



# ST. JOSEPH'S PARISH, LEICESTER

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Dear People,

Would I come, asked the family. Mother was near death. I came. I said the prayers. The clock struck six o'clock. "The Angelus," said the daughter and we began to say the prayer. Part way through, her mother stopped breathing. The silence was strange. The room had been full of her breathing. We finished the Angelus and the daughter kissed her mother. "Good-bye, Mum," she said, "thank you for letting me be here when you died."

Beautiful words. She knew. Her mother might have chosen to wait until she was out of the room, even gone to bed in the room next door, but she hadn't. She had let death and the Lord take her whilst her daughter was in the lovely Angelus prayer. "She's talking to you," her mother might have said to the Lord, "so I'll slip away quietly" and she did.

In your family have you known those moments? Gathered together because you know death is near - but death can be near for days before finally coming. And we wonder why, so often, when we are not there (fallen asleep, gone for a cup of tea, making a phone call, etc.) they choose to slip away. So often if happens, and we guess our loved ones do not want the good-bye, it would be too hard; so they wait until all is quiet, love distracted elsewhere, and they go. Such quiet love.

Other times we know they are waiting for someone to arrive from a distance. But how do they know? Love seems to tell them and they wait and when the loved one arrives the peace of the awaited good-bye is shared. Two mysteries, waiting to be alone and waiting for a loved one - we are aware often of its happening.

Sometimes they do allow us to be there. They are content to feel love surrounding them and allow the sleep to become deeper until peace takes over and life is completed.

The daughter wanted to be there. The mother knew, so she allowed herself to go whilst her daughter was praying for her, and the daughter's prayer was complete. It began in the sorrow of dying and ended in a peaceful death. I am glad I was there.

What will those wonderful sad last moments be for you and me - sad at leaving loved ones, joyful at seeing our waiting loved ones with God.

God bless us, Fr. John

**13th October 2019 (Prayer Week 4)**  
"How grateful are we - to God, others?"

## Mass Times and Intentions

### 28th 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 Maria De Fatima Rosario, Steve Beatty,  
Hugh Burns, Brendan & Roseanna Moore

### MONDAY 14th OCTOBER

(St Calistus, Pope)  
7.00 pm at St Joseph's for Tim Bradley

### TUESDAY 15th OCTOBER

(St Teresa of Avila)  
10.00 am at St Joseph's for Sarah Brady

### WEDNESDAY 16th OCTOBER

(St Margaret Mary Alacoque)  
10.00 am at St Joseph's for Maureen Burns

### THURSDAY 17th OCTOBER

(St Ignatius of Antioch)  
10.00 am at St Joseph's for Bernard Cassidy

### FRIDAY 18th OCTOBER

(St Luke the Evangelist)  
7.00 pm at St Joseph's Service of Word & Communion

### SATURDAY 19th OCTOBER

(St Isaac Jogues, St John de Brebeuf, St Paul of the Cross)

### 29th SUNDAY OF YEAR (C)

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

### SUNDAY 20th OCTOBER

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 Brother Damian Brennan, John Fertig,  
The Anderson Family, Family & Friends

**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

### Monday 14th October

**QUESTION OF FAITH.** We meet for our Bible evening to look at the Gospel according to Mark (Blessed Sacrament Chapel after evening mass). We now resume our fortnightly meetings and "Any Questions" will be next time. All welcome.

### Tuesday 15th October

**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**

**CHOIR PRACTICE** tonight, 7.30 pm.

### Wednesday 16th October

**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**

### Thursday 17th October

**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 18th October

**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

Soup - of the Day

Lunchtime - All Day Breakfast

Quiche, Salad, 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.

Last week's collection was safely counted and banked. **£1,075**  
\*(Special RASH Collection £122)

Thank you. Counters: John & June  
(Next week: Karen & Chris)

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

**CAFOD** Retiring Collection today and the annual **World Mission Day** collection will be the on weekend of 26th/27th October

10 lepers cleansed, one is grateful. How grateful are we for never having had leprosy?

## Prayer Box

Please pray for:

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

especially for those who have recently died:

Rita Deakin (RIP)

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

Prayers for: Mary, Nell

The McCann family and all missing children

The peoples and countries of the world, especially  
SYRIA, TURKEY, THE KURDS

## POSTBAG

Dear People,

The SVP would like to thank parishioners for their ever generous support for our annual collection. The amount donated was **£900** - a wonderful result.

Your support is greatly appreciated and enables us to help many people in need, both in the parish and overseas.

Thank you, again, and God bless you.

St Joseph's SVP Conference

Dear Friends,

The Afternoon Tea in aid of **SPICMA** was a great success. Photos can be seen on St Joseph's Facebook Page. Charity money raised from the event was an amazing **£1,200**. A huge thank you to all who kindly donated and to those who attended.

A special thank you to all those who helped organise the afternoon and those who so kindly contributed with raffle prizes and helpful advice etc. The parish really pulled together, so well done! Sam x

Dear Fr John,

Thank you for putting the advertisement about the Knock pilgrimage in the newsletter. Our group was made up of Irish and Yorkshire pilgrims and although I was a stranger I was made most welcome. It was a blissful week with kind and loving people who were gentle and giving. The Shrine is so peaceful and similar to Lourdes: you feel Our Lady's presence presiding constantly.

We heard a talk from Marian whose healing has been authorised by the Church just three weeks ago. Her story is amazing and when she talks it's from her heart. Her healing is a miracle as she was bed-ridden and suffering from Multiple Sclerosis.

I thought I would share my pilgrimage as often many people cannot do the long journeys and I was so happy to find that just an hour's flight away such a lovely Marian Shrine is available.

God bless you. Kind regards, Prav

**Bishop Patrick's Pastoral Letter** for **World Homeless Day** is still available at the back of church. It is good, thought-provoking.

## Dates for Diary

**"HEALING MASS"** at ROSMINI CENTRE  
**Friday 18th October, 7-9.00 pm**  
Amos - a prophet for our times

**CHURCHES TOGETHER IN HUMBERSTONE**  
**One World Week Service**  
**Sunday 20th October**  
at Abbots Road United Reformed Church, 4.00 pm

## Resonations

A free Concert with pianist, Roman Kosyakov,  
and cellist, Griff Wadkin, on

**Friday 25th October, 7.00 pm**

at St Cecilia Auditorium,

English Martyrs School, LE4 0FJ

(Donations towards musicians expenses appreciated)

## 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/east-midlands-group-leicester-uk/>  
or contact Alison on 0116 2207881

(There is no charge for the day : lunch to order is £3.50)

## Annual Justice and Peace Assembly

### "Rebuilding the Common Good Together"

This year takes place at St Thomas More, Knighton  
**Saturday 2nd November**

(Please let Fr John know if you would like to go)

## DISCOVERING THE HOLY SPIRIT

**Saturday 2nd November, 10 am - 3 pm**

A day of prayer and worship at Abbots Road URC

Phone Alison Gardner on 0116 2413598

for a place or more information

## Parish Pilgrimages

### MALTA 2020

**4th - 13th February** (Tuesday-Thursday)  
**£625** (approx.) covers flights, airport coaches, our excellent 4 star hotel, half board. (38 booked so far)  
**£200 to make your booking.**

### LOURDES 2020

**8th - 14th or 15th - 21st May**  
**£540** (approx) covers flights, airport coaches, and full board at our hotel. (28 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.

### STRESA & LAKE MAGGIORE 2020

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

Full cost. **£675** (approx.) covers flights, airport coaches, our excellent lakeside hotel, half board.

ALL PLACES HAVE GONE - RESERVE LIST STARTED

## CHURCH ROTAS FOR NEXT WEEKEND

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



## Watermead

**Christmas is coming!**

**Cards, Cribs, Gifts - all in!**

**SHOP OPENING TIMES**

Tues, Wed, Thur from 10.30 am-3.30 pm

Sunday 11.45 am-12.15 pm

Information from from 0116 220 7881 / 0

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