



ST. JOSEPH'S PARISH, LEICESTER

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Dear People,

Every evening at supper the names of our brethren who had died the following day were read and a summary given of their lives. They were fascinating. Some of the men had lived quiet lives in parishes or schools, some had had adventurous lives in the African and South American Missions, others had been in the same place all their lives.

It was good to be reminded of these good men who had offered themselves to God in the religious life. Their faith, their readiness to go wherever they were sent, to do whatever they were asked, were examples that we knew as students we were expected to follow. Obedience means we go where and when asked. It can be hard. The first week of January had a huge number of deaths of our brethren. Extraordinary. The days after Christmas. Why?

The question arises for us in today's Britain. We are told that the day in the year for largest number of deaths is 6th January. It stands out. Sixth of January. Why?

Some reason that people want to celebrate a last Christmas and see in the New Year with their loved ones, but then there is nothing in particular to look forward to except cold dark days and long nights.

We all know we need to want to be alive to keep on living. Our loved ones, our good work for others, motivate us. Pain, loneliness, meaninglessness, rob life of its joy. We need others, to love and be loved; we need interests to keep mind and heart alive; we need to be needed, we need to know others want us to be here.

We also need to look forward, to hope, to anticipate, to look forward to tomorrow. The Night Prayer of the Church looks forward to the next day as an image of Jesus' resurrection after the peace of sleep that closed yesterday, and asks God's blessing on what the following day may bring to us and our loved ones.

The life and joy and strains and tensions of Christmas and the New Year tire us - and we need new life, new motivation. For the elderly and ill, for the homeless and lonely and sad there is little. What can we do? Good people in our society sense the longings and show us example in helping others, inviting us to join them.

Two early January days stand out in the British calendar: 3rd is the day each year which has the highest number of divorce petitions lodged: 6th is the day of the largest number of deaths. Christmas and New Year is sad for a number of families. We pray for them and for ourselves.

God bless us all, Fr. John

6th January 2019 (Prayer Week 2)
"The wise make wise gifts to the Lord"

Mass Times and Intentions

FEAST OF THE EPIPHANY (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 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

MONDAY 7th DECEMBER

(St Raymond of Penyafort, Priest)
7.00 pm at St Joseph's for Family Blessing

TUESDAY 8th DECEMBER

10.00 am at St Joseph's for Theo Braganza

WEDNESDAY 9th DECEMBER

10.00 am at St Joseph's for Family & Friends

THURSDAY 10th DECEMBER

(St William)
10.00 am at St Joseph's for Family Blessing

FRIDAY 11th DECEMBER

7.00 pm at St Joseph's for Fillomena Pereira

SATURDAY 12th DECEMBER

(St Aelred of Rievaulx)
9.30 am at The Rosary Church for Family & Friends

BAPTISM OF THE LORD (C)

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

SUNDAY 13th DECEMBER

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 Adelaida Valenzuela, Family Blessing

CONFESSIONS EACH WEEK

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

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. (The Parish Library, Lourdes Garden, Watermead Shop open at St Joseph's).

Parish Diary This Week

Tuesday 8th January

St JOSEPH'S TABLE closed this week, opening again next week on **15th/16th January**. However, please see the appeal for help as the continuation and variety of meals offered by this facility very much depends on more volunteers (particularly cooks) offering their services.

WATERMEAD SHOP OPEN 10.30 am-3.30 pm

Wednesday 9th January

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

WATERMEAD SHOP OPEN 10.30 am-3.30 pm

Thursday 10th 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 11th 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

To maintain the high standard and variety of menu, Christine and the team are now looking for not only general help, but cooks, to replace Myrian and Anne. 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.

MALTA PILGRIMAGE

We meet to discuss details and to make final payments

Wednesday 16th January,

7.00 pm in the parish hall. Please bring your passport and your travel insurance details.

Watermead

The "Old Stable" Centre
Mass & Greeting Cards, Books,
Religious DVDs, CDs, Gifts/Resources

SHOP OPENING TIMES

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

Information from 0116 220 7881 / 0
www.watermead-apostolate.com

The Watermead Centre also offers the following:

REFLEXOLOGY

If you would like to know more or make an appointment contact our therapist, Sharon, on 0116 2120719 (Mon - Fri). Sample sessions, also.

HEEL-TO-TOE FOOTCARE SERVICE

By appointment. Tel Julie direct on 0116 367 8480.

Prayer Box

Please pray for:

**Families of the parish
and our loved ones living and dead**

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

Prayers for: Jim, John, Tony

The McCann family and all missing children

The peoples and countries of the world, especially
BREXITEERS and NON-BREXITEERS
and Pope Francis' Easter intentions -
**SYRIA, UKRAINE, THE HOLY LAND,
YEMEN, VENEZUELA, NICARAGUA,
COUNTRIES THROUGHOUT AFRICA**

POSTBAG

Dear People,

I thank you again for all that Christmas and New Year have been in the parish. I thank all those who generously serve the life of the parish in a variety of ways, bringing blessings for all of us. I thank you for the example of being a welcoming community to visitors who come on Sunday and during the week. So many tell me how welcome they are made to feel. I thank you, again, for your goodness and generosity to me, during the year and in the gifts and greetings and cards at Christmas. I repeat what someone said to me: "You are blessed." And I know it. Thank you, Fr John

BISHOP PATRICK WRITES asking us to look at our diocesan themes of **Discipleship** and **Mission** during Lent and Easter.

He is calling four county meetings for all parishes and the Leicestershire meeting is at Sacred Heart, Loughborough, on **Tuesday 5th February, 6.30 pm for 7-9 pm**. If you would like to attend please tell Fr John so that we can book places. Every parish will be represented.

Last week's collection was safely counted and banked. **£1,075**

*(Special RASH Collection £95)

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

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

This week we sent a further £500 to One Roof Leicester to help in their work for the needy included in RASH

If an egg is broken by outside force, life ends.

If broken by inside force, life begins.

Great things always begin from inside.

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CHURCH ROTAS FOR NEXT WEEKEND

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

Children's Liturgy at next weekend's 10.30 am Mass

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

A reminder that the children will be looking at pages 24-25 of their workbook during their liturgy at next week's 10.30 am Mass.

Dates for Diary

TODAY

"Everything Except Temptation"

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

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.

LACY Leicestershire Active Catholic Youth

Dates for Diary - more information later

Next Working Group : Thursday 14th March

at the Franciscan Convent, Melton Mowbray

Countryside Stations of the Cross

Sunday 7th April at Mount St. Bernard Abbey

Pilgrimages by Coach with Fr John McCay

Lisieux - 1st-5th April @ £345

Lourdes - 15th-22nd June @ £565

If you are interested

please phone Fr John on 0115 9810320

Parish Pilgrimages 2019

LOURDES 10th - 16th May

Friday to Thursday, £495 approximately

(price includes flights, all travel and full board at hotel)
29 have booked. Places are still available.

ASSISI with visits to FLORENCE, PISA, SIENA

September 17th-27th

We shall be making this pilgrimage in 2 overlapping groups

All places have now been taken. There is a reserve list.

ROME 8th-14th (15th-21st) November 2019

(Details later. 27 people already booked)

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

2019

Shall we begin again? REGULAR EVENINGS EXPLORING OUR FAITH TOGETHER

In 2017 we had to postpone dates whilst Fr John underwent surgery and recovery relating to his hip replacement. People have since been contacting to ask if these faith evenings will resume during this coming year. Would you like them to? Let Fr John know your thoughts.

"TWILIGHT" RETREATS

Monthly evening retreats (usually Wednesdays, from 7-9 pm) with talks, prayer, reflection and music in the Blessed Chapel, led by Fr John.

QUESTIONS OF FAITH

We discuss the Word of God, the Teaching of the Church and our lives in God's world.