



# ST. JOSEPH'S PARISH, LEICESTER

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Dear People,

We know that the parishes of Our Lady's, Sacred Heart and St Joseph's are to become one area parish as part of the re-organising of the diocese. Other parts of the diocese already have new areas, now we must plan.

We know that the number of mass-going Catholics is falling, as is the number of priests. There will be fewer churches and fewer celebrations of mass. In the next five years we expect the number of priests in the diocese to fall from 85 to 60 and to keep falling. The bishop must make appointments to share that smaller number. There are few young priests.

In our three local parishes are five churches and nine celebrations of mass each Saturday/Sunday. Two priests will soon be looking after those churches. How will they do it? Ask that question around the diocese and see the problem - though it is small compared with most parts of the Catholic world.

The Church as we have known it is dying or changing and we must adapt and change or simply fade away. We should be a mission Church but have allowed ourselves to become a maintenance one - just keeping going. Rather like driving down a dead-end road instead of finding an alternative route. What driver would do that? "I've always gone that way!" What bishop can allow a "No change here" attitude?

We need each others' suggestions to accept, refuse or consider. We shall begin our inter-parish meetings in the autumn. No grumbles, please.

The universal Church is changing radically. We can be glad of its loss of power in so-called Catholic countries such as Ireland, Spain, Portugal. The Church's involvement in European politics over the centuries on account of the Great Lie "The Donation of Constantine" (google and see for yourself) is a disturbing one. The rule of the popes in Rome was cruel and dictatorial and we can be glad it came to an end. Our mission is to bring the Gospel not to play power politics. The loss of influence may be God's plan for the Church to become more spiritual and less political? We pray for God's blessing and guidance.

Fr. John

**21st July 2019 (Prayer Week 4)**

**"The Church is dying to new life"**

## Mass Times and Intentions

### 16th 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 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, Mary Lee, Maria Dolores, Peter Lobo,*

*Kevin Adcock, Ted Brennan, Paul Shutt,*

*Benjamin & Paulina Noruega*

### MONDAY 22nd JULY

*(St Mary Magdalene)*

7.00 pm at St Joseph's *for Thanksgiving & Blessing*

### TUESDAY 23rd JULY

*(St Bridget)*

10.00 am at St Joseph's *for Mary Lee*

### WEDNESDAY 24th JULY

10.00 am at St Joseph's *for Paul Shutt*

### THURSDAY 25th JULY

*(St James)*

10.00 am at St Joseph's *for Charles Mitchell*

### FRIDAY 26th JULY

*(St Joachim & St Anne : Parents of Our Lady)*

7.00 pm at St Joseph's *for Paul & Philomena Cronin*

### 17th SUNDAY OF YEAR (C)

(Saturday) 6.00 pm at St Joseph's

*(Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament from 5.15 pm)*

### SUNDAY 28th 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 Alec Hill, Paul Shutt*

**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).

## St Joseph's Table

**Closed till end of July as we are on holiday**

HOLIDAY TIME FOR OUR VOLUNTEERS

TABLE RE-OPENS ON

**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

### Monday 22nd July

**QUESTION OF FAITH** in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel (7.40 pm) following the evening mass. This week we look at the early books of the Bible. All welcome.

### Tuesday 23rd July

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

**CHOIR PRACTICE** tonight, 7.30 pm.

### Wednesday 24th 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 25th 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 26th 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.

### CHURCH ROTAS FOR NEXT WEEKEND

	Readers	Eucharistic Ministers
Sat. 6.00 pm	Doreen	Anne G
Sun. 9.00 am	TBA	-
10.30 am	Paul	Steve / Sister Lelia
6.00 pm	TBA	Marie

## Prayer Box

Please pray for:

**Families of the parish  
and our loved ones living and dead**

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

Prayers for: Mary, Fernando

The McCann family and all missing children

The peoples and countries of the world, especially  
**DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF THE CONGO**



## POSTBAG



Dear Fr John,

We are delighted at the news of a Tea Dance as part of parish life. My husband and I are early risers and we are wondering if we could also plan an All-Day-Breakfast dance?

Yours sincerely, Elizabeth R

Dear People,

Jesus forgave with God's love. It is one of many beautiful features of the Gospel. That forgiveness is always ours when we are sincerely sorry, just as it is with us and each other: no game playing, genuine sorrow and loving forgiveness.

The Church formalised divine forgiveness as a form of community prayer and it is part of our celebration of mass. The Church organises services of forgiveness where the people gather together in prayer and repentance, but also has created the opportunity for people to make confession quietly to a priest.

That going to confession has never been popular. In the parish where I grew up there were confessions Saturday midday and evening and after Benediction on Wednesday and Friday evenings - with 4 priests hearing confessions. Those apparently high numbers, perhaps 150 per week, and many of them regular, represented 5% of the parish. 95% never went. The "good old days"? 95%. Now, less than 1% go, so more than 99% never do. The difference between 99% and 95% is not much. Both are a total failure in terms of number - but not for the people who still like to go regularly, like Pope Francis. In a recent article Ladislav Orsy wrote of the dying tradition of going to confession in "Thinking outside the Box" and he outlined the way he believed the sacrament would be best celebrated. His outline was what we do here at St Joseph's in Advent and Lent, a way which I was given by a senior priest in another part of the country.

Fr John

Dear Everyone,

Sam is organising the 'Afternoon Tea' on 28th September and using the occasion to fundraise for SPICMA, a volunteer led and very worthy charity that reaches out to the poorest and most marginalized in the developing world.

She hopes many will support the event but would also welcome donations of prizes to use for a raffle to be drawn on the day. If anyone would like to contribute please contact her on 07742526917 (or give to Fr John). Thank you.

## Dates for Diary

### Rosmini Centre Events

**Saturday 27th July**

3 pm. Lectio Divina and Mercy Chaplet.

Next event is **14th September**

"With God in My Life: Invitation, Mission, Gratitude", presented by Rev Seamus O'Looskan.

### Queen of Peace Pilgrimage to Walsingham

**Monday 26th August**

Full details on notice boards

Contact: Mary on 07792162518

### 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

### AFTERNOON 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**

Tickets £10 (proceeds to SPICMA)

Contact Sam, 0774256917, to buy/reserve tickets

Donations for raffle prizes welcomed

### Pilgrimage to Knock

**30th September - 4th October**

Details from knockpilgrimages@gmail.com

or from Patricia on 01268 762278

### NEXT "TWILIGHT" RETREATS

Our evenings of talks, prayer and music

**Wednesday 31st July, 7-9.00 pm**

Theme: "Family & Community"

**Wednesday 28th August, 7-9.00 pm**

Theme: "The Prodigal Mother"

### → Parish Pilgrimages →

#### MALTA 2020

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

**£625** (approx.) covers flights, airport coaches, our excellent 4 star hotel, half board. (32 booked so far)

**£20 deposit to confirm booking.**

#### LOURDES 2020

**8th - 14th or 15th - 21st May**

**£520** (approx) covers flights, airport coaches, and full board at our hotel.

**£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 interested.

Last week's collection was safely counted and banked. **£860**

\*Apostleship of the Sea **£388**

Thank you. Counters: Tony

(Next week: Gail & Keith)

\*RASH collection resumes next week.

(New counting rotas in Sacristy - please collect)