



ST. JOSEPH'S PARISH, LEICESTER

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Dear People,

Pope Francis on Maundy Thursday addressed the priests of the Church to remind them of their commitment to God and the People of God. Here is a summary of what he said . . .

"The gospel of Luke makes us relive the excitement of that moment when Jesus made his own the prophecy of Isaiah, bringing good news. The synagogue in Nazareth was filled with his relatives, neighbours, acquaintances, friends . . . and not only. All had their eyes fixed on him.

"The Gospels frequently present us with the image of Jesus in the midst of a crowd, surrounded and pressed by people who approach him with their sick ones, who hear his teachings and accompany him on the way. 'My sheep hear my voice. I know them and they follow me' (John 10:27-28).

"Jesus never lost that direct contact with people. He always kept the grace of closeness with the people as a whole and with each individual. So it was on the cross: his heart draws all people to himself: Veronicas, Simons, thieves, centurions.

"St Luke says the crowds looked for Jesus, travelled with him, surrounded him, gathered to hear him. Their following is unconditional and full of affection. The crowds that follow are amazed with joy (Luke 11:14), by his miracles and by his very person. People loved to meet him along the way, to receive his blessing and to bless him. The people discerned who and where he was and followed him, astounded by his teaching for he taught them as one having authority. Jesus Christ, the Word of God come in the flesh, awakens in people this charism of discerning the truth.

"St Luke points out four large groups who particularly draw Jesus's blessings: the poor, blind, oppressed and captives. He speaks of them in general terms but we are glad to see that they also gradually receive real names - the poor widow, giving all she had to live on that day; Bartimaeus, the blind beggar, who regained his sight and followed Jesus; the Good Samaritan, symbolising all who help others in various circumstances; the captives are those who feel imprisoned in life but long for emotional and spiritual freedom.

"We need to learn how to heal the wounds, the sins and worries of others, helping their faith, raising their hopes and bringing them to God."

Pope Francis' words apply to all of us, don't they. God bless us, Fr. John

28th April 2019 (Prayer Week 2)
"Easter celebrations continue . . ."

Mass Times and Intentions

2nd SUNDAY OF EASTER (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 People of Sri Lanka, Valerio Antunnes,

David Lane, The Henry Family

MONDAY 29th APRIL

(St Catherine of Siena)

7.00 pm at St Joseph's for A Family Blessing (A)

TUESDAY 30th APRIL

(St Pius V, Pope)

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

WEDNESDAY 1st MAY

(St Joseph the Worker)

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

THURSDAY 2nd MAY

(St Anasimus, Bishop)

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

FRIDAY 3rd MAY

(St Philip & St James, Apostles)

7.00 pm at St Joseph's for A Family Blessing (F)

SATURDAY 4th MAY

(The English Martyrs : St Richard Reynolds)

3rd SUNDAY OF EASTER (C)

(Saturday) 6.00 pm at St Joseph's

(Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament from 5.15 pm)

SUNDAY 5th MAY

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)

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 30th April

St JOSEPH'S TABLE open today from 10.45 am - 3.30 pm. (See details below). Parish library and Lourdes Garden also open.)

WATERMEAD SHOP OPEN 10.30 am-3.30 pm

Wednesday 1st May

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

MEDITATION & PRAYER in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel, 10.50 am. All welcome.

WATERMEAD SHOP OPEN 10.30 am-3.30 pm

LOURDES PILGRIMS - we meet tonight in the parish hall at 7.00 pm to plan the week and pay the balance. Please bring passport and insurance details with you.

Thursday 2nd May

LOCAL ELECTIONS - are happening. Our children's liturgy room is being used, so be aware there's no access for parishioners from main hall door. Use side gates for our... **PARISH OPEN MORNING** - which continues as usual in the Coffee Shop.

WATERMEAD SHOP OPEN 10.30 am-3.30 pm

Friday 3rd May

THE MIRIAM PRAYER GROUP 6.30 pm for faith sharing and Rosary. All welcome.

St Joseph's Table

PLEASE NOTE CHANGE OF MENU

'Special' Meal of the Day Menu (Tuesday)

Soup - Leek & Potato

Lunchtime specials - Fish Pie

served with potatoes & fresh vegetables

(Please come before 2.45 pm to avoid disappointment)

Dessert - Apple Pie

(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.

Watermead shop

Communion Gifts & much more!

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

MISSING HOLY WEEK MISSALETES

Palm Sunday - we lost 18, 25 on the Sunday but 7 came back during the week; Maundy Thursday - 6 lost, Good Friday - none! Please look at home.

Last week's collection was safely counted and banked. **£2,465**

Thank you. Counters: Sarah & Pepsi (Next week: Karen & Chris)

Prayer Box

Please pray for:

Families of the parish

and our loved ones living and dead

especially for those who have recently died:

John Sánchez, a13 & Edwin Piedrahita, a18 (RIP)

(2 of Fr Peter's children in Colombia, "Let The Children Live!")

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

Prayers for: Joan, Martin, Sam, Jo,

The McCann family and all missing children

The peoples and countries of the world, especially,

SRI LANKA, LIBYA, ALGERIA,

UGANDA, SUDAN, DRC

POSTBAG

Dear People,

Thank you, again, for the prayer of Holy Week, the joy of Easter, the beauty of our churches, the music and singing, reverence of our serving and reading, participation in all we did. Thank you to the many directly involved in our celebrating together our faith.

A personal thank you, also, for the generosity and kindness of so many of you in the Easter offering, the personal gifts, the cards and greetings. On a good day a priest can feel spoiled, and is. Today is a good day, like most.

During the week I have been "on retreat", days set aside for God and prayer, reading and reflection. You have all been in that prayer as I told God of my gratitude for the support and understanding that people give me.

Do you ever feel the longing to set time aside for God, hours or even days? Keep it simple. Vary the hours of the day for reading, prayer, reflection, necessary work. It isn't a lazy time and it will be challenging. Do you enjoy being challenged? Shape a day for God, with God and others in your prayer.

God bless you, Fr John.

Dear Parishioners

We received the report for annual collections from Missio. The total was £2689.32 (2018) and £1745.55 (2017) an increase of 54%. Thank you so much for your generous contributions.

Of the £2689.32, £1785.00 was paid directly into Missio account. Much appreciated.

We have made deposit for the first lot. The Red Boxes have been returned. Please collect them from the back of the church. Could we remind parishioners that still have boxes in the homes to please bring them to church so we can bank the money.

Thank you and God bless you always.

Anthony and Carmen

CHURCH ROTAS FOR NEXT WEEKEND

	Readers	Eucharistic Ministers
Sat. 6.00 pm	Edward	Anne B
Sun. 9.00 am	TBA	-
10.30 am	Children	Steve / Sister Lelia
6.00 pm	TBA	Marie

Eastertide Prayer Booklets have just arrived - prayer and reflection for each day until the Ascension. On table at the back of church, costing £1.

Dates for Diary

TODAY Divine Mercy Sunday

Sunday 28th April

at Our Lady of Good Counsel, Gleneagles Ave.

Diocesan Pilgrimage to Beauvale Sunday 5th May

(in honour of St John Houghton and St Robert Lawrence)

3.10 pm Rosary, 3.30 pm Mass

(celebrated by Fr Paul Newman)

Location: NG16 2AA (15 mins off M1:J27)

Further information 0791 436 1848

March for LIFE

Saturday 11th May

Details on notice board.

Coach will be going from Leicester, leaving Holy Cross, 7.30 am. www.marchforlife.co.uk

LEICESTER DIALOGUE SOCIETY

invites us to their annual "Iftar Dinner"

(See full details in our Easter newsletter)

Wednesday 22nd May, 8.00 pm

at Devonshire Place, 78 London Rd, LE2 0RA

leicester@dialoguesociety.org

Blessed Sacrament Procession

led by Bishop Patrick

Sunday 2nd June

2 pm - St Mary's, Hyson Green, NG7 6FY to Nottingham Cathedral, NG1 5AE (approx. 4 pm)

A DAY FOR CATHOLIC WOMEN

Following the success of our CWS day at

St Joseph's (in February) we shall have another on

Saturday 6th July - "Save the date!"

Parish Pilgrimages 2019

ROME 8th-14th November 2019

We can now book flights.

£300 for flight and hotel deposit to

"Fr John Daley Pilgrimage A/C"

Full cost £675 covers flights, airport coaches, excellent 4 star hotel B&B (43 people already booked)

MALTA 2020

4th - 13th February (Tuesday-Thursday)

Price very close to this year. Please tell Fr John asap, so we can confirm our booking. £20 deposit.

(10 booked so far)

STRESA & LAKE MAGGIORE 2020

13th - 19th and 20th - 26th August

We have been offered 2 weeks because

already 55 people have booked to come.

£20 deposit secures place

(the cost is only £10 more than in 2018!)

We begin again . . .

OUR REGULAR EVENINGS EXPLORING OUR FAITH TOGETHER

"TWILIGHT" RETREATS

Our first evening on **Wednesday 22nd May**, 7-9 pm). Talks, prayer, reflection and music in the Blessed Chapel, led by Fr John.

(Note incorrect date in last week's newsletter)

QUESTIONS OF FAITH

We resume our discussions on the Word of God, the Teaching of the Church and our lives in God's world on **Monday 20th May** following the evening mass (about 7.45 pm).