



ST. JOSEPH'S PARISH, LEICESTER

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Dear People,

Pope Francis was caught by surprise on his return flight from the UAE. He admitted he knew of the sexual abuse of religious sisters by bishops and priests in India. He knew!

At last the Church has admitted at the highest level the sexual abuse of women. We, the Church, must together end this abuse - just as we are ending the abuse of children by paedophile priests.

You may not know the term 'negative celibacy'. It is applied to countries and cultures where priests are not expected to be celibate (celibacy is a promise not to marry, but to live a single life for God). Negative celibacy came to prominence in 1971 before a Synod in Rome when bishops were being urged to take an honest look at priestly celibacy and admit where Church dishonesty and failures were. Pope Paul VI cut celibacy from the Synod agenda and it has never since been raised at an official level.

One of my brethren told me of a letter in our archives from a priest working in an overseas seminary where, he said, the students were urged to choose one woman and be faithful to her - because the scandal in such countries/cultures is in a priest's "having" a number of women. This is not love. This is appetite. The Church refuses the priest permission to love and marry but allows him to satisfy his sexual urges.

The Church, like all societies and families, likes to keep scandals hidden. The first whispers of child sex abuse by priests began to be heard in the 1980's. The storm broke in the 1990's, is still raging, and the horrors of the abuse are still being uncovered. Cardinals, archbishops, bishops and priests have been criminally guilty in what they have done and what they have tried to hide so that the scandal would not ruin the Church's name - but the covering up allowed ever more children to be abused. The numbers are frightening. Sick pathetic evil men continued their abuse of children, protected and hidden from justice by conniving Church authority.

In recent years religious sisters have courageously spoken out about their being abused by bishops and priests and been condemned for causing scandal. It is the abusing priests and bishops who are the scandal. Church authorities have failed. Rather than face the reality of negative celibacy they have tacitly allowed their priests to live without love but to satisfy their sexual appetites with children, women and like-lustful men. What witness is this?

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17th February 2019 (Prayer Week 2)

"Who will throw the first stones?"

Mass Times and Intentions

6th SUNDAY OF YEAR (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 Anne Da Silva, Marian Mulcahy, Patrick Bishop,

Jo Bradbury, Joy Leggett

MONDAY 18th FEBRUARY

7.00 pm at St Joseph's for Stephen Beck

TUESDAY 19th FEBRUARY

10.00 am at St Joseph's for Val Phillips & family

WEDNESDAY 20th FEBRUARY

10.00 am at St Joseph's for Eileen Cromwell

THURSDAY 21st FEBRUARY

(St Peter Damian)

10.00 am at St Joseph's for Theodolina Fernandes

FRIDAY 22nd FEBRUARY

(Chair of St Peter, Apostle)

7.00 pm at St Joseph's for Family & Friends

SATURDAY 23rd FEBRUARY

(St Polycarp)

7th SUNDAY OF YEAR (C)

(Saturday) 6.00 pm at St Joseph's

(Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament from 5.15 pm)

SUNDAY 24th FEBRUARY

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 May Seddon, Lucy Okpalefe, Pamela Cates

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).



(Continued...) To bring these frightening abuses to an end Church authority needs the balance of the human partnership God created - male and female - with the women of the Church given a shared place in its authority. Abused women and children should be offered the chance to speak to women who hold such shared responsibility and authority, and who will co-operate with the good men who acknowledge Church failures. They must work together to end these scandals and bring healing.

Good bishops and priests understand, and may even know, the pain of celibate love which makes holy** a love which cannot be fulfilled because of a promise made and being lived. Many married people know this sacrifice when they become aware of a new love that could threaten and even destroy their already promised love: the new love is made holy, is sacrificed, in the blessing of God and the prayerful understanding of those involved.

We do not want the blusterers, the frigid, the hypocrites. We have seen and heard too many of them. We need bishops and priests and our Pope Francis to listen to the women whose sisters are being abused and whose sisters' and brothers' children have been abused. Authority in the Church is service. Here is a service of authority that women would fulfil better than even good men. Let them be invited, be listened to and given power to act. Sincere celibate priests and bishops will know how to listen. Sham celibates do not. They don't know love, they only know appetite.

May God bless us to bring healing where there has been so much wrong and hurt.

Fr. John

**("makes holy" is from the Latin "sacrum facere" from where we have the word "sacrifice". Thus to sacrifice the love is to make it holy.)

Parish Diary This Week

Tuesday 19th February

St JOSEPH'S TABLE open today from 10.45 am - 3.30 pm. (See details below). Parish library, Home from Home shop, Watermead shop and garden are also open.)

WATERMEAD SHOP OPEN 10.30 am-3.30 pm

Wednesday 20th February

St JOSEPH'S TABLE open today from 10.45 am - 3.30 pm. (See details below). **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 21st February

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 22nd February

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

Saturday 23rd February

DAY FOR CATHOLIC WOMEN is here at St Joseph's (see "Dates for Diary"). We are being joined by women from around the diocese and other parts of the country, so please let Alison, on 2207881, know if you are intending to come (we need to know numbers for catering purposes). Booking forms are available at the back of church.

CHURCH ROTAS FOR NEXT WEEKEND

| | Readers | Eucharistic Ministers |
|--------------|---------|-----------------------|
| Sat. 6.00 pm | Francis | Susan |
| Sun. 9.00 am | TBA | - |
| 10.30 am | Paul | Gerry / Sr Lelia |
| 6.00 pm | TBA | Marie |

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

→ Parish Pilgrimages 2019 →

LOURDES 10th - 16th May

Friday to Thursday, £495 approximately
(price includes flights, all travel and full board at hotel)
32 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 been taken. There is a reserve list.

ROME 8th-14th November 2019

(Details later. 38 people already booked)

St Joseph's Table

PLEASE NOTE CHANGE OF MENU

'Special' Meal of the Day Menu

Soup - Carrot & Coriander

Lunchtime specials - Fish Pie

served with potatoes & fresh vegetables

(Please come before 2.45 pm to avoid disappointment)

Dessert - Cherry Bakewell Sponge

(served with custard, cream, ice-cream)

Tuesday & Wednesday Snack Menu

Soup, Quiche (with new potatoes), Salads,
Jacket Potatoes, Sandwiches, Toasties,
Hot Sweet & Assorted Cakes, etc.

NB Volunteer helpers always welcomed!

✠ Prayer Box ✠

Please pray for:

Families of the parish

and our loved ones living and dead

especially for those who have recently died:

Marian Mulcahy (RIP)

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

Prayers for: Richard, Jo, Joy, Philip

The McCann family and all missing children

The peoples and countries of the world, especially,
VENEZUELA, YEMEN, EL SALVADOR

Dates for Diary

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 from Alison
on 0116 220 7881 and notice boards.

Please complete a booking form

(available at back of church & Watermead Shop)

FLAME

National Catholic Youth Event, Wembley Arena

Saturday 2nd March 2019

LACY are planning to take a coach from Leicester
to the Flame event and tickets are £30.

Contact, tickets Deacon Séamus on 0116 2414057
(solooskan@st-pauls.leicester.sch.uk)

ST PETER'S SPRING FAYRE

Sunday 3rd March, 12.30-2.30 pm

at St Peter's, Hinckley Road, Leicester LE3 0TA

All proceeds go to Menphys, Sound Cafe
and the Parish. See notice board for details

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

LEICESTER IRISH SOCIETY PRESENT

St Patrick's Day Sunday

17th March Devonshire Place. 1.30 pm until
early evening See notice board.

FAURE'S REQUIEM : COME AND SING!

Sunday 14th April

at St Mary's Church, Humberstone

Workshop 2-5 pm followed by concert

Details from dp.cant@btopenworld.com

DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES

14th-19th July

By train from £639 : By air from £739

Details and leaflets on notices boards

Watermead shop

**Mass & Greeting Cards, Books,
Religious DVDs, CDs, Gifts/Resources**

OPENING TIMES

Tues, Weds, Thurs from 10.30 am to 3.30 pm

Sun 11.45 am-12.15 pm

Information from 0116 220 7881 / 0

Last week's collection was safely
counted and banked. **£956**

*(Special RASH Collection £94)

Thank you. Counters : Tony

(Next week: Gail & Keith)

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