

# ST. JOSEPH'S PARISH, LEICESTER

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Dear People,

Pope Francis has been visitng two of the poorest countries in the world, Mozambique and Madagascar, because he wants to reach out to the poorest of the world. He also visited Mauritius and he spoke there of "the idolatrous model" which uses the island as a tax haven. He urged the government to "promote an economic policy focussed on people and in a position to favour a better division of income." Pope Francis is the strongest voice in the world against unrestrained capitalism and the destruction of our world environment.

People strongly disagree with him and point to the collapse of the Catholic Church and Christianity in the developed world as a sign of his and the Church's failure. It is evident throughout Europe and North America. In our country the numbers in the Churches are maintained by people who have recently come to live here, and how welcome they are, but the practice of the faith in the older families is fading. In the United States, lapsed Catholics are numbered in tens of millions.

We know that people are more casual about church attendance and involvement than used to be the case, and children rarely find for themselves what their parents do not give them. The life of the Catholic Church in Europe is increasingly dependent on the people who come from other parts of the world. We are now more aware of the universal Church.

There is no need to find blame. People are free to believe in and love and serve God, to be part of a faith community. The freedom to choose is essential and one of the criticisms I have heard throughout my life is of being forced to attend church and school without any personal convictions. It is sad that so many have unhappy memories of meaningless church attendance.

Pope Francis knows this and wants to reach out to the disillusioned and the angry and those who have lost faith. We pray with him and want to live the same ideal: God is love and the more sincere we are the better will people hear God's love through the way that we live. Hypocricy, pretending, is no witness. Perhaps attendance at church was and is the wrong measure. It is from the heart that we live.

We know the Gospel - love God and one another. God bless us,

Fr. John

CONFESSIONS EACH WEEK SATURDAY & SUNDAY 5.15 pm at St. Joseph's (in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel) **15th September 2019** (Prayer Week 4) "God chooses strangely - everyone!"

### Mass Times and Intentions 24th 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 Aggie Callan, Eilish Jordan, Annamma Mampalil, Cesidio Vitti, Maurice Worthington, Vijay Savant, Piedade Rebello, Francisco & Martha Rozario, Fatima Noronha, The Miranda Family, The Noronha Family, Kerel & Family

MONDAY 16th SEPTEMBER (St Cornelius, Pope : St Cyprian, Bishop) 7.00 pm at St Joseph's *for Ed & Florence Westgarth* 

TUESDAY 17th SEPTEMBER

(St Robert Bellarmine, Bishop) 10.00 am at St Joseph's: <u>Service of Word & Communion</u>

WEDNESDAY 18th SEPTEMBER

10.00 am at St Joseph's: Service of Word & Communion

#### THURSDAY 19th SEPTEMBER

(St Januarius, Bishop : St Theodore of Canterbury) 10.00 am at St Joseph's: <u>Service of Word & Communion</u>

#### FRIDAY 20th SEPTEMBER

(St Andrew, Kim Taegon & Companions, Korean Martyrs) 7.00 pm at St Joseph's: <u>Service of Word & Communion</u>

> SATURDAY 21st SEPTEMBER (St Matthew, Apostle)

#### 25th SUNDAY OF YEAR (C)

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

#### SUNDAY 22ND SEPTEMBER

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 Phyllis Lobo, Armando & Adelina Noronha, Lucio Noronha & Family, Oliver & Rufina Miranda

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 17th September** <u>St JOSEPH'S TABLE</u> 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 18th September 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.

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Thursday 19th September PARISH OPEN MORNING Thursday refreshment team are on holiday this week, but normal service will resume next week. WATERMEAD SHOP OPEN 10.30 am-3.30 pm

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**Friday 20th September** THE MIRIAM PRAYER GROUP meet at 6.30 pm for faith sharing and Rosary. Entry via the church. All welcome.

#### St Joseph's Table

AUTUMN MENU <u>Soup</u> - of the Day <u>Lunchtime</u> - All Day Breakfast Quiche, Salad, Jacket Potatoes with assorted toppings (Please come before 2.45 pm to avoid disappointment) <u>Dessert</u> - 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.

#### Watermead shop OPENING TIMES

Tues, Wed, Thur from 10.30 am-3.30 pm Closed Sunday 22nd July (<u>one day only</u>) Information from from 0116 220 7881 / 0 www.watermead-apostolate.co.uk

#### ST PAUL'S CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Open Evening for admissions into Year 7 for 2020 Thursday 19th September, 5.30pm – 7.30pm. A great opportunity to see the school, meet the staff and pupils. Presentations in the theatre at 6.00 and 7.00 pm. The admissions team will also be available to answer questions. We look forward to seeing you.

Last week's collection was safely counted and banked. £955 \*(Special RASH Collection £95) Thank you. *Counters : Gail & Keith (Next week : TBA )* 

\*RASH stands for our regular giving for Leicester's Refugees, Asylum Seekers, Homeless.

### Home Mission Sunday

Let the children write a prayer for the family children of all ages. Let the children write 10 words on loving and serving God - children of all ages. It's us - we are all invited!



**Diocesan Catholic Certificate in Religious Studies** Full details on http://www.brs-ccrs.org.uk/ or from ccrsmentor@dioceseofnottingham.uk

CHURCH ROTAS FOR NEXT WEEKEND		
Readers	<b>Eucharistic Ministers</b>	
Kizito	Anne B	
TBA	-	
Vikki	Gerry / Sister Lelia	
TBA	Marie	
	Readers Kizito TBA Vikki	

<u>Children's First Holy Communion</u> Programme will begin in the middle of October. Please give David or Fr John the names of the children.

## **Dates for Diary**

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) ONLY A HANDFULL OF TICKETS LEFT. Don't miss our on a fun afternoon & a chance to meet up with old and new parishioners! We'd love to see you. Call Sam on 07742526917 Can those who have tickets please let Sam know

if you are vegetarian, have any food allergies or special dietry requirements. Thank you.

Diocesan Catechists Training Day Tuesday 1st October, 6.30 - 9.00 pm at Divine Infant of Prague Syston (Fr John John hopes may will come to hear David Wells, his friend, speak about bringing our faith to others. David is brilliant)

The Parish of Sacred Heart & St Margaret Mary invite us to their *AUTUMN FAYRE* Friday 4th October, 7.00 – 9.00pm Sunday 6th October, 12.00 – 2.00pm in Sacred Heart Parish Hall, 25 Mere Rd. LE5 3HS Cake Stall, Tombola's, Raffles, Books, Crafts, Bric a Brac, Toys, Gifts, Home grown Fresh Vegetables, Games, Face Painting, Bingo, etc.etc. All Welcome, Admission Free! Proceeds to Church Funds

**"EARTH BE GLAD"** An ecumenical and interreligious conversation about Care of Creation **Saturday 5th October**, 10.00 - 3.00 pm St Barnabas Cathedral, Nottingham

#### **A DAY FOR CATHOLIC WOMEN**

The next day here at St Joseph's will be on **Saturday 26th October**, 10.30 am - 4.00 pm The theme of our next day is **"What is your Calling? What are your Gifts?"** Our interviewees are women working to make a social difference in their communities and in our society. For more information and to book a place see https://catholicwomenspeak.com/find-a-group/eastmidlands-group-leicester-uk/ or contact Alison on 0116 2207881 (There is no charge for the day : lunch to order is £3.50)

ROME PILGRIMAGE 2019 (8th-14th November) MEETING - WEDNESDAY 9TH OCTOBER

Meeting at St Joseph's for final payment and to discuss details of our pilgrimage. Please bring passport and insurance details to that everything can be confirmed.

#### → <u>Parish Pilgrimages</u> → MALTA 2020

4th - 13th February (Tuesday-Thursday) £625 (approx.) covers flights, airport coaches, our excellent 4 star hotel, half board. (36 booked so far) £200 to make our booking this week.

LOURDES 2020

8th - 14th or 15th - 21st May £520 (approx) covers flights, airport coaches, and full board at our hotel. (26 booked so far) <u>£20 deposit to confirm booking</u>. Please note that places are not reserved until the £20 deposit is paid. Many people are interested.

STRESA & LAKE MAGGIORE 2020 13th - 19th and 20th - 26th August Full cost. £645 (approx.) covers flights, airport coaches, our excellent lakeside hotel, half board. (ONLY 2 PLACES LEFT). £200 to make our booking this week