



**CHRIST
IS RISEN**

ST. JOSEPH'S PARISH, LEICESTER

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Dear People,

Lourdes was wonderful. We were happy together, at mass each day in the hotel or the Pius X Basilica, at the afternoon Blessed Sacrament and the evening Torchlight processions, and at our meals.

We had time together when I was able to tell and explain the story of Bernadette and Lourdes and at prayer at the Grotto, Blessed Sacrament Chapel, the Cachot, following the Bernadette story; and time and space for our own prayer and quiet. We blended and separated easily, always aware for each other.

The Bernadette story is captivating. A young girl, unable to read or write, who saw Our Lady eighteen times between February and July in 1858. The messages she was given were simple - prayer, blessing of the sick, faith in God. The little girl did not know who the strange beautiful lady was. No one else ever saw the lady, but they were aware of a great change in Bernadette when the lady appeared to her: the girl would go into a trance. Many wanted to mock, saying the trances were self-induced, that the girl was deceiving herself and trying to deceive others. Bernadette accepted the disbelief and mockery, saying that she had been entrusted to give the messages but not to force people to believe her.

When the pressure of the crowds wanting to speak to her became too much the nuns took her into their convent to protect her and she finally became one of them, moving to a convent at Nevers, near Paris. She never returned to Lourdes. People must come for Our Lady, not for her, she always said. And they did and do.

How many millions must have come to Lourdes to love and worship God, love and honour Our Lady, and revere the memory of a little peasant girl. Lourdes as a place of prayer is beautiful.

It is also human. One shop tried to cheat one of our people, one lady was robbed and chased after the pick-pockets (and got her money back!) and a taxi over-charged its clients. So petty, for a few euros to lose your good name.

We prayed for everyone, for each other, for our loved ones. I wish you could all come.

God bless us,

Fr. John

19th May 2019 (Prayer Week 1)

"I in Lourdes, Lourdes in me . . ."

Mass Times and Intentions

5th 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 & 6.00 pm at St Joseph's

(Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament from 5.15 pm)

(Intentions for Sunday Mass)

for Jack & Anne Laing, Tony Pinchbeck,

Janet & Henry Munodawafa (WA), Family Blessing

MONDAY 20th MAY

(St Bernadine of Siena, Priest)

7.00 pm at St Joseph's for Family Blessing

TUESDAY 21st MAY

10.00 am at St Joseph's for Family & Friends

WEDNESDAY 22nd MAY

(St Rita)

10.00 am at St Joseph's for David Keogh

THURSDAY 23rd MAY

10.00 am at St Joseph's for United Kingdom and EU

FRIDAY 24th MAY

(Our Lady Help of Christians - patron New Zealand, Australia)

7.00 pm at St Joseph's for Thanksgiving

6th SUNDAY OF EASTER (C)

(Saturday) 6.00 pm at St Joseph's

(Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament from 5.15 pm)

SUNDAY 25th 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 David Keogh, Paul & Philomena Cronin

BLESSED SACRAMENT CHAPEL

open every day this week from 10.30 am - 6.00 pm.

CONFESSIONS EACH WEEK

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

EXPLORING OUR FAITH TOGETHER

QUESTIONS OF FAITH on Monday 20th May.

"TWILIGHT" RETREAT on Wednesday 22nd May

We begin again. See over ("Dates for Diary") for full details.

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

Monday 20th May

QUESTION OF FAITH. We resume tonight in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel, following the 7.00 pm mass at St Joseph's. Welcome, bring your questions . . .

Tuesday 21st 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 22nd 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. Quiet prayer, meditation, intercessions. All welcome.

WATERMEAD SHOP OPEN 10.30 am-3.30 pm

"TWILIGHT" RETREAT tonight in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel. Prayer, talks, reflection, music, led by Fr John. We begin at 7.00 pm and finish with a hot (cold) drink in the Coffee Shop around 9.00 pm. Donation of £3 is asked towards expenses.

Thursday 23rd 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

THE ELECTIONS - Our children's liturgy room is being used (again), so be aware there's no access for parishioners from main hall door. Please use side gates for... **PARISH OPEN MORNING** - which continues as usual in the Coffee Shop.

Friday 24th 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 - Carrot & Coriander

Lunchtime specials - All Day Breakfast
Jacket Potatoes with assorted toppings

(Please come before 2.45 pm to avoid disappointment)

Dessert - Pineapple Upside Down Pudding
(served with custard, cream, ice-cream)

Tuesday & Wednesday Snack Menu

Assorted Sandwiches, Salads, Toasties,
Hot Sweet & Assorted Cakes, etc.

NB All help welcomed. Training given.

READERS AT MASS - Anyone interested in joining the Saturday rota? Please see Edward or Fr John.

Prayer Box

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

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

Prayers for: Doreen, Our Exam Students

The McCann family and all missing children

The peoples and countries of the world, especially,
BENIN, SOMALIA, SOUTH AFRICA

POSTBAG

ROSARY FOR THE UNBORN

The Knights of St Columba are celebrating their centenary by praying the "Rosary for the Unborn". Each month there is a particular intention and we are invited to share the pain, anxieties, joy, expectations of all involved in bringing the gift of life to completion. There are prayer cards at the back of the church.

"Ever living God, you made the Blessed Virgin Mary the new Eve and mother of all who live, and your eternal Word took flesh in her womb, making her into a sanctuary for life itself.

"Through her intercession, grant that all unborn children, like St John the Baptist, may leap with joy in their mother's wombs.

"Give all expectant mothers the virtues and graces they need to become living sanctuaries of new life, and through Mary's prayers bestow on us your help and protection that we may be faithful bearers of your Word, proclaiming the gospel of life in what we say and do. Amen"

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

Parents and Children : Dates for your Diary
Meetings will be in St Joseph's Church as follows:

Receiving the Host and Confession preparation

Wednesday 29th May 7.15pm - 8.00pm

First Confession

Wednesday 5th June 7.15pm - 8.00pm

Father John will be leading the evenings, instructing the children on how to take communion and also preparation for confession. If you are unable to make any of the two dates please contact David 07591308287 or, email - d.snelders@ntlworld.com
The dates are fixed, but the content may be revised.

Last week's collection was safely counted and banked. **£925**

*(Special RASH Collection £86)

Thank you. Counters : John & June

(Next week: Pauline & Christine)

*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	John	Cecilia
Sun. 9.00 am	TBA	-
10.30 am	Paul	Steve / Sister Lelia
6.00 pm	TBA	Vincent

Dates for Diary

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

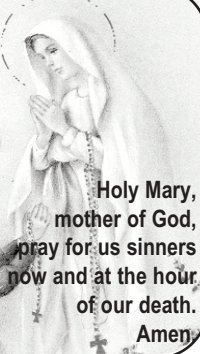
at Walsingham **Sunday 2nd June**
11.40 am - 5.30 pm. Details on notice board.

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!"

LOURDES can be anywhere

Hail Mary,
full of grace,
The Lord is with thee.
Blessed art thou
amongst women
and blessed
is the fruit
of thy womb,
Jesus.



Holy Mary,
mother of God,
pray for us sinners
now and at the hour
of our death.
Amen

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.

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 (All places taken)

MALTA 2020

4th - 13th February (Tuesday-Thursday)

Full cost. **£665** (approx.) covers flights, airport coaches,
our excellent 4 star hotel, half board. (20 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. (65 booked so far).

£20 deposit to confirm booking.

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
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