



**CHRIST
IS RISEN**

ST. JOSEPH'S PARISH, LEICESTER

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Dear People,

I admire patriotism, the love of one's country, of one's people but I dislike nationalism, the placing of one's own country as superior to others. Nationalism sees rivals, foreigners, immigrants, outsiders; patriotism shares love of country with all who share similar values.

"My country first" shouts Nationalism. "All peoples together" sings Patriotism, recognising others' love of their own countries. Patriotism unites in shared values, nationalism divides into "them" and "us". Both nationalism and patriotism are taught and learnt. Who are the teachers, students?

Nationalism play on the emotions, patriotism inspires love. Nationalism is easily expressed in the negatives of anger, suspicions, exclusions, but patriotism wants love of country to be shared and seeks mutual understanding.

Over these days of European Union elections we are going to see how far the nationalist politicians have succeeded in working on the peoples of their various countries. They have been working with each other, emphasizing what is wrong in the European Union, and appealing to the nationalist sentiment which puts one's country/people first.

In a "Union", as in a church, no one is first – we are together in common ideals. Patriotism seeks the common good, nationalism the national good.

All of us who are immigrants know the fear of rejection and exclusion. The Irish have certainly known it in parts of the United Kingdom, as have people of different races, colour, religion. To see it in our Church, as we do, even in our parish, is shameful. Sometimes I want to speak out in anger "There is racial and colour prejudice here, in our own church." What shame.

God bless us, brothers and sisters all.

Fr. John

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One of the themes of our Twilight Retreat on Wednesday last was Prayer. At its most simple prayer is a conversation with God, a quiet awareness of being loved by God (as in the quiet moments of a happy home), maybe an alive expressing of love and understanding. Prayer takes various forms, as conversations do; "Many paths, one way" is a phrase to sum it up (see over for the prayers we shared).

26th May 2019 (Prayer Week 2)

*"Tradition is the living faith
of those who have died.
Traditionalism is the dead faith
of those who are alive."*

Mass Times and Intentions

6th 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 and 6.00 pm at St Joseph's

(Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament from 5.15 pm)

(Intentions for Sunday Mass)

for Mary Gurr, Marita Desa, Lucia Princillo,

Jack & Anne Laing, Bill & Celia Hayes,

David Keogh, Steve Beatty, Joao Desa

MONDAY 27th MAY

(St Augustine of Canterbury)

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

TUESDAY 28th MAY

10.00 am at St Joseph's

for Family Health

WEDNESDAY 29th MAY

10.00 am at St Joseph's

REQUIEM MASS for Anne Laing

THURSDAY 30th MAY

HOLY DAY : Feast of the Ascension

(St Joan of Arc)

10.00 am & 7.00 pm at St Joseph's

for People of the Parish, Family Blessings

FRIDAY 31st MAY

(Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary)

7.00 pm at St Joseph's for Paul O'Brien

7th SUNDAY OF EASTER (C)

(Saturday) 6.00 pm at St Joseph's

(Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament from 5.15 pm)

SUNDAY 2nd JUNE

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

Monday 27th May

BANK HOLIDAY MASS is at 7.00 pm.

Tuesday 28th 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

CHOIR PRACTICE to be confirmed.

Wednesday 29th 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

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION - Preparation evening tonight at 7.15 pm in church. See details in adjacent box.

Thursday 30th May

HOLY DAY : FEAST OF THE ASCENSION

Mass at 10.00 am and 7.00 pm.

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 31st 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

SPRING MENU

Soup - Red Pepper & Carrot

Lunchtime - All Day Breakfast

Jacket Potatoes with assorted toppings

(Please come before 2.45 pm to avoid disappointment)

Dessert - will be announced on 'Specials' board

ALSO MANY OTHER OPTIONS

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

NB All help welcomed. Training given.

Last week's collection was safely counted and banked. **£1,064**

*(Special RASH Collection £76)

Thank you. Counters: Pauline & Christine (Next week: Tony)

*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	Clare	Anne B
Sun. 9.00 am	TBA	-
10.30 am	Children	Anne G / Sister
6.00 pm	TBA	Marie

Prayer Box

Please pray for:

Families of the parish

and our loved ones living and dead

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

Prayers for: Doreen, Eddie, Our Exam Students

The McCann family and all missing children

The peoples and countries of the world, especially, EUROPEAN UNION, SYRIA, INDIA, POLAND

The three forms of prayer that Fr John shared at our retreat on Wednesday last:



1 - *The Jesus Prayer*, so loved in the Eastern Orthodox Churches. "Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God, have mercy on me, a sinner."

2 - *St Bernard's advice to his monks*: "Praise God. Thank God. Ask God for blessings."

3 - *The Prayer of Jabez*: "Bless me, guide me, be with me. Protect me from wrong-doing (two meanings, do you see them?) and from causing harm."

You will find Jabez in the First Book of Chronicles, chapter 4, verses 9-10. His name means "Pain" because his mother suffered in giving him birth (that would be all of us - everyone could be named "Jabez") but his prayer is a wonderful surprise in pages of names. Look for yourself, and see the courage and faith of his prayer.

Parish Pilgrimages 2019

ROME 8th-14th November 2019

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. (68 booked so far). **£20** deposit to confirm booking.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

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

Receiving Communion / Confession preparation

Wednesday 29th May 7.15pm - 8.00pm

First Confessions

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.

Andrzej & Edwin

Today make their First Holy Communion. We pray for them and their families.

Dates for Diary

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!"

THE BRIARS YOUTH CENTRE

is celebrating 50 years on the weekend of **29th/30th June**.

Full details on the notice boards and copies of Bishop Patrick's letter, inviting us to be involved, are at the back of church.

POSTBAG

A LOURDES MEMORY

Just near the blessed Sacrament Chapel, across the river from the Grotto, is a statue of Our Lady, holding Jesus just taken down from the cross. Prav, one of our pilgrims, writes

"I returned to look at the statue on Tuesday and an Irish lady, Angela, began to tell me about the statue. She said that the priest she had come with said that the hands were the hands of the Father, holding Jesus and Mary "into your hands I commend my spirit". We began to talk about this when 2 people walked into the garden, a man and woman. They listened to the conversation we were having and our mutual admiration and sorrow of the Passion of Christ. The man then asked where we were from. I replied Leicester and Angela began to talk about Ireland. The gentleman then introduced us to the lady who was with him - the actual sculptor!!! I was "star struck". Her name is de Faykod. He interpreted for us as she is French and doesn't speak any English.

"I managed to get just one photograph.. she was so humble..far from my vision of what the sculptor would look like. She also has sculptured the Stations of the Cross at Lourdes. She said that the statue outside the Adoration Chapel took a year and the Stations of the Cross took her 5 years to complete.

"I thought that I would share this moment of God's grace with you and thank you for making it possible for us to witness our miracles.

God bless you. Many thanks, Prav"

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

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