



ST. JOSEPH'S PARISH, LEICESTER

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Dear People,

There is so much each day to sadden us - *World* (injustice, hunger, disease, war, terrorism), *Church* (abuse of children and women, lack of faith, public criticism of Pope Francis), *Society* (violent and petty crime, addictions of drugs, alcohol, gambling), *Family* (break-ups, quarrels), *Work* (insecurity, low wages, dispiriting work, unemployment) - so why are people normally pleasant and happy?

There is much goodness each day. People are willing to serve in public life, help bring peace and reconciliation, look after others in hospitals, hospices, care homes, schools, and in developing countries, bringing relief and aid through their dedication.

I marvel at the goodness of people, their willingness to listen, be there, give time and affection and love. I overhear carers in homes talking to the residents, so often with patience and kindness. A mother of three teenage daughters was calmly talking about them. "I remember what I was like at their age," she said, "and I give them the patience and understanding I was given." She was a lovely mother.

I have seen such care in many ways at home, in families, between relatives and friends. Genuine goodness and holiness, quietly living saints, but they would never say that about themselves.

Which makes the sadness and tensions of our world, Church, society, families and workplaces the greater. If only people were encouraged simply to be, do, their best. "This baby to be loved every few hours" was the notice at the foot of the bed in hospital. The nurse laughed. "That's Doctor Y" she said. "He knows the importances of hugs and holding from the beginning of life. So all the mothers are reminded - and the fathers, too, when they come in."

Seriously, do you hug, hold everyone every few hours; are you held, hugged every few hours? Yes, is the answer. We call it prayer. "Dear Lord, here are my (many) loved ones. Hold them for me. Here are those (many) who love me. I hold them in my prayer."

There is room in your heart for the whole world. "There are many rooms in my Father's house," said Jesus. There are many rooms in your heart. Fill them.

God bless you, Fr. John

5th May 2019 (Prayer Week 3)

"Fishing for God . . ."

Mass Times and Intentions

3rd 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 Victims and Families of Sri Lanka bombings,
Paddy McPhillips, Peg & Dave, Family Blessing (B)

MONDAY 6th MAY

7.00 pm at St Joseph's for Thanksgiving (Anjali)

TUESDAY 7th MAY

10.00 am at St Joseph's for The Norwell Family

WEDNESDAY 8th MAY

10.00 am at St Joseph's for The Collins Family

THURSDAY 9th MAY

10.00 am at St Joseph's for Thanksgiving (Anjali)

4th SUNDAY OF EASTER (C)

(Saturday) 6.00 pm at St Joseph's

(Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament from 5.15 pm)

SUNDAY 12th 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)

(Intentions for Sunday Mass)

for Family & Friends, A Special Intention

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.

We begin again . . .

EXPLORING OUR FAITH TOGETHER

"TWILIGHT" RETREATS

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

QUESTIONS OF FAITH

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

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 7th May

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 8th May

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. All welcome.

WATERMEAD SHOP OPEN 10.30 am-3.30 pm

Thursday 9th May

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 10th May

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

St Joseph's Table

PLEASE NOTE CHANGE OF MENU

'Special' Meal of the Day Menu

Soup - Farmhouse Vegetable

Lunchtime specials - Roast Chicken served with potatoes & fresh vegetables

(Please come before 2.45 pm to avoid disappointment)

Dessert - Bread & Butter Pudding (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.

PRAYER FROM MARY'S MEALS

Our Father, give us this day our daily bread and forgive us for the times when we take more than our share of the bread that belongs to all. Let us help you fill the starving with good things, not with scraps from our table.

Teach us how to share what is not ours to keep. Clothe us with your love that we may complete each good work you created us to do.

Place in our hearts your compassion for each hungry child and use our little acts of love so that they may starve no more. Amen

Watermead shop

Communion Gifts & much more!

OPENING TIMES

Tues, Wed, Thur from 10.30 am-3.30 pm
CLOSED SUNDAY NEXT WEEK (for one day only)
Information from 0116 220 7881 / 0
www.watermead-apostolate.com

Prayer Box

Please pray for:
Families of the parish
and our loved ones living and dead
especially for those who have recently died:
Rita Acieno (RIP)

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

Prayers for: Eddie, Geraldine, Pat, William

The McCann family and all missing children

The peoples and countries of the world, especially, VENEZUELA, PANAMA, INDIA, SRI LANKA

POSTBAG

Dear Friends,

Father Peter and everyone at "Let the Children Live" are feeling the impact of the many Venezuelan refugees, fleeing from their own country to Colombia to seek a better life. . . . Father Peter says we cannot refuse them, they are starving, they have trekked over 600 miles . . . We are helping them at Casa Walsingham and ask if our supporters in Britain can help us to help the refugees. This is a difficult situation for us all . . .

As I was finishing my letter to you I had news that two of our street boys, John and Edwin, were found shot dead last week.

Please pray for us all. George McAleenan

PS John and Edwin were in our prayer box. Please ask Fr John if you would like to see George's full letter.

VOCATIONS On the last Friday of each month the diocese is holding a meeting for anyone interested in training for the priesthood. The meetings are at Our Lady and St Edward, Nottingham. Details from 0115 950 1064 or nottinghamvocations@hotmail.co.uk

DIOCESAN CATECHISTS

Would you like to be a catechist, sharing your faith? We have very good teams for Children's Liturgy, First Holy Communion, Confirmation, we share with other parishes RCIA and Marriage Preparation, but we don't have catechists for Baptism. Would you like to be involved? Bishop Patrick is inviting all parish (and would-be catechists) to a day in Nottingham, Saturday 13th July, 10.00 am - 1.30 pm. Feel invited. We shall organise a coach or bus.

Last week's collection was safely counted and banked. **£875**
*(Special RASH Collection £95)
Thank you. Counters: Karen & Chris
(Next week: Terry)

*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	Francis	Sal
Sun. 9.00 am	TBA	-
10.30 am	Gail	Anne G / Sister Lelia
6.00 pm	TBA	Vincent

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

Dates for Diary

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

ST MARY'S SPRING FESTIVAL
Saturday 11th May, 11.00 am - 3.00 pm
at Humberstone Junior Academy
Details on notice board. All welcome.

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)

THE ANNUAL DAY WITH MARY
at Walsingham **Sunday 2nd June**
11.40 am - 5.30 pm. Details on notice board.

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!"

To all who will be 80 this year

Today, dear Lord, I'm 80
and there's much I haven't done.
I hope, dear Lord, you'll let me live until I'm 81.
But if I haven't finished all I want to do
would you let me stay a while, until I'm 82?

So many lands to visit, so very much to see -
do you think that you could manage to make it 83?
The world is changing very fast
there is so much in store
I'd like it very much to live until I'm 84. (Anon.)
(to be continued)

260 Club

This Month's Winners!

No.66 wins £75; No.147 wins £50;
No.243 wins £50; No.101 wins £50;
No.33 wins £35.

→ 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** (approx.) covers flights, airport coaches,
our excellent 4 star hotel B&B (43 people already booked)

MALTA 2020

4th - 13th February (Tuesday-Thursday)
Full cost. **£665** (approx.) covers flights, airport coaches,
our excellent 4 star hotel, half board. (10 booked so far)
£20 deposit to confirm booking.

STRESA & LAKE MAGGIORE 2020

13th - 19th and 20th - 26th August
W. **£645** (approx.) covers flights, airport coaches, our
excellent lakeside hotel, half board. (60 booked so far).
£20 deposit to confirm booking