



**And the  
Word was  
made flesh,  
and dwelt  
among us.**

# ST. JOSEPH'S PARISH, LEICESTER

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Dear People,

Thank you, Everyone. I am happy in my days of prayer and reflection, days of retreat. By rule of life a priest has to set aside time simply for God - each day, and each year a week or two. The weeks I have long chosen are Christmas and Easter and how prayerful they are.

I'm still on call to the hospital, or care and parish homes if needed but the days are quiet and peaceful as I thank God for all I have been given. So many people come into this prayer (for example, I re-read every Christmas card and prayed for those who sent it) and I trip around the parish and the country and the world, remembering everyone whom God reminds me of (including Theresa May, Jeremy Corbyn, John-Claude Juncker, Jamie Vardy, Pope Francis, all of you) and grateful for what our churches are.

They looked beautiful, the singing and music were lovely, the serving careful and reverent, the children's prayers delightful. Thank you all who serve in generous ways throughout the year so that our parish prayer includes everyone. So many to thank - thank you all. Thank you, finally, for the many many gifts, cards and greetings. "You are blessed" someone said. I know I am. Thank you.

God bless you, *Fr. John*

## A MEDITATION FOR THE NEW YEAR

"Say to thyself, Marcus, at dawn: today I shall run up against the busy-body, the ungrateful, the over-bearing, the deceitful, the envious, the self-centred. All this has fallen to their lot because they are ignorant of good and evil.

"But I, understanding the nature of the Good, that it is fair, and of Evil, that it is ugly, and the nature of the evil-doer, himself, that he is my kin - as sharing, not indeed the same blood and seed, but intelligence and a spark of the Divine - can neither be damaged by any of them (for no one can involve me in what is disgraceful) nor can be angry with my kinsmen or estranged from him.

"For we have been born for co-operation, as have feet, hands, eyelids and rows of upper and lower teeth. Therefore to thwart one another is unnatural; and we do thwart one another when we show resentment and dislike."

Marcus Aurelius (Roman Emperor)

**30th December 2018 (Prayer Week 1)**

"Happy New Year, everyone!"

## Mass Times and Intentions

### HOLY FAMILY SUNDAY (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 Patricia Columbine, Pat & Sean Grady,

Lucy & Eric & family, Thanksgiving for 2018

### MONDAY 31st DECEMBER

(St Sylvester, Pope)

7.00 pm at St Joseph's for Chris & Andrea & family

### TUESDAY 1st JANUARY

(Mary Mother of God)

10.00 am at St Joseph's

for Kizito & Cecilia & family, and for Romeo de Souza

### WEDNESDAY 2nd JANUARY

(St Basil the Great, Bishop : St Gregory Nazianaen, Bishop)

10.00 am at St Joseph's for Finbar & Mary & family

### THURSDAY 3rd JANUARY

(St Genevieve)

10.00 am at St Joseph's for The Smyth Family

### FRIDAY 4th JANUARY

(St Elizabeth)

7.00 pm at St Joseph's for Children in the Womb

### SATURDAY 5th JANUARY

(St John Newmann)

9.30 am at The Rosary Church

for Damian & Katherine & family

### FEAST OF THE EPIPHANY (C)

(Saturday) 6.00 pm at St Joseph's

(Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament from 5.15 pm)

### SUNDAY 6th JANUARY

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 Maureen Mary Walker, Kevin Smyth,

Phil & Shane, Alan Joseph

### BLESSED SACRAMENT CHAPEL

open every day this week from 10.30 am - 4.30 pm.

**CONFESSIONS EACH WEEK SATURDAY & SUNDAY 5.15 pm at St. Joseph's (in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel)**

## 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).

## Parish Diary This Week

### Tuesday 1st January

**ON NEW YEAR'S DAY - MASS TO CELEBRATE "MARY, MOTHER OF GOD"**

10.00 am at St Joseph's.

### Wednesday 2nd January

**MEDITATION** in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel, 10.50 am. Quiet prayer, meditation, intercessions. All welcome.

### Thursday 3rd January

**PARISH OPEN MORNING** - hot drinks in Coffee Shop after the morning service (Library/ Garden also open). All welcome.

**WATERMEAD SHOP OPEN 10.30 am-3.30 pm**

### Friday 4th January

**THE MIRIAM PRAYER GROUP** meet at 6.30 pm for faith sharing and Rosary entry via the church. All welcome.

## St Joseph's Table

### CLOSED UNTIL TUESDAY 15th JANUARY

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.

## 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 (Open Sunday 30th December)  
Information from 0116 220 7881 / 0  
[www.watermead-apostolate.com](http://www.watermead-apostolate.com)

Last week's collection was safely counted and banked. **£1,020**

\*(Special RASH Collection £85)

Christmas Collection **£2,570**

Thank you. *Counters: Tony*

(Next week: Gail & Keith)

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

## CHURCH ROTAS FOR NEXT WEEKEND

	Readers	Eucharistic Ministers
Sat. 6.00 pm	TBA	Cecilia
Sun. 9.00 am	TBA	-
10.30 am	Paul	Anne G / Sr Lelia
6.00 pm	TBA	Vincent

## FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

THE NEXT CLASS IS Sunday 13th January

## Prayer Box

Please pray for:

**Families of the parish**

**and our loved ones living and dead**

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

Margaret Allen (RIP)

Declan, Bridie, Jonathan, Chris, Maria, Jennifer, Mary, Anna, Patrick, Olven, Sheila

Prayers for: Jim

The McCann family and all missing children

The peoples and countries of the world, especially  
**SOUTH SUDAN, THE CONGO**  
(Elections pending - poor people)

## Prayer

On their way home from the church the family talked about the homily at mass - the priest had spoken about prayer. The youngest (7 years old) said he didn't see any problem about prayer. Whenever he wanted to pray he would open the door of his heart, invite God in, close the door, and then talk.

The family were caught by surprise. He told them that the teacher at school had talked to them about prayer and suggested this as one of the ways. The youngest son and brother had understood prayer better than anyone else in the family.

At church the priest had talked about praying the Rosary and suggested that each bead could be said for a particular person. So, in a decade, they might remember and pray for 10 different people. What a help against distractions that might be . . .

The family thought it was a good idea and had never heard of it before. Their 8-year-old, youngest of five children, was surprised. She had always prayed the rosary like that. She thought everyone did. It seemed the obvious way to pray - a bead for each person you think of.

## 260 Club

### This Months Winners!

No.149 wins £75; No.25 wins £50;

No.203 wins £50; No.149 wins £50;

No.197 wins £35.

## HAVE YOU VISITED . . . ?

Our Parish Lending Library, the Home from Home Charity Shop, the Lourdes Garden the Watermead Shop - (opening times in weekly newsletter).

## ST JOSEPH'S CHOIR

Sings at the 10.30 am **Sunday mass** and at various celebrations throughout the year and welcomes anyone who enjoys singing to join them (no need to be able to read music!). They usually meet fortnightly on a Tuesday evening to explore new music for the mass. Contact Alison 0116 2207881.

**Saturday Night** music is led by Edward and Laura, and they welcome anyone who sings or plays an instrument to come and join them. Just come and introduce yourself!

## Dates for Diary

### "Everything Except Temptation"

A musical play at St Peter's Catholic Church, Hinckley

**Thursday 3rd, Friday 4th January, 7.30 pm**

**& Sunday 6th January at 4.30 pm**

Proceeds to The Lawrence House Hostel for homeless people in Hinckley

Tickets: £4 Adult & £3 concessions

Contact 01455 634443

## Sharing our Stories of Faith

### A DAY FOR CATHOLIC WOMEN

(practising & non-practising)

at St Joseph's, Leicester, on

**Saturday 23rd February**

10.00 am - 4.30 pm. More details soon.

## POSTBAG

Dear Fr John and People,

On behalf of the Trustees of Mother of Peace and the children and their carers I would like to thank you very much for the extremely generous donation from your parish.

What you have given will contribute towards payment of the children's school fees and the costs of the welfare, such as food, clothing and other basic needs.

With best wishes. Yours sincerely,

Jenny Newbury (chair of trustees)

Dear Father,

I listened to your homily at Christmas with interest. I have never heard the story of Jesus' birth as you told it. You drove me to go to my old family bible and you were right - there is no stable in the Gospel.

How could the Christmas carol writers and card producers and teachers at Christian and Catholic schools be so wrong? Children are told about a stable and we grow up with that idea. I am 54 years old and have never heard what you said at church.

Do you think you might be wrong and the tradition of a birth in a stable at the end of a long journey, which we all know even if we don't come to church, might be right? How could they all be wrong and you right? How could I be wrong and you right?

Yours sincerely, Anon.

## Regular Parish Activities

### PARISH ACTION

**SVP (St Vincent de Paul)**

Contact John 0116 240 4832

**Let the Children Live**

contact Theresa 0116 241 6317

**CAFOD**

Contact Marie 0116 274 0643

**MISSIO**

Contact Carmen or Anthony

**OPEN HANDS**

Contact Sister Lelia

**Meditation Group** in the Chapel on Wednesdays following the 10.00 am mass and **The Miriam Prayer Group** meets before mass on Friday.



Find us on

**Facebook**

We have a parish **Facebook Group** (easy to search for - St Joseph's Leicester): an opportunity to keep each other up-to-date

with news, share information and event photos and discuss parish/spiritual issues. etc.

We also have a parish **YouTube Page** where mass is streamed live throughout the week and weekend (search for - St Joseph's Leicester Live).



**The Parish Newsletter** is also available to download on our website - or join the parish newsletter emailing list by sending an email request to [stjoseph-leicester@outlook.com](mailto:stjoseph-leicester@outlook.com) (Note this is not a correspondence address. The email address for correspondence/mail is [stjoseph-parish@outlook.com](mailto:stjoseph-parish@outlook.com) - or message through 'Contact Us' on the parish website.)