking Tour of Humberstone Village
organised by pupils of the school
Thursday 6th April

Tickets available from Humberstone school
telephone 0116 276 7248

The Chrism Mass

at St Barnabas Cathedral, Nottingham
Wednesday 12th April, 11.30 am.
All are welcome.

"Twilight" Retreats

Evenings of talks, prayer & music at St Joseph's.
We begin the programme again on
Wednesday 19th April (Easter Week)

The Miraculous Relic Image of Our Lady of Guadalupe

at St Barnabas Cathedral, Nottingham, on
Friday 21st - Wednesday 26th April
Details www.relicourladyofguadalupe.co.uk

March for Life Saturday 20th May

A peaceful, prayerful pro-life rally in Birmingham
Details: contact Zica on 07943 711 549
or email francisca@sicamartinez.plus.com

Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes 10th - 15th July 2017

By air: £649, by train: £569
Details on notice board

Parish Pilgrimages 2017

Lourdes 11th - 17th May

The cost for all travel and full board at the hotel is **£495**. This is a wonderful opportunity and places are still available (32 so far have booked).

Stresa & Lake Maggiore (August),
Rome (November) are both fully booked

ASSISTANT FACULTY LEADER ~ Religious Education TLR 2b ~ St Paul's School

The Governors of St Paul's are seeking to appoint an Assistant Faculty Leader for RE from August 2017. This is an exciting opportunity for an enthusiastic, committed and appropriately experienced person to take on leadership responsibilities of a successful faculty, operating across Key Stages 3, 4 and 5. The successful candidate should be a committed, practising Catholic. In addition we are looking to appoint someone who is enthusiastic, dynamic, highly motivated and an excellent classroom practitioner. We can offer you the support of a strong, energetic team who have a clear sense of purpose and vision, and the chance to work with students who have high expectations.

Application packs are available from Helen Oliver (hloiver@st-pauls.leicester.sch.uk or 0116 2414057).
Closing date for applications: 9 am Monday 27th April
March Interview Date: Tuesday 4th April

Watermead shop

Lent resources, Easter cards, etc.

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

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

On 9th and 16th April the children be preparing for their First Holy Communion days at their liturgy during the 10.30 am mass.



THIS WEEK'S THOUGHT FOR LENT (from St Joseph's School)

When something (or someone) is bugging me.

I can say . . . "Please stop doing that" "I feel sad when you ..." "I'm upset because ..." "I feel mad when you ..." "I don't like it when you ..."

or I can . . . Walk away ... Write about it ... Draw it ... Talk about it ... Take 10 deep breaths



Last week's collection was safely counted and banked. **£1,137**

CAFOD Collection **£637)**

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

CHURCH ROTAS FOR NEXT WEEKEND

	Readers	Eucharistic Ministers
Sat. 6.00 pm	Edward	Cecilia
Sun. 9.00 am	Bob	-
10.30 am	Gail	Steve / Sister Lelia
6.00 pm	TBA	Marie