



ST. JOSEPH'S PARISH, LEICESTER

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Dear People,

Feast of All Saints is 1st November, of the Holy Souls is 2nd November. What is the difference between a saint and a holy soul? The old answer was: "A saint is in heaven, a holy soul in purgatory." It is the wrong answer now - don't use it.

Pope John Paul II, Pope Benedict XVI, the Catholic Catechism (*published 1994, 691 pages*) which they put together, in homilies they gave, books they wrote witness to the Church's understanding that there are no places heaven or purgatory or hell. They are "states of being" because all of them are in the presence of God who is everywhere in and by love.

Heaven is being with God, purgatory is being with God and longing for the purifying pain of forgiveness, hell is choosing not to accept God's loving purifying forgiveness. (*Would, could, anyone refuse God's forgiveness?*)

Our human life is completed in our dying. We all know the moment of that completion. In that final glorious moment (I know it doesn't look glorious, but it is) you have become the person you allowed yourself to become over the years. You always had the possibility of changing, and maybe you did - for better or worse - but in the moment of truth, the moment of dying, you have become you fully.

You come before our loving God, full of the love you have lived, the regrets that you carry, the wrongs you remember, and you see in God the love that was always open to you, hear the name God always had for you, and long to be forgiven. That longing to be forgiven in God's loving gaze is what Pope Benedict called "purgatory or purifying" and we know the pain it will bring us because we know that pain in this life. "*I hurt you, and you love me,*" "*How can you forgive me when I have hurt you so much?*" "*How can I ever forgive myself for what I said, did, to you?*" You know the pain, have suffered and caused it. Love is the cause and brings terrible regret and heartbreaking sorrow.

That's purgatory. Not a place, but seeing ourselves reflected in God's loving gaze. Heaven is being purified, purgatory is longing to be purified. Hell is - what is it?

Dear Lord, forgive us who know no more about our faith than what we learned and vaguely remember from school and pulpit.

Bless us, Fr. John

3rd November 2019 (Prayer Week 3)
"The Church suffers terrible wounds"

Mass Times and Intentions

31st 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)

Kay Fenton, Aidan Cassidy, Ben Cassidy, John Brady,

Our Loved Ones Remembered

MONDAY 4th NOVEMBER

(St Charle Borromeo)

7.00 pm at St Joseph's for Jane Farrell

TUESDAY 5th NOVEMBER

10.00 am at St Joseph's for Mick & Chris O'Dwyer

WEDNESDAY 6th NOVEMBER

(St Illtud : All Saints of Ireland)

10.00 am at St Joseph's for Robert D'Souza

THURSDAY 7th NOVEMBER

(St Willibrord)

10.00 am at St Joseph's for Rosemarie Smith

FRIDAY 8th NOVEMBER

(Blessed John Duns Scotus : All Saints of Wales)

7.00 pm at St Joseph's: Service of Word & Communion

SATURDAY 9th NOVEMBER

(Dedication of the Lateran Basilica)

32nd SUNDAY OF YEAR (C)

(Saturday) 6.00 pm at St Joseph's

(Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament from 5.15 pm)

SUNDAY 10th NOVEMBER

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)

Maria De Fatima Rosario, Thanksgiving to Our Lady,

Frances Hillier, Albert & Catherine

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.

NEXT WEEKEND. Fr Archie Casey of the Xaverian Missionaries is giving an appeal for help in their work in 22 countries of the missions of the Church. We welcome him.

✠ The Holy Souls ✠

It is November, the traditional month of prayer for the Holy Souls, our loved ones who have gone before us. They long for the fullness of God's love and forgiveness. That longing is purgatory. Purgatory is not a place: it is coming before God, aware of the faults and sinfulness we have known in our lives in hurting others and offending God. As we look at God we regret everything wrong in our lives, just as when we look into the eyes of someone we have hurt who loves us and feel deep sorrow.

*"Those whom we love and lose
are no longer where they were before,
they are now with us wherever we go"*
St John Chrysostom

There will be a basket at the base of the altar throughout the month in which to place the names of your loved to be remembered in our parish prayer.

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 THIS WEEK

Unfortunately St Joseph's Table will be closed this coming week (only) 5th and 6th November.

This is because not all our volunteers are able to give their time this week.

They re-open on Tuesday 12th November.

NB Please consider volunteering to help so we can ensure that the service is always available. No experience necessary as all training given



CHRISTMAS DINNERS Places are available on **Wednesday 4th December**

(Tuesday 10th December is now fully booked)

Parish Diary This Week

Tuesday 5th November
St JOSEPH'S TABLE closed today.

WATERMEAD SHOP OPEN 10.30 am-3.30 pm

Wednesday 6th November
St JOSEPH'S TABLE closed today.
MEDITATION in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel, 10.50 am. All welcome.

WATERMEAD SHOP OPEN 10.30 am-3.30 pm

Thursday 7th November
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 8th November
THE MIRIAM PRAYER GROUP meet at 6.30 pm. Entry via the church. All welcome.



Watermead

Christmas is coming!

Cards, Cribbs, Gifts - all in!

SHOP OPENING TIMES

Tues, Wed, Thur from 10.30 am-3.30 pm
Usual Sunday opening 11.45 am-12.15 pm

(NB Not open on Sunday 10th November)
Information from 0116 220 7881 / 0
www.watermead-apostolate.co.uk

✠ Prayer Box ✠

Please pray for:

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

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

Prayers for: Don, Mike, Colette, Kate

The McCann family and all missing children

The peoples and countries of the world, especially

YEMEN, PAKISTAN, THE KURDS

STATE OF CALIFORNIA



POSTBAG



Dear Parishioners,

The Missio monies (RED BOXES) are due for banking. Would you please bring the Red Boxes to the parish and hand them to Carmen, myself or Father John for safe storage.

Missio calendars for 2020 are available at the back of church. Please do take one.

Thank you for your continued support.

God bless you, Anthony and Carmen

Dear People,

Last week Bishop Patrick wrote a letter about the Independent Inquiry into Child Sex Abuse (IICSA), beginning its work in looking at the Catholic Church in this country. He warned us that it would disturb us greatly and asked for our prayers. The inquiry has severely criticised the attitude of the Church in obstructing enquiries into this serious issue. We ask for the truth and protection for all those wronged.

Fr John

Invitation - All Welcome

There is a Rosminian celebration at St Barnabas Cathedral in Nottingham on **Thursday 21st November** followed by refreshments (waiting for details). St Joseph's, St Theresa's, St Mary's and the Sisters at Loughborough, the priest and brothers at the Rosmini Centre and many friends have been invited.

There will be transport provided by the parish from St Joseph's for all who would like to come. Please email Fr John on the parish email stjoseph-parish@outlook.com or sign the form in the sacristy at the two churches.

Last week's collection was safely counted and banked. **£1,006**
***(MISSIO Church's Missions £310)**

Thank you. *Counters: Tony*

(Next week: TBA)

*RASH our regular giving for Leicester's Refugees, Asylum Seekers, Homeless, resumes next week.

CHURCH ROTAS FOR NEXT WEEKEND

	Readers	Eucharistic Ministers
Sat. 6.00 pm	-	Cecelia
Sun. 9.00 am	TBA	-
10.30 am	Vikki	Steve / Sister Lelia
6.00 pm	TBA	Vincent

No Children's Liturgy next weekend.

Resumes on Sunday 17th November at 10.30 am mass

✠ Parish Pilgrimages ✠

MALTA 2020

4th - 13th February (Tuesday-Thursday)
£625 (approx.) covers flights, airport coaches, our excellent 4 star hotel, half board. (41 booked so far)
£200 to make your booking.

LOURDES 2020

Back to original date (7/8th-13/14th May)
£540 (approx) covers flights, airport coaches, and full board at our hotel. (32 booked so far)
Please bring the £200 to cover air fare and deposit at the hotel. Thank you.

STRESA & LAKE MAGGIORE 2020

13th - 19th and 20th - 26th August
Full cost. **£675** (approx.) covers flights, airport coaches, our excellent lakeside hotel, half board.
RESERVE LIST ONLY AS PLACES TAKEN

Dates for Diary

"GOD IN MY LIFE" at ROSMINI CENTRE
Saturday 9th November, 2 - 4.30 pm
A talk by Margaret Smidowicz. All welcome.

INTERFAITH WEEK IN LEICESTER

Tuesday 12th November, 7.30 pm

St Martins House, Leicester LE1 5PZ
Bishop Patrick McKinney is joined by people from different faiths to discuss how (and why!) they feel called to make the world a better place.

This is a free event but registration is essential - see website or e-mail
Katharina.Smith-Muller @cbcew.org.uk.

The God who Speaks : A Year of the Word 2019-2020

The whole Church is invited to share a prayerful reading of the Scriptures during the coming Church year. The year was announced by our Bishops on 30th September, the Feast of St Jerome (our most renowned Scripture scholar), and will run from Advent 2019 to Christ the King 2020.

HELP! Flood Damage - St Joseph's



St Joseph's church has been having problems with flooding during the wet weather for a long time. There has been much repair work to the roof over this past year and it was hoped this would solve the issue.

Unfortunately, the roof above the organ is now leaking and there has been considerable damage to the organ, which will be repaired when possible, but whilst the roof continues to leak and the organ is vulnerable to further leakage we have to wait. Iain, who looks after the tuning and maintenance of the organ for us, is concerned and will be here again this week to see how he can further protect it.

We know where the rain is coming in, but it is difficult to "catch it" as the angle of the water fall is dependent on various factors (wind direction, etc.). We need help to keep on top of the amount of water lying on the balcony and if you would be willing to help with the clear-up after each rainfall please offer your help to Fr John (or Alison) then we can work out a rota to protect as much as we can from further damage whilst we are waiting for advice on what to do about the roof.