



ST. JOSEPH'S PARISH, LEICESTER

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23rd December 2018 (Prayer Week 4)

"Happy Christmas to us, everyone"

Dear People,

Bishop Patrick has asked that all children in our schools should be given the experience of praying in front of the Blessed Sacrament. On Tuesday I took the monstrance from St Joseph's Blessed Sacrament Chapel to the school. The children and teachers were in the hall. I explained how praying before the Blessed Sacrament came about in our churches, and then guided them in prayer:

- (1) They prayed for themselves, asking God to help them to be good and kind . . .
silence.
- (2) They prayed for families at home and wherever they were, including wider family living elsewhere . . .
silence.
- (3) They prayed for friends here at school and at home . . .
silence.
- (4) I reminded them that some girls and boys are unhappy at home and at school, so pray for them that they be given love and friendship . . .
silence.
- (5) I told them about children who had no home, no school, lived on the streets and had no one to care for them, and about Fr Peter and 'Let the Children Live'. Would they pray for girls and boys who had no home, no school. They did . . .
silence.

It was over. I told them how glad I would be to see them all again on Wednesday, my normal visiting day, but I had to go back to St Joseph's because people were waiting for and to put the monstrance with the Blessed Sacrament back in the chapel.

I told them there were many ways in which they might pray but to remember those five as a help:

- (1) For themselves; (2) For their families; (3) For their friends;
- (4) For girls and boys unhappy at home or at school; (5) For girls and boys with no home or school.

I left the hall and went to the headteacher's office to pack the bag and collect my coat. The headteacher came in: "There was silence when you left and they have all walked out in silence. No one has spoken. They knew an atmosphere of prayer. That was lovely."

God bless them and us to pray, *Fr. John*

CONFESSIONS EACH WEEK
SATURDAY & SUNDAY 5.15 pm at St. Joseph's

Mass Times and Intentions

4th SUNDAY OF ADVENT (C)

(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 and 6.00 pm at St Joseph's

(Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament from 5.15 pm)

(Intentions for Sunday Mass)

for Reg & Eileen Day, Patrick Commins, Geordie Clarke,
The Murphy Family, Thanksgiving (after accident)

Christmas Mass

MONDAY 24th DECEMBER

6.00 pm and 10.00 pm at St. Joseph's

(Carols before each service - see over)

TUESDAY 25th DECEMBER

9.00 am at the Rosary Church : 10.30 am at St. Joseph's

Intentions to be remembered at each Christmas Mass

John & June & Howard Fertig, John & Peggy Knott,
James Stones, Jack Laing, Ron Parkin, Bill Wall,
Pat & Sean Grady, Tony & Frances Cassidy, Chris & Alan
Ana Graca Dacunha, Nelson Fernandes

WEDNESDAY 26th DECEMBER

(St Stephen)

10.00 am at St Joseph's for People of the Parish

THURSDAY 27th DECEMBER

(St John, Apostle)

10.00 am at St Joseph's

for Hugh Burns, Kay Fenton, Christina Carter

FRIDAY 28th DECEMBER

(St The Holy Innocents)

7.00 pm at St Joseph's for Family Blessing

SATURDAY 29th DECEMBER

(St Thomas a Becket)

9.30 am at The Rosary Church for Chris, Martina & family

FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY (C)

(Saturday) 6.00 pm at St Joseph's

(Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament from 5.15 pm)

SUNDAY 30th DECEMBER

9.00 am at Rosary Church : 10.30 am, 6.00 pm 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 Damian & Katherine & Family, Pat & Sean Grady,
Patricia Columbine, Thanksgiving for 2018

CHRISTMAS

AT ST JOSEPH'S

MONDAY 24th DECEMBER

Christmas Eve Mass at St Joseph's

6.00 pm (Family Mass)

10.00 pm (Carols from 9.30 pm)

TUESDAY 25th DECEMBER

Christmas Morning Mass

Rosary Church, 9.00 am : St Joseph's, 10.30 am

Christmas Mass Intentions are over the page

WEDNESDAY 26th DECEMBER

Mass on Feast of St Stephen (Boxing Day), 10.00 am

Usual mass times continue for the rest of week

(New Year's Day mass will be at 10.00 am)

The Parish on Sundays

Hot (and cold) drinks after mass on Sunday mornings at both our churches.
(The Parish Library, Lourdes Garden, Watermead Shop open at St Joseph's).



BLESSED SACRAMENT CHAPEL - Come to the Manger



Open for prayer every day this week from 10.45 am - dusk.

Prayer Box

Please pray for:

Families of the parish and our loved ones living and dead

especially for those who have recently died:

Mavis Wagstaff (RIP), Fr Tom Breslin (RIP)

Fabian, Declan, Jenny, Jonathan, Chris, Maria, Jennifer, Mary, Anna, Patrick, Olven, Sheila

Prayers for: Bridie, Judith, Ruth

The McCann family and all missing children

The peoples and countries of the world, especially
THE CONGO, SYRIA, AFGHANISTAN, CAMEROON

St Joseph's Table

is now taking a break until mid January.

This very successful project began on Tuesday 7th June 2016 and for two days a week since has proved to be a wonderful facility, used by parishioners and friends, along with members of the local community - customers regularly travelling distance (Melton, Lincoln, etc) to partake of delightfully home-cooked menus! Guided by Christine's expertise the team have maintained a top Health Food and Hygiene rating of 5, of which we can be very proud.

However, after two-and-a-half years of dedicated volunteering two of our original cooks are to hang up their aprons (and hats!) and we say thank you and farewell to Anne and Myrian.

Obviously, to maintain the high standard and variety of menu, Christine and the team are now looking for not only general help, but cooks. If you have skills you can offer then please do by contacting Christine on 07986704201, speak to Fr John, Sister Lelia, or leave a message with Alison. Thank you.

THE GIFT

The father was annoyed with his five-year-old daughter for wasting a roll of expensive gold wrapping paper. Money was tight, and he became even more upset when the child pasted the gold paper onto a box to put under the Christmas tree.

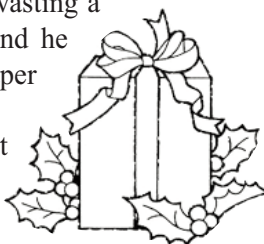
The little girl brought the gift box to her father the next morning and said, "This is for you, Daddy". The father was embarrassed, remembering his earlier overreactions, but his annoyance flared again when he found the box was empty.

He spoke to her harshly, "Don't you know, young lady, that when you give someone a present there's supposed to be something inside the package?"

The little girl looked up at him with tears in her eyes. "Oh, Daddy, it's not empty. I blew kisses into it until it was full."

The father was crushed. He fell on his knees and put his arms around his little girl and he begged her to forgive him for his anger.

An accident took the life of the child only a short time later and the father kept that gold box by his bed for the rest of his life. Whenever he was discouraged or faced a difficult problem he would open the box and take out an imaginary kiss, and remember the love of the child who had put it there.



PARKING ON GRASS AND VERGES - Please be considerate when parking your cars and do not park on the grass verges during the wet weather as it churns them up! There is ample room in nearby streets if the car park is full, but do please also be careful not block our neighbours' driveways.

EU CITIZENS

The Bishops of England and Wales have sent a message to Catholic schools and parishes to advise EU citizens to apply for details of the Settlement Scheme which will guarantee their right to stay in this country after Brexit. The website is www.gov.uk/settled-status-eu-citizens-families. The bishops urge the whole Catholic community to take up Pope Francis' call to welcome, protect, promote and help to integrate everyone who has made home here.

Last week's collection was safely counted and banked. **£1,204**

*(Special RASH Collection £93)

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

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

The Lord blesses the feet of his little ones



FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

THE NEXT CLASS IS Sunday 13th January

Pope Francis on Friday last spoke his strongest condemnation of child sex abuse in the Church and ordered paedophiles to give themselves up to justice. He spoke particularly of priests and bishops (including those who hid the crimes) but also included members of families "where many wives, mothers and sisters were unable to detect those closest to them". The Pope is right to remind us that much abuse is carried out in families. The whole Church is wounded - but especially innocent helpless children.

Two Cardinals have been suspended from their duties in the Vatican as members of Pope Francis' inner group helping him in Church reform. No details given but we sadly know the reasons. An Australian bishop has spoken of the crisis in the Church in Australia and in the world. The Church is in dire need of reform.

CHURCH ROTAS FOR NEXT WEEKEND

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

Watermead shop

CLOSED FOR

CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS

from Sunday 23rd December through until Thursday 3rd January

USUAL OPENING TIMES

Tues, Wed, Thur from 10.30 am-3.30 pm
Sun 11.45 am-12.15 pm

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