



ST. JOSEPH'S PARISH, LEICESTER

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Dear People,

Brexit is almost resolved. I have enjoyed watching democracy at work. Since debating with myself before voting in the Referendum (good arguments on both sides) I have followed the discussions, the moves in Parliament, name-calling, mind-changing, the workings of democracy.

Best government is one clear-minded woman (or man) telling us what to do, how it should be. So neat. We call it dictatorship if we don't like it and strong government if we do. One will imposed - neat and settled, and my will if possible. Otherwise, everyone has a say and people disagree and things get messy and we don't know where we are or where we're going.

Democracy pretends we shall arrive at the best solution by giving everyone a voice. We don't. We just make noise, have rows, are dissatisfied if we lose, triumphalist if we win. If my vote has the same value as Boris Johnson's, how crooked is that? He knows far more about politics than I do. It is nonsense my vote should be equal to his.

If millions of people vote, knowing little about the issues, we have a result based on ignorance, not on knowledge and understanding. Is that true democracy? Democracy only works if people understand the issues and vote with knowledge, not prejudice.

Which is why parliament has been such a reflection of genuine democracy over these last few years. The members of parliament understand the issues better than we do, understand politics and its workings better than we do. We should trust their decisions, knowledgeable and involved and clear-thinking as they are (which is why we voted for them) and what do we find? They are/were as divided as the country is/was. No majority for anything, all talk, heat, anger, dislikes - true democracy at work.

We Christians have the answer? A loving God to guide all our moves and discussions and decisions. Move over Momentum, ERG, UKIP and move in leaders of the many Christian Churches. You show us what true unity is, how to listen to the voice of God, how to follow Christ. We shudder. They are as bad as the politicians, dividing Christianity, where Jesus prayed that we would be one in him. How interested are you in Christian unity, in social unity, in genuine democracy? God bless us to be truly involved and not simply to criticise others.

Fr. John

20th October 2019 (Prayer Week 1)
"May we listen to one another, truly"

Mass Times and Intentions

29th 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 Bro Damian Brennan, The Anderson Family,

John Fertig, Norman Cox, Thanksgiving

MONDAY 21st OCTOBER

7.00 pm at St Joseph's for Bernard Cassidy

TUESDAY 22nd OCTOBER

(St John Paul II)

10.00 am at St Joseph's for Family Blessing

WEDNESDAY 23rd OCTOBER

(St John Capistrano)

10.00 am at St Joseph's for Family Blessing

THURSDAY 24th OCTOBER

(St Anthony Claret)

10.00 am at St Joseph's for Frances Wells

FRIDAY 25th OCTOBER

(Welsh Martyrs)

7.00 pm at St Joseph's for Thanksgiving (SB)

SATURDAY 26th OCTOBER

(St Chad, St Cedd)

30th SUNDAY OF YEAR (C)

(Saturday) 6.00 pm at St Joseph's

(Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament from 5.15 pm)

SUNDAY 27th 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 Dympna O'Reilly, Patricia Baker,

Patrick O'Halloran, John Cousen

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.

WORLD MISSION SUNDAY

"Every single day, all over the world, countless young girls are exploited. Often stolen from their families or sold against their will, these children become trapped in lives of poverty and despair."

This Sunday we are asked to help the Sisters devoted to helping these girls. Envelopes are available at the back of church.

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 22nd 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 23rd 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 24th 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

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION MEETING at 7.00 pm in St Joseph's church for all parents and children.

Friday 25th October

THE MIRIAM PRAYER GROUP meet at 6.30 pm. Entry via the church. Welcome.

Saturday 26th October

A DAY FOR CATHOLIC WOMEN See full details in "Dates for Diary" (10 am - 4 pm).

Sunday 27th October

2019 FIRST HOLY COMMUNION GROUP celebration in hall after 10.30 am mass.

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.

CHRISTMAS DINNERS Places are available on **Wednesday 4th December** (Tuesday 10th December is now fully booked)

ONE ROOF LEICESTER We have sent a cheque for £1,300 as our continuing contribution to help refugees, asylum seekers and the homeless (RASH). Thank you for our regular giving.

Prayer Box

Please pray for:

Families of the parish

and our loved ones living and dead especially for those who have recently died:
Dympna O'Reilly (RIP), Rosemarie Smith (RIP)

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

Prayers for:

Mike, Doreen, Colette, Patrick, Fr John

The McCann family and all missing children

The peoples and countries of the world, especially
EUROPEAN UNION & UNITED KINGDOM
SYRIA, TURKEY, THE KURDS

POSTBAG

Dear Everyone,

*** COME TO THE MANGER ***

The Children of St. Joseph's Liturgy would like to invite you all to come to St JOSEPH'S MANGER this Christmas.

We will be creating a Nativity Scene which will be located in the Narthex. We will be making figures for the scene consisting of Angels, Shepherds, Wise Men and Town Folk. We would like these figures to be named after yourselves or members of your family, including loved ones who are no longer with you, or who cannot be with you this Christmas.

We would like your help with donations of plastic bottles (500ml size) and any fabric remnants you may have to make our people, so anything you can provide will be greatly appreciated. We are sure our project is going to be a lovely feature in our Church this Christmas so thank you in advance for any donations you can make.

Look forward to seeing you at St JOSEPH'S MANGER this Christmas Season.

St Joseph's Children's Liturgy Team.

Dear People,

Every year CAFOD sends its catalogue of World Gifts for Christmas, inviting us to buy something worthwhile, even essential, for people in the developing world - and making that our Christmas presents to family and friends. Churches Together in Hinckley have taken on that idea and each year produce a list of reasonable gifts that will benefit the poor here and elsewhere. They call it "AlterNativity".

If you would like to share their ideas please ask Fr John for a list of the gifts and the contact details for Fr Frank Daly at Hinckley. Fr John

CHURCH ROTAS FOR NEXT WEEKEND

	Readers	Eucharistic Ministers
Sat. 6.00 pm	check rota	Sal
Sun. 9.00 am	TBA	-
10.30 am	Ann	Anne G / Sister Lelia
6.00 pm	TBA	Vincent

Last week's collection was safely counted and banked. **£807** (CAFOD Collection **£548**)
Thank you. Counters: Karen & Chris
(Next week: Pauline & Christine)

Dates for Diary

CHURCHES TOGETHER IN HUMBERSTONE
One World Week Service

Sunday 20th October
at Abbots Road United Reformed Church, 4.00 pm
with Canon Brian Davis

"What as Christians should be our attitude to Global Warming and caring for the environment and how is this different from the secular approach?"
ALL WELCOME

Rosmini Centre An evening led by Fr A Belsito
"Amos a prophet for our own times"
Tuesday 22 October, 7-8.30 pm. Welcome.

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)

PILGRIMS PROGRESS

25th-31st October

An animated film at Leicester Showcase Cinema
Details at www.pilgrimsprogressmovie.co.uk

A DAY FOR CATHOLIC WOMEN

Another day here at St Joseph's - next week on
Saturday 26th October, 10.30 am - 4.00 pm

The theme of this follow-up 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: but hot soup etc 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

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

28th May - 3rd June
£540 (approx) covers flights, airport coaches, and full board at our hotel. (30 booked so far)
We plan to book now: £200 to cover air fare and deposit at the hotel

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

Watermead

Christmas is coming!

Cards, Cribbs, 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 0116 220 7881 / 0
www.watermead-apostolate.co.uk