



# ST. JOSEPH'S PARISH, LEICESTER

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Dear People,

The Tablet is our principal international Catholic journal in the English-speaking world. In a recent edition Bishop Crowley suggested that the Church should look at the possibility of ordaining women to the priesthood. I sent the following letter to the Tablet, supporting that view, and an edited version is in this week's edition.

"Bishop Crowley is right. We must discuss the ordination of women to the priesthood. Part of the discussion was completed in 1974 when Pope Paul VI's Biblical Commission told him there was nothing scriptural or theological against the ordination of women. The Church will not go back on that judgement.

"The Commission said the barriers were cultural and historical. Now is the time to take down those barriers. The horrors of clerical abuse of children tell us that the failing Institution needs to be rescued and reshaped by the Mystical Body, as has happened down the centuries by saints taking on unworthy men in authority.

"No woman bishop would have covered up child abuse by priests. Her natural nurturing love would have heard the child in a way that frozen celibate men did not know how to.

"We need women in places of authority. We are ready for those cultural and historical barriers to come down: the scriptural and theological questions have been spiritually and intelligently answered.

"The horror of child sex abuse must also awaken us to the shame of sexual closets in the Vatican, seminaries, diocesan life and monasteries. The (institutional) Church has proved it does not know how to regulate itself, as the Tablet's fine leading article concluded last week.

"Women must be given their rightful place in the structure of the church, helping infuse the again-failing Institution with the grace of the Mystical Body."

We pray for God's guidance in each new age of the Church. Jesus promised the Holy Spirit would guide us - he did not leave us the answers but promised us guidance.

God bless us,

Fr. John

**14th July 2019 (Prayer Week 3)**  
"Church and world - we belong to both"

## Mass Times and Intentions

### 15th SUNDAY OF YEAR (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 Maureen Burns, Anne Laing, Sylvia Jagiello,  
Eddie O'Connor, Felix Cassidy, Family Special Intention

### MONDAY 15th JULY

(St Bonaventure, Bishop)

7.00 pm at St Joseph's for Saran Brady

### TUESDAY 16th JULY

(Our Lady of Mount Carmel)

10.00 am at St Joseph's for John Brady

3.00 pm Funeral Service for Paul Shutt

### WEDNESDAY 17th JULY

10.00 am at St Joseph's for Hugh Burns

### THURSDAY 18th JULY

10.00 am at St Joseph's for Ted Brennan

### FRIDAY 19th JULY

7.00 pm at St Joseph's for Family Blessing

### 16th SUNDAY OF YEAR (C)

(Saturday) 6.00 pm at St Joseph's

(Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament from 5.15 pm)

### SUNDAY 21st JULY

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 Anne Laing, Maria Dolores, Peter Lobo, Kevin Adcock,  
Ted Brennan, Benjamin & Paulina Noruega

**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.

**APOSTLESHIP OF THE SEA**  
Today's retiring collection is for the fine work amongst seafarers, many of whom are away for months at a time from their families. The Apostleship makes them welcome in our ports when they call. Please support generously this good work.

## 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).

## St Joseph's Table

**Now closed till end of July as we shall be on holiday**

HOLIDAY TIME FOR OUR VOLUNTEERS  
SO THE TABLE WILL BE CLOSED UNTIL  
**TUESDAY 30th JULY**

If you would like to join the team and enable us to open during holidays please tell Fr John  
You would be very welcome.

## Parish Diary This Week

### Tuesday 16th July

**WATERMEAD SHOP OPEN 10.30 am-3.30 pm**

### Wednesday 17th July

**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 18th July

**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 19th July

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

## Watermead shop

### 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

### HAVE YOU VISITED OUR WEBSITE?

[www.watermead-apostolate.com](http://www.watermead-apostolate.com)

Watermead is so much more than the shop at the top of St Joseph's car park. We began in 1992 with music over the other side of the city in the parish of St Theresa's. Birstall, and moved here to St Joseph's in 2001 at the invitation of Bishop Malcolm McMahon. We are music, publishing, retreats, pilgrimages and the full stories are given on the website. We are a resource for all areas. Do visit.

Last week's collection was safely counted and banked. **£1,307**

\*(Special RASH Collection £115)

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

### New rotas ready for collection in sacristy

\*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	Kizito	Celia
Sun. 9.00 am	TBA	-
10.30 am	Johnn	Gerry / Sister Lelia
6.00 pm	TBA	Vincent

Children's Liturgy are having a summer break

## Prayer Box

Please pray for:  
**Families of the parish**  
**and our loved ones living and dead**  
**especially for those who have recently died:**

Paul Shutt (RIP)

Declan, Bridie, Jonathan, John, Chris, Maria,  
Kath, Mary, Anna, Patrick, Olven, Sheila,  
Martina, Cristiano

Prayers for: Sheila, James, Mary, Anna

The McCann family and all missing children

The peoples and countries of the world, especially  
IRAN, VENEZUELA, COLOMBIA

## POSTBAG

Dear People,

My uncle said "The Salvation Army is the finest charity in the country." Someone said "But it's Protestant." Uncle said "I don't care - I see the good they do." And the family talked about church and faith and Catholics and Protestants and doing good. They seemed to agree that Protestants did more for everyone whilst Catholics looked after themselves.

A long time ago now. But I remember that I saw the Salvation Army in a new way that day. All I knew was their band marching around the streets, stopping every now and then for a short service. Didn't make sense to me. Church was for services, I thought, not streets. And I didn't like their dark uniforms and the ladies' bonnets.

I was a Catholic boy learning my prejudices against Protestants, non-Catholic schools and churches. I had to un-learn them, and my uncle's honesty was a lesson to learn.

At the back of the church you will find leaflets about the Salvation Army and their work. Do take one. Charities can be inspiring and if you belong to one that you would like the parish to support please tell me.

A few years ago Pope Francis asked every parish in the world to help support a refugee family and we have been doing that through our regular retiring collection. I hoped we could average £150 per week to pay rent for a house - and if every parish in the world did that, problem solved. We average £110 per week, not quite enough but still a help. Can we go back to the original suggestion of 50p per week from each of us? That would answer.

God bless us to help wherever we can.

Fr John

Dear People at St Joseph's,

Many thanks from the One Roof Leicester team for your continued help in our work for the homeless of Leicester. One Roof, Leicester

Thank you, to all who supported and helped at last Saturday's DAY FOR CATHOLIC WOMEN. The day was very successful (again) and we have planned our next one provisionally for **Saturday 26th October**. Women from around Leicestershire and further came and were very appreciative of St Joseph's hospitality. Alison.

## Dates for Diary

**TODAY Sunday 14th July**  
**Diocesan Pilgrimage to Padley**  
to honour the Padley Martyrs  
Full details on notice boards

### DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES

Begins today **Sunday 14th July** to **Friday 19th July**  
We pray for our diocesan pilgrims

### Rosmini Centre : "Desert Day Retreat"

**Saturday 20th July**

A silent retreat day guided by Fr. David Tobin IC 10 for 10.30 am; 2.30 pm Mass depart by 4 pm. Bring own packed lunch (possibility of fasting?), refreshments throughout the day. Donation.

**The Friday 19th July Healing Mass is cancelled**

### Diocesan Rosary Rally

**Sunday 1st September**

Mount Saint Bernard Abbey : Mass at 2.00pm  
(See details on notice boards)

### Catholics Working in Healthcare Mass

**Saturday 7th September** with

Bishop Patrick, St Barnabas Cathedral, Nottingham

### Tea Dance : Chat, Sing, Socialise

whilst raising money for the charity SPICMA  
(with live singer and music)

here in St Joseph's Hall from 2 to 5.00 pm on

**Saturday 28th September**

"Save the Date" - more details later

### Pilgrimage to Knock

**30th September - 4th October**

Details from [knockpilgrimages@gmail.com](mailto:knockpilgrimages@gmail.com)  
or from Patricia on 01268 762278

## Parish Pilgrimages 2019

### MALTA 2020

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

**£665** (approx.) covers flights, airport coaches, our excellent 4 star hotel, half board. (32 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.

(82 booked so far).

**£20 deposit to confirm booking.**

Please note that places are not reserved until the

**£20 deposit is paid.** Many people are



### CONGRATULATIONS

**Rachel & Oliver**

married here at St Joseph's  
**Saturday 13th July.**

We pray for them.

### Loneliness

Several years ago a elderly woman was found dead in her apartment. Stuck on the screen of her television was a note: "Good bye my friend! You are the only one who talks to me. Good bye!" It was her final gesture before she committed suicide.

Doctors tell us that loneliness has become a silent epidemic.  
(from the Far East Magazine)