



# ST. JOSEPH'S PARISH, LEICESTER

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Dear People,

Suddenly, those moments come. They seem perfect and you feel blessed. Some of the reasons you can see, others are out of sight or touch but you know they are part of it. The feeling is one of total blessedness. You thank God and wonder whom else you must or would like to thank. You feel the need to say thank you.

It happened for me on Monday, carried over into Tuesday. Thank you, Lord, but what does it mean? What do you want me to do about it? The Holy Spirit allowed some suggestions to come to my mind and I followed them. I had to share my gratitude.

Part of it was the realisation that I am now in the second phase of my life. I know that I probably don't have more than 70 more years to live. The first 80 were wonderful; I must hope the next 70 or so will be equally blessed.

I can't repeat. What has been and is can prepare for the newness of what will be - with its fulfilments, surprises, sorrows, new memories, happiness. The next 70 cannot be happier (I think!) than the previous 80, and I hope I am good enough to carry that happiness: I trust God will bless me to accept whatever comes. I am overwhelmed by these past 80 and can only look forward to the next 70. Then heaven. Couldn't ask for more. Heaven, and the whole wonderful pattern will become clear.

*Selfish, so selfish and self-centred. Pretending to be happy when the world is sorrowing in war, hatreds, hunger, racial and religious tensions, cancer, ebola, poverty, broken lives and homes, cruelty and injustice.*

I know, and I agree. I don't understand why I should have felt so happy when I am aware of so much suffering - but I was overwhelmed with a feeling of happiness. I don't deny the suffering but neither can I deny truth. A moment of great happiness. It was a gift. I didn't look for it, it came and I am grateful: but I am still fully aware of the suffering of our world. I wish I could share my happiness there.

How about you?

God bless you, Fr. John

## BLESSED SACRAMENT CHAPEL

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

**28th July 2019 (Prayer Week 1)**  
"Praise the Lord at all times". Shall we?

## Mass Times and Intentions

### 17th 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 & 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, Knute Westergren,  
Anne Laing, Special Intention, Happy Birthday

### MONDAY 29th JULY

(St Martha)  
7.00 pm at St Joseph's for Barbara Westergren

### TUESDAY 30th JULY

(St Peter Chrysologus)  
10.00 am at St Joseph's for Mary Lee

### WEDNESDAY 31st JULY

(St St Ignatius Loyola)  
10.00 am at St Joseph's for Special Intention

### THURSDAY 1st AUGUST

(St Alphonsus Mary Ligouri)  
10.00 am at St Joseph's for Suren Da Silva

### FRIDAY 2nd AUGUST

(St Eusebius of Vercellie : St Peter Julian Eymard)  
7.00 pm at St Joseph's for Patrica Baker

### 18th SUNDAY OF YEAR (C)

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

### SUNDAY 4th AUGUST

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, Paul Shutt

### 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"

### CONFESSIONS EACH WEEK

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

## 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

### RE-OPENS THIS WEEK SUMMER MENU

Soup - of the day

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.

## Parish Diary This Week

### Tuesday 30th July

**St JOSEPH'S TABLE** open today from 10.45 am - 3.30 pm. (See details above). Parish library, Home from Home shop, Watermead shop and garden are also open.)

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

**CHOIR PRACTICE** tonight, 7.30 pm.

### Wednesday 31st July

**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. All welcome.

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

**"TWILIGHT" RETREAT** begins at 7.00 pm in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel. Prayer, talks, reflection and music led by Fr John on this month's theme "Family and Community". All welcome. Donation £3.

### Thursday 1st August

**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 2nd August

**THE MIRIAM PRAYER GROUP** meet at 6.30pm. 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

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

Last week's collection was safely counted and banked. **£1,000**

\*(Special RASH Collection £203)

Thank you. Counters: Gail & Keith

(Next week: Sarah & Pepsy)

\*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	Paula	Sal
Sun. 9.00 am	TBA	-
10.30 am	Ann	Ane G / Sister Lelia
6.00 pm	TBA	Vincent

## Prayer Box

Please pray for:

**Families of the parish**

**and our loved ones living and dead**

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

Roger Schoolar (RIP)

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  
**OUR HOUSES OF LORDS AND COMMONS**



## POSTBAG



Dear Funeral Firm

Years ago, I took a funeral service and told the family there would be no charges. I had done the same for other families.

A little while later the family told me they were disappointed that I had charged. I hadn't, I told them - but the charge was there on the bill they showed me.

I challenged you and there was an apology for an administrative error. I wondered how many other such "errors" had occurred when I had charged no fee and the families had been billed but had not liked to talk to me about it.

It has just happened again. I have never recommended you since that original incident, though I have never spoken to anyone against you.

These days I have to ask a church fee for everyone, but I never ask for a minister's fee.

I would like to believe this is another honest mistake, but twice bitten is making me feel shy.

Funerals are a very sad time for people and ministers but a necessary and fair business time for funeral firms. We can all make mistakes, I know, but we must learn from them.

Yours sincerely, Fr John Daley

PS I wrote this letter this week - but have not yet sent it. I don't want someone to get into trouble but I do want a funeral firm to face up to its responsibilities. What do I do?

## Loneliness

How many people die of loneliness? Last year in the UK over 50,000 people contacted the BBC in response to their programmes on loneliness. Old people, adolescents, primary school children told of the pain they felt every day. Everyone knows the pain of loneliness, it seems to be part of the human condition: the ache of being alone even though we may be at a party or with friends or at a concert.

"I am surrounded by the love of family and friends," a woman wrote after the death of her husband, "so how can I feel so alone? Why do I have this small but solid core of loneliness that sits inside me? It seems to expand and seep in every core of my mind and body."

Is there an answer?

## Harry & Oakley

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

## Dates for Diary

**Israel & Palestine in the Holy Land**

**Friday 9th August, 7.30 pm.** All welcome.  
Secular Hall, Humberstone Gate, Leicester.

**Queen of Peace Pilgrimage  
to Walsingham**

**Monday 26th August**

Full details on notice boards

Contact: Mary on 07792162518

**LACY Sponsored Fun Day at Ruiland Water**

**Saturday 31st August, 11.15 am - 5.30 pm**

(Picnic lunch, 3 mile sponsored walk, etc)

More details on poster. Mass at 3.30 pm

Contact paulinepayne@hotmail.com

**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**

**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

## → 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. (6 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 interested.

## ADOPTION

Pope Francis urges Catholics to help children by supporting adoption. Will you support Faith in Families, our diocesan charity?

Telephone 0115 955 8811 : enquiries@faithinfamilies.org

Their next First Thursday Adoption Information Evening is on Thursday 1st August with a presentation starting at 6pm. (7 Colwick Road, West Bridgford, NG2 5FR).