



# ST. JOSEPH'S PARISH, LEICESTER

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Dear People,

The lady was a brilliant lecturer. She was convinced of the beauty and truth of natural family planning as it might reflect in the fulfilling love of married couples.

She was invited to speak to the priests of the diocese. They all came.

She looked around the large group, took us all in, and said: "A woman is fertile several days a month between the ages of about 14 and 45. A man is fertile everyday from the age of 15 until he's 90 - and you say we are the problem."

She had won them in that straight incisive opening. Then came the brilliant lecture. Afterwards she was invited to four central areas of the diocese to speak to the parishes in each.

Her approach is one which fits perfectly with "Humana Vite" and its teaching on birth control. It is the best answer for those who asked the question but not the only answer. As the bishops of the Church in 1968 told their people: understand the teaching of Pope Paul VI but be free in conscience to decide what is best for you in your personal circumstances. "Pray and then decide" was the advice. The law of God written on the human heart?

Each of us has the responsibility of acting/speaking for the best in life's various circumstances. No one can make personal decisions for us - they are our own responsibility. We may advise each other in truth and love but we cannot make life's decisions for one another. Each of us must decide what is good, better, best. Our faith in God, our love for one another, our belief in the Church will help us form our consciences but, finally, we decide.

The circumstances may be personal, family, work related, faith related, political, social. No Church, Party, Government can take away our God-given freedom of conscience. When they are wrong so are we if we follow them: when they are right we are glad of the confirmation that we were given in prayer.

Biblical literalism, "1984", dictatorships, nationalist and all prejudices are wrong why they try to take away our freedom of thought and action. I belong to God before all other claims.

Guide us, O Thou Great Redeemer. Fr. John

**16th June 2019 (Prayer Week 3)**  
"Truth unites, religions divide"

## Mass Times and Intentions

### HOLY TRINITY SUNDAY (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 Mary & Michael Sheridan, Nora & Michael Gallagher,  
Jack & Anne Laing, Mary Treacy, Special Intention

### MONDAY 17th JUNE

7.00 pm at St Joseph's for Anne Laing

### TUESDAY 18th JUNE

10.00 am at St Joseph's for The Morgan Family

### WEDNESDAY 19th JUNE

(St Romuald)

10.00 am at St Joseph's for Randal & Julia Dodge

### THURSDAY 20th JUNE

(St Alban)

10.00 am at St Joseph's for Sister Bronagh

### FRIDAY 21st JUNE

(St Aloysius Conzaga)

7.00 pm at St Joseph's for Christopher Harrison

### SATURDAY 22nd JUNE

(St John Fisher : St Thomas More)

## FEAST OF CORPUS CHRISTI

(Saturday) 6.00 pm at St Joseph's  
(Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament from 5.15 pm)

### SUNDAY 23RD 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)

(Intentions for Sunday Mass)

for Neina Cave, Jack & Anne Laing,

Private 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.

## 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 18th June

**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 19th June

**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 20th June

**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 21st June

**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** - of the Day

**Lunchtime** - All Day Breakfast

Jacket Potatoes with assorted toppings  
Quiche and salad/vegetables with new potatoes  
(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. **£1,020**

\*(Special RASH Collection £111)

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

\*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	Cecilia
Sun. 9.00 am	TBA	-
10.30 am	Vikki	Anne G /Sister Lelia
6.00 pm	TBA	Vincent

## ✠ Holy Water ✠

A reminder that the holy water in the large vessel at the back of St Joseph's church is available to take home. Water from Lourdes and the River Jordan, brought back by parish pilgrims, is added to the water.

## Prayer Box

Please pray for:

**Families of the parish**

**and our loved ones living and dead**

**especially for those who have recently died:**

Silvia Jagiello (RIP), Fr Neil McLaughlin

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

Prayers for: Christine, Sean

The McCann family and all missing children

The peoples and countries of the world, especially  
UGANDA, CONGO, SUDAN, HONG KONG

## POSTBAG

Dear People,

Today is our annual DAY FOR LIFE which focuses this year on domestic abuse. Pope Francis writes "I think particularly of the shameful ill treatment to which women are sometimes subjected, domestic violence and various forms of enslavement which, rather than a show of masculine power, are craven acts of cowardice. The verbal, physical and sexual violence that women endure in some marriages contradicts the very nature of marriage". (Amoris Laetitia)

Please take a copy of the leaflet of the back of the church. Fr John

Dear Father,

Thank you for giving us a wonderful renewal day on Saturday. It is so generous of you and your parish to host us and to look after us so well and I am very grateful for the spiritual guidance you give and for the pastoral care your wonderful team at St Joseph's give. I always come away thoroughly renewed and much looking forward to the following year's session.

With all good wishes, Gail

PS Fr John adds his thanks to the wonderful team at St Joseph's

## ✈ Parish Pilgrimages 2019 ✈

### MALTA 2020

**4th - 13th February** (Tuesday-Thursday)

**£665** (approx.) covers flights, airport coaches, our excellent 4 star hotel, half board. (30 booked so far)

**£20 deposit to confirm booking.**

### STRESA & LAKE MAGGIORE 2020

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

Full cost. **£645** (approx.) covers flights, airport coaches, our excellent lakeside hotel, half board.

(74 booked so far).

**£20 deposit to confirm booking.**

Please note that places are not reserved until the **£20** deposit is paid. Many people are interested.

## 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.co.uk](http://www.watermead-apostolate.co.uk)

## Dates for Diary

**Launde Abbey celebrates 900 Years**

**PRAISE, PLAY AND PARTY**

**Saturday 22nd June**

begins 10.30 am Service of Praise & Thanksgiving

See notices at back of church

**LACY (Leicestershire Active Catholic Youth)**

present **"ONE WAY JESUS"**

Experience Mass in a new and fun way  
at St Mary's, South Wigston, LE18 4PG

**Sunday 23rd June**

Preparation workshop at 4.30 pm : Mass at 6.00 pm  
Info from [PaulinePayne@hotmail.com](mailto:PaulinePayne@hotmail.com)  
or [IanCardwell50@hotmail.com](mailto:IanCardwell50@hotmail.com)

## 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.

## A DAY FOR CATHOLIC WOMEN

**"Catholic women : Different Perspectives"**

**Saturday 6th July 10.30 am - 4.30 pm**  
**Here at St Joseph's**

**Leaflets at back of church**

Please let us know if you are coming  
and book lunch (soup and rolls, etc) by  
telephoning 0116 2207881 or emailing  
[AlisonCWS@outlook.com](mailto:AlisonCWS@outlook.com)

## Diocesan Pilgrimage to Padley

to honour the Padley Martyrs

**Sunday 14th July**

Full details on notice boards

## LOURDES A Taste of Heaven on Earth -

..... continued from last week's newsletter

The Basilica and the Three-Tiered Church are breath-taking. Look out for the huge, intricate mosaics. Both buildings are supported by a choir who offer the amazing opportunity for visitors to join them as they accompany the Candle-lit procession, Mass and Procession of the sick.

The Grotto where Holy Mary appeared to Bernadette Soubirous is a calm, reflective place to sit and pray. A statue of Our Lady is positioned where she appeared during the apparitions. The first flow of water, dug up by Bernadette, is viewable here. Water still drips and can be touched, adding to this blessed place.

Visitors fill bottles, drink and wash in the water of Lourdes. A visit to the, very personal and spiritual, baths of Lourdes is an emotional and moving opportunity. For those who feel the strong pull to join the queue of people who wait to bathe in the waters of Lourdes this is an amazing experience. For those who don't, just standing outside and watching visitors going in and out of the baths aided by nurses and volunteers, is a peaceful and uplifting vision to behold.

Holy Mary's presence can be felt throughout Lourdes. Our Lady's wish for the sick to bath in the waters and for processions and prayers to happen each day is truly being satisfied. Being at Lourdes felt spiritually cleansing and so challenging to describe in words. I hope you like my effort. Lourdes really is a true taste of Heaven on Earth.

**Sam** wrote the above inspired by her experience on our Lourdes' pilgrimage. The full article can be read on [www.watermead-apostolate.co.uk/watermead-voices](http://www.watermead-apostolate.co.uk/watermead-voices)