



# ST. JOSEPH'S PARISH, LEICESTER

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Dear People,

I lose. Have you noticed the reduction in the numbers of the Catholic papers? I became too disappointed with the numbers left over each week that I reduced the order and cancelled the Catholic Times because not one copy had been sold over a month. Yet it is part of our faith to grow in knowledge and understanding so I remind you there is good reading available on the tables at the back of church and in our excellent Watermead Shop (at the top of the car park). Do look. The books come from the Prayer Trust, founded by my friend Fr Pat Sayles.

Tertullian was writer in the early Church. He tells us what a spiritual offering to God prayer is. "The hour is at hand when genuine worshippers will worship God in spirit and in truth - and we are genuine if we pray from a devoted heart, from faith and the living of a good life."

St Peter Chrysologus speaks of prayer, fasting and mercy that sustain our faith. Prayer knocks at God's door, fasting wins us what we need, and mercy is the hand that stretches out to help.

These two saints are in the readings for last week that form part of the priests' daily prayer - 'The Breviary' which contains prayer for every part of the day. Would you like to share in that form of prayer, every part of the day having its blessing from God? Look at the tables at the back of church and see a wide range of small books of prayer (20p each) that might satisfy you at least for a while. If they do, you will then want to explore more widely the ways of prayer until you come to the simple way that is opening your heart and mind to God without need of others' words. Then you can pray all day, everywhere.

St Theophilus (a wonderful name that means "someone who loves God") tells us that, if we wish, God will cleanse our eyes and then we shall see more clearly, as God does. That is, for him, the inspiration of prayer - to come close to God so that we may come close to others in God's love. St Theo seems to think this is a blessing available to all of us.

Do not think the advice of saints is beyond you. They were like us and we can become like them - but we have to want to.

God bless us to want to serve and pray,

Fr. John

**26th March 2017 (Prayer Week 4)**

"Lord, that we may see . . . ."

## Mass Times and Intentions

### 4th 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 Chris & Clare Lowe, John & Charles Woods,  
Sheila Gamble, John McDonagh, Thanksgiving,  
Eustace Francis Thuillier

### MONDAY 27th MARCH

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

### TUESDAY 28th MARCH

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

### WEDNESDAY 29th MARCH

10.00 am Mass at St. Joseph's for Family Blessing

(7.30 pm Station Mass at Our Lady of Victories, Mkt Harborough)

### THURSDAY 30th MARCH

10.00 am Mass at St. Joseph's for John Nunes

### FRIDAY 31st MARCH

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

leading into our parish Mass

for Laurence Pennington, Philip & Suma

### SATURDAY 1st APRIL

9.30 am Mass at The Rosary Church for Mary Thorne

### 5th SUNDAY OF LENT (A)

(Saturday) 6.00 pm at St. Joseph's

(Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament from 5.15 pm)

### SUNDAY 2nd APRIL

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)

Paul & Philomena Cronin, Judy Neal, 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 - 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).

## Parish Diary This Week

### Tuesday 28th March

**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. Parish facilities (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 29th March

**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**

**THE STATION MASS** this week is at Our Lady of Victories, Mkt Harborough, at 7.00 pm (confessions from 7.00 pm).

### Thursday 30th March

**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**

**FOOT CLINIC** in the Watermead Centre all day. Telephone Julie direct on 07731965543 to make an appointment.

### ROSMINIAN PRIESTS MEETING

Welcome to Fr John's brother priests who are meeting after the 10.00 am mass.

**CHURCHES TOGETHER IN LENT** Our meeting is at Abbots Road United Reformed Church at 7.00 pm for 7.30 pm.

**DEMENTIA** Final deanery meeting for those involved in looking after those suffering dementia at St Patrick's Centre, 7.30 - 8.30 pm. Everyone welcome.

### Friday 30th March

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

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS** 7.00 pm.

## Watermead shop

Lent resources, Easter cards, etc.

### OPENING TIMES

Tues, Wed, Thur from 10.30 am-3.30 pm

Sunday 11.45 am-12.15 pm

Information from 0116 220 7881 / 0

## St Joseph's Table

### This Week's Specials

Soup - Carrot and Coriander served with a white or wholemeal bap

Main dish of the day - Sausage and Mash served with onion gravy and assorted vegetables

Pudding Choice - Mixed Berry Sponge served with hot custard, ice cream or cream

## Prayer Box

Please pray for:

**Families of the parish**

**and our loved ones living and dead**

**especially for those who have recently died:**

Michael Staples (RIP)

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

Prayers for: Katy, John, Dermot

*The McCann family and all missing children*

*The peoples and countries of the world, especially the families who lost loved ones this week and those who suffer with injured loved ones - all over the world.*

## POSTBAG

Dear Parents (First Holy Communion Children), The children have now completed their classes and are ready to arrange their special day with Father John.

There will be no meeting for parents on Sunday 26th March, but please watch the newsletter for information on the date for your children to attend confession.

Thank you for your encouragement and support. Sincerely, David.

*PS from Fr John. I echo David's letter. The programme has gone very well and I am grateful to David and the parents. It has been a good period of preparation.*

### Mother of Peace: Easter 2017

Would any young people who write regularly to pen friends at MOP please give their letters to Fr John or Lynn asap?

If anyone would like the children to pray for them on Chigona, the Holy mountain, please also hand their intentions to Fr John or Lynn.

Much gratitude to all who have given items and money so far. You lift spirits!

## YOUTH POLL

### Life, Faith & Vocational Discernment Survey

*Calling all young people aged 13 - 29!!! The Catholic Bishops' Conference (England and Wales) would love to hear your voice! This is to help them prepare for the up n'coming 15th Ordinary General Assembly of the Synod of Bishops, focused on "Young People, the Faith and Vocational Discernment" in October 2018. This poll will be closed on Monday 5th June 2017 and it is open to all young people, not just those who are part of the Catholic Church. The link to the survey is: <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/cathnews-synod-youth-poll> (link also on parish website and FB group).*

**Catholic Women Speak, London, 8th April**  
2 places available on minibus. Details from Alison.

### This Week's Thought for Lent

*In the book and film 'Silence' Rodrigues says to Jesus "Lord, I resented your silence." Jesus answers "I was not silent, I suffered beside you."*

### CHURCH ROTAS FOR NEXT WEEKEND

	Readers	Eucharistic Ministers
Sat. 6.00 pm	Kate	Ann B
Sun. 9.00 am	Luke	-
10.30 am	Children	Gerry / Sister Lelia
6.00 pm	TBA	Vincent

## 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](http://www.relicourladyofguadalupe.co.uk)

### "Celebrate!" Charismatic Weekend at Cleethorpes. 8th/9th July

(cleethorpes@celebrateconference.org)  
Details on notice board

### Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes 10th - 15th July 2017

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

### March for Life Saturday 20th May

*A peaceful, prayerful pro-life rally in Birmingham*  
A coach will depart Holy Cross Church, Wellington Street, Leicester at 8.00 am on Saturday 20th May for Birmingham to celebrate the annual March for Life, a peaceful, prayerful rally in defence of the life of unborn children. A second pick-up point will be Hinckley Road (opposite St Peter's Church).

We will arrive in time for Mass at St Chad's Cathedral at 10 am, followed by LifeFest in the centre of Birmingham, with a host of speakers and stalls, followed by the March. We depart for Leicester at 4.30 pm.

Each year this important pro-life rally grows in size due to more and more people realising that great graces can be won by this defence of Jesus' precious unborn infants. Please contact Francisca Martinez urgently on 07943 711549 to book your place or email [francisca@sicamartinez.plus.com](mailto:francisca@sicamartinez.plus.com).

**LIFE and SPUC Joint Petition** is asking for a Government inquiry into the work of the Marie Stopes clinics. Petition forms are available on the tables at the back of the church to take away for signing. The Care Quality Commission has uncovered a catalogue of dangerous and illegal practices at these clinics.

### 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).

**Rome** (November) 2 more rooms available!

Last week's collection was safely counted and banked. **£1,237**  
\*(Special RASH Collection £173)

Thank you. *Counters: Sarah*  
*(Next week: Terry)*

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