

# ST. JOSEPH'S PARISH, LEICESTER

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### Dear People,

So many voices, so many words. The best words have been spoken by those who have suffered and those who have helped alleviate their suffering. They are inspiring. The "grandstanding" speakers spoke strongly but spoke duty words for effect; the suffering and the nursing spoke from the heart and drew us into the truth of the human cost of the bombing.

I wearied at the repeated condemnation of "barbaric, inhuman, evil, monsters" (we can all shout like that), but I surrendered to the love and care of the suffering, to the relatives and to our emergency and nursing services.

We could marvel at the organisation of the ambulances for eight different hospitals, as the chief officer explained how they shared the burden of care around the hospitals, carefully choosing which patients should go where. I was touched by the loyalty and trust of the doctors and nurses who came into hospital to help their colleagues already on duty, lovingly supporting one another.

I heard the courage and love of an uncle desperately going the round of city centre and hospitals, showing a photograph of his niece and asking anyone and everyone if they had seen her.

We heard the love and despair of those who had lost their loved ones. To have the courage to speak to us out of their grief, to hear their appreciation of wonderful nursing and ambulance staff; to hear the staff speak lovingly of those they were looking after - men and women at their best. We praise and thank them.

We know enough about human nature to know that anywhere in our country would respond to an atrocity in the same way - kind, generous loving people are everywhere - so we felt with the suffering that they were the ones chosen at random by depraved fanatics; but a further sadness was to understand that the depraved would be enjoying the grief and suffering, gloating at the "official" words of those who had not suffered and the suffering words of those who had. Dear God, who are we? **28th May 2017** (Prayer Week 3) "World Communications Day unites us"

## **Mass Times and Intentions** ASCENSION OF THE LORD

(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 Geraldine Lynch, Dymphna Clifford, Bob Rayner, Celia & Bill Hayes, Eric Herbert Cox

MONDAY 29th MAY

7.00 pm at St. Joseph's for Suren & Anne Da Silva

<u>TUESDAY 30th MAY</u> (St Joan of Arc) 10.00 am at St. Joseph's *for Patrick Reilly* 

WEDNESDAY 31st MAY (Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary) 10.00 am: St. Joseph's Requiem Mass for Teresa de Paola

> THURSDAY 1st JUNE (St Justin)

10.00 am at St. Joseph's for Daniel Sweeney

FRIDAY 2nd JUNE (St Marcellinus : St Peter) 7.00 pm at St. Joseph's *for Family Blessing* 

SATURDAY 3rd JUNE 9.30 am at The Rosary Church *for The Callaghan Family* 

PENTECOST SUNDAY

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

**SUNDAY 4th 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 Patirck & Doreen Bishop, Bernadette Howard, Jennifer McGuinness

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.

Bless us, Fr. John

### 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 <u>Soup</u> - Tomato or Chicken served with a white or wholemeal bap <u>Main dish of the day</u> - Fish Pie served with assorted vegetables <u>Pudding</u> - Sticky Toffee Pudding served with hot custard, ice cream or cream/

## Parish Diary This Week

Monday 29th May BANK HOLIDAY MASS at 10.00 am.

### Tuesday 30th May

**St JOSEPH'S TABLE** re-opens today after the kitchen refurbishment, from 10.40 am -3.30 pm. Special menu of the week (see above), along with all the usual hot/cold food, salads and homebakes, etc.

(Library, Home from Home shop, Garden, Watermead) will also be available during opening hours.

WATERMEAD SHOP OPEN 10.30 am-3.30 pm

Wednesday 31st May <u>St JOSEPH'S TABLE</u> open again today 10.40 am-3.30 pm (for detail see Tuesday). <u>MEDITATION</u> in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel,10.50 am. All welcome. WATERMEAD SHOP OPEN 10.30 am-3.30 pm

**Thursday 1st 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 2nd June

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

## A large selection of Holy Communion Gifts and Cards

OPENING TIMES Tues, Wed, Thur from 10.30 am-3.30 pm Sun 11.45 am-12.15 pm (closed Sunday 14th May only) More nformation from 0116 220 7880 www.watermead-apostolate.com

Last week's collection was safely counted and banked. £1,052 \*(Special RASH Collection £110) Thank you. *Counters : Terry* (Next week: Margaret)

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

## CHURCH ROTAS FOR NEXT WEEKEND

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	Readers	Eucharistic Ministers
Sat. 6.00 pm	Clare	Ann B
Sun. 9.00 am	Philip	-
10.30 am	Sheila	Gerry / Sister Lelia
6.00 pm	TBA	Marie



Jennifer, Pat, Mary, Patrick Prayers for: Fr John Bland,

Margaret, Ellen McAteer

The McCann family and all missing children

The peoples and countries of the world, especially the families suffering as a consequence of the Manchester Bombing

## POSTBAG

### Dear Check in Post,

You win. Who art thou? 😐

Dear People,

We communicate hope and trust in our time. I am convinced that we have to break the vicious circle of anxiety and stem the spiral of fear resulting from a constant focus on "bad news (wars, terrorism, scandals and all sorts of human failure). I would like to encourage everyone to engage in constructive forms of communication ..... helping all of us to view the world around us with realism and trust."

> (A message from Pope Francis for World Communications Day)

### PRAYER FOR TODAY

O God, whose word is truth and in whose light we see light, guide those who tell the story of our times through word and image. Make them seekers after truth and advocates of human dignity. Grant dissernment to all who rely on their labours, and, as we confront the pain and promise of this world, awaken in us a sense of wonder at your presence and of longing for your peace. (Prayer cards with the above at back of church)

**260 Club** *This Months Winners!* No.40 wins £75; No.249 wins £50; No.114 wins £50; No.95 wins £50; No.111 wins £35.

→ Pilgrimages 2018 →
 The suggestions so far are:
 Winter: Malta
 All travel and hotel at half board
 8 (£420 approx), 12 days (£560 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)

Every day is a gift from God. We live thanks.

## **Dates for Diary**

HONOURING OUR LADY OF FATIMA Thursday 1st June, 12 noon - 12 midnight at Holy Cross, Wellington Street. Details on notice board

### FATIMA 100 YEARS

at St Barnabas Cathedral, Nottingham NG1 5AE host THE RELICS OF BLESSED JACINTA & FRANCISCO Friday 2nd June, 1.00 pm - 8.00 pm

Talks and Veneration of Relics **Saturday 3rd June**, **10.00 am - 9.00 pm** Veneration of Relics and Procession with Statue **6.30 pm** Mass: celebrant, Bishop Patrick McKinney,

Sunday 4th June, 8.00 - 10.00 pm Veneration of Relics (Full details on notice boards)

DIVINE RETREAT CENTRE, RAMSGATE 3RD ANNIVERSARY CONVENTION Saturday 3rd June, 8.30 am - 5 pm Mini bus/coach from Merlin Vaz Medical Centre at 4.00 am. Details from Lucy, Sr Lelia & Mercy

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 TO PADLEY Sunday 9th July

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

### Refreat for Young Adults 21st-24th September

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

## **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.

The bishops of Scotland have written guidelines in which they condemn Trident and the use of nuclear weapons. Are you glad that the Scottish bishops are so forthright?

If you were to advise the make up of our parliament, how would you balance the parties, knowing that a strong government and a strong opposition are essential for a good democracy?

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.