



ST. JOSEPH'S PARISH, LEICESTER

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Dear People,

On Wednesday we have a Requiem mass for Sue Davidson. Sue has no family. She called the parish her family. When she was able her carers brought her to Saturday evening mass in her wheelchair, but for some years she has not been able to come and has received Holy Communion regularly at home and visits from the SVP. Through those visits, the parish newsletter and her prayer she always felt one of us.

Will you come to her funeral if you are free? Sing her favourite hymns for her, rejoice that her suffering is over, she is reunited with her mother and father whom she loved so much.

Sue was not lonely even though she lived alone. She welcomed all who came and made them feel at home. There are others in the parish in similar situations. Would you like to be involved? Tell us of anyone who would like to be visited, who would be willing to visit.

It isn't easy. I visited a block of flats. Five of our parishioners live there. They each told me they were lonely and that people from the church should visit them. I suggested they were the church and might visit each other. None of them wanted to! Theirs was a self-inflicted loneliness. I asked several people if they were willing to visit. They weren't. They were too busy (all retired) to make any commitments. Would they expect visits when their activities slowed down? If we don't want to visit why would people want to visit us?

We all understand shyness, fear of feeling unwelcome, told to go away, being boring. We also know that we reap what we have sown. Some people are a joy to visit (Sue was) but others are full of grumbles and criticisms and visiting them is depressing - but please consider how we might help those who are lonely.

How has your Lent begun? More time for God, other people, sensibly for yourself? Prayer, reading, longing for God - might be ways of allowing the Lenten season to flow. George Herbert, a poet of the 17th century, wrote of feeling unworthy to approach God: "Love bade me welcome: yet my soul drew back, guiltie of dust and sinne. But quick-ey'd Love, observing me grow slack . . . drew nearer to me . . ."

Religious poetry can be inspiring for prayer. Discover religious poetry during this Lent. Our Watermead bookshop has beautiful books . . .

God bless you, Fr. John

10th March 2019 (Prayer Week 1)

"Mystical Body - please speak up,

Pope Francis needs your prayer and support"

Mass Times and Intentions

1st SUNDAY OF LENT (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)

Paula Toeroek-Fernandez, Winifred McDonagh, Pat Grady,

Tom McDonagh, Anthony Cates, Daniel McCormack,

Julita Sophia (Birthday)

MONDAY 11th MARCH

(St Aengus)

7.00 pm at St Joseph's for Edward Noronha

TUESDAY 12th MARCH

10.00 am at St Joseph's for Celia Cates

WEDNESDAY 13th MARCH

10.00 am at St Joseph's

Requiem Mass for Sue Davidson

THURSDAY 14th MARCH

10.00 am at St Joseph's for Vera Bromley

FRIDAY 15th MARCH

(St Louise)

7.00 pm at St Joseph's: Stations of the Cross followed by the mass for Patrick Bishop

2nd SUNDAY OF LENT (C)

(Saturday) 6.00 pm at St Joseph's

(Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament from 5.15 pm)

SUNDAY 17th MARCH

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 Paddy & Aggie Murphy, David & Mary Ellen Hudson,

Sean Fernandez, 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 - 6.00 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 12th March

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

CHOIR PRACTICE tonight, 7.30 pm.

Wednesday 13th March

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 14th March

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

CHURCHES TOGETHER IN LENT The meetings with our brothers and sisters in the other Christian Churches begin here in St Joseph's parish hall tonight at 7.30 pm (welcome hot drinks from 7.00 pm).

Friday 15th March

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

CAFOD Family Fast Day

Have a simple meal and give to save lives

When you see the CAFOD envelope or the poster in Church you will see Mahinur holding a bowl with one small fish in it. It took Mahinur 20 minutes dragging a heavy net back and forth to catch that fish. Barely two mouthfuls. She makes a living from fishing but a drought last year killed all the fish. She struggles to support her disabled husband and son.

CAFOD would like to help Mahinur, but sadly one in three requests to CAFOD are turned down due to lack of funds. So I hope you will join me on Family Fast Day Friday 15 March and eat a simple meal in solidarity with those who live amidst drought, floods and storms. Every donation, no matter what size, can be life-changing. Envelopes at the back of church.

Thank you, Marie Morris,

Our Parish CAFOD Representative

"Open our hearts Lord to others, especially those who hunger and hurt. Inspire us Lord and move us to reach out in love to those in need so all people may: Taste and see that the Lord is good."

Envelopes are at the back of church today. Please take one and return next weekend.

Organ Donation Is the Government right to presume we are organ donors unless we declare that we are not? A moral issue.

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: Christiano, Mary Bernadette

The McCann family and all missing children

The peoples and countries of the world, especially, THE 27, CONGO, CAMEROON

POSTBAG

Dear Friends,

I am grateful for the prayerful support you give to the Medaille Trust and our work for victims of modern slavery but I am writing now with an unusual request.

Nicolae is a Romanian man who has been with us for a few months now. He is suffering from kidney failure and desperately needs a kidney transplant.

Will you pray with him that a suitable donor be found?

Kind regards, Gary Smith CEO

Dear Gunga Din,

You're a better man than I am. Please explain to me before Tuesday the Irish backstop, a customs' union, and the difference between a people's vote and a referendum.

You must begin by saying "Let me make this absolutely clear" as the politicians do, otherwise I might not understand you.

With Brexit Wishes, P.V. Oters

Dear People,

The title of the book published on the opening day of the Vatican meeting about child abuse in the Catholic Church is "In the Closet of the Vatican: Power, Homosexuality, Hypocrisy". It is a devastating expose of corruption at the centre of the Church. The book indicates how much more is yet to be revealed, how much has been knowingly concealed. The Mystical Body, and that is who we are, the People of God, must bring healing to the abused children and women and purify the corrupt structures tolerated by evil and unworthy men. Pope Francis is publicly agonising over what he knows needs to be done. We pray for him in his struggle - he is honest about what it is costing him.

We pray for God's guidance. Fr John

St Joseph's Table

PLEASE NOTE CHANGE OF MENU

'Special' Meal of the Day Menu

Soup - Roasted Sweet Potatoe & Carrot

Lunchtime specials - Cottage Pie

served with potatoes & fresh vegetables

(Please come before 2.45 pm to avoid disappointment)

Dessert - Jam & Coconut 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 All help welcomed. Training given.

LENTEN STATION MASS

(6.55 pm Sacrament of Reconciliation) 7.30 pm Mass

Wednesday 20th March

St Mary's, South Wigston LE18 4PG

Wednesday 27th March

St Peter's, Hinckley LE10 1LW

Wednesday 10th April

Our Lady of Victories, Mt Harborough LE16 9QQ

Dates for Diary

ST PATRICK'S DAY MASS

Saturday 16th March, 11.00 am

Celebrant: Bishop Patrick

Afterwards refreshments and music

in parish centre until 2.30 pm. All welcome.

LEICESTER IRISH SOCIETY PRESENT

St Patrick's Day Sunday

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

LACY Leicestershire Active Catholic Youth

Countryside Stations of the Cross

Sunday 7th April at Mount St. Bernard Abbey

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

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.

ROME 8th-14th November 2019

(Details later. 43 people already booked)

Headteacher Appointments

for **Bishop Ellis School**, Thurmaston, Leicester. Application pack at www.bishopellis.leics.sch.uk

for **Christ the King School**, Leicester.

Application pack from office@ctk.leicester.sch.uk

Details on notice boards

(Closing date for both appointments 11th March)

"Prayer is simply being on terms of friendship with God"

St Teresa of Avila



CHURCH ROTAS FOR NEXT WEEKEND

	Readers	Eucharistic Ministers
Sat. 6.00 pm	Clare	Sal
Sun. 9.00 am	TBA	-
10.30 am	Vikki	Gerry / Sr Lelia
6.00 pm	TBA	Vincent

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

Last week's collection was safely counted and banked. **£1,088**

*(Special RASH Collection £102)

Thank you. Counters: Sarah & Pippa

(Next week: Karen & Chris)

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

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Lent books and resources now available

OPENING TIMES

Tues, Wed, Thur from 10.30 am-3.30 pm

Sun 11.45 am-12.15 pm

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