

ST. JOSEPH'S PARISH, LEICESTER

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Dear People,

Errol is a volunteer with United Christian Broadcasters - the people who produce our 'Word for Today' which a number of you enjoy reading. Errol writes about his life . . .

"I grew up in one of the toughest ghettos in Birmingham - a place called Winson Green. My mother was a single parent and with the help of my grandmother they tried their best to raise me well... but they could only teach me so much.

"At the age of 10, I was smoking cannabis, trying to fit in with friends. At the age of 14, I was already involved in petty crime; this involved stealing cars. As I got a little older, this then increased to robberies, then drug dealing.

"At the age of 17 I had my first child and by aged 18 I received my first prison sentence for a more serious crime.

"I didn't know Jesus at all. My life was reckless and out of control. I was allowing myself to get deeper and deeper into a life of crime.

"At the age of 30 I went back to prison and this is when my whole life changed. It iwas in prison where God began to reveal himself to me. I had a bible in my cell and I felt led to pick it up and begin to read. This was where I started to form a personal relationship.

"My prison time became a blessing in disguise because God got my attention. God met me in the darkest place. He is an amazing God.

"I thought my freedom came when I came out of prison almost three years later but my true freedom came when I met Christ. Coming out of prison gave me a sense of freedom but my real freedom comes from knowing God and living at peace.

"God has completely changed my life. I'm now married to a beautiful wife, I have a good job that I have been in since coming out of prison and I am volunteering for Untied Christian Broadcasters to share the amazing love of God. God has truly blessed me and I am happy."

I liked this and I thought you would. We pray for all those needing and seeking God.

God bless them and us,

Fr. John

17th November 2019 (Prayer Week 1) "Pope Francis sends his blessing to the people of the parish"

Mass Times and Intentions 33rd 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 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 Eduardo Rocha, Vasco Norohna, David Parry, John Mc Greevy, Mary Meagher

MONDAY 18th NOVEMBER

(Dedication of the Basilica of St Peter and St Paul) 7.00 pm at St Joseph's *for The Hulme Family*

TUESDAY 19th NOVEMBER

10.00 am at St Joseph's for Fabian Fonseca

WEDNESDAY 20th NOVEMBER

10.00 am at St Joseph's for Peter Leech & Ryan Leverenz

THURSDAY 21st NOVEMBER

(Presentation of the Virgin Mary) 10.00 am at St Joseph's *for Frances Hillier*

FRIDAY 22nd NOVEMBER (St Cecilia) 7.00 pm at St Joseph's *for William Thompson*

> SATURDAY 23rd NOVEMBER (St Clement I)

FEAST OF CHRIST THE KING (C)

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

SUNDAY 24TH 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) for Mary Robinson, Paddy & Mary, Holy Souls

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 18th November QUESTION OF FAITH. We resume our bible study tonight with a look at the "Old Testament Prophets" - (7.45 pm) in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel following evening mass. All welcome.

Tuesday 19th November 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 20th November 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.

WATERMEAD SHOP OPEN 10.30 am-3.30 pm

Thursday 21st 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 22nd November THE MIRIAM PRAYER GROUP meet at 6.30 pm for faith sharing and Rosary. Entry via the church. All welcome.

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

St Joseph's Table

ALSO MANY OTHER OPTIONS Assorted Sandwiches, Salads, Toasties, Hot Sweet & Assorted Cakes, etc. NB All help welcomed. Training given.

CHRISTMAS DINNERS
Places are now all taken.

More information from St Joseph's Table

	Readers	Eucharistic Ministers
Sat. 6.00 pm	TBA	Sal
Sun. 9.00 am	TBA	-
10.30 am	Theresa	Gerry / Sister Lelia
6.00 pm	TBA	Vincent

Watermean **Christmas is coming!** Cards, Cribs, Gifts, Books Advent Calendars, etc. 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 www.watermead-apostolate.co.uk



The McCann family and all missing children The peoples and countries of the world, especially GERMANY. ITALY

• The Holy Souls •

It is November, the traditional month of prayer for the Holy Souls, our loved ones who have gone before us. There will be a basket throughout the month in which to place the names of your loved to be remembered in our parish prayer.

Dates for Diary

Rosmini Centre Events

SCRIPTURE: 'Endurance and Hope in the Book of The Apocalvose of St. John' led by Fr A Belsito Tuesday 19th November, 7-8.30 pm

A SPIRITUAL WEEKEND FOR PARENTS at Walsingham 7th and 8th December Full details from Francisca on 07943711549

Advance notice of Christmas dates at St Joseph's CANDLELIGHT CAROLS AND ENTERTAINMENT on Wednesday 11th December "MOTHER MARY" THE MUSICAL on Tuesday 17th December in St Joseph's church

CHURCHES TOGETHER IN LEICESTERSHIRE Christmas Appeal 2019

Shelter has been helping homeless people in our area for over 45 years. All our local church leaders are asking us to support their work over Christmas and always. Donations may be sent to The Treasurers, SHARP, 13 Welford Road, Leicester LE2 7AD

OUTSIDE THE CITY www.outsidethecityfilm.com/

"If you're interested in deeper questions about the human experience, if you want to know what it means to give up everything in search of something, then you'll love Outside the city."

Outside the City, life and death in a monastery, is an absorbing documentary about he monks of Mount St Bernard's Abbey, Leicestershire, a cloistered community of 25 men, half over 80 years old. This beautifully filmed documentary follows the monks as they move from dairy farming to brewing as they attempt to open the first Trappist brewery in the UK. The stakes are high, if their historic counter-cultural lifestyle is to survive, the venture must succeed. Meanwhile as the monks reflect on spirituality, ageing and the approaching end of life, the number of burials in the Abbey graveyard continues to grow. Director Nick Hamer spent a year with the monks, gaining privileged access to document their hidden lives. They have turned their backs on the material, consumer society, to focus instead on contemplative spirituality, and to maintain an age-old religious tradition.

Showing at the Phoenix Cinema, Leicester, between 6th-12th December

ROME PILGRIMAGE 2019 ~ "Immigrant Angels"

Dear People,

We had another wonderful week in Rome. We were 52 and saw so much together but still had time to explore for ourselves and then share our different stories. We had rainy days and the need to reschedule our walks and coach rides - but all worked out well. It was a happy week of being together, exploring a fascinating city and praying our pilgrim ways around its churches, squares, vibrant streets of a capital city. I wish I could bring you all to Rome.

We discovered a touching addition to St Peter's Square since our 2018 pilgrimage. At the end of September a magnificent 20-foot bronze sculpture had been place in the Square.

The "Angels Unaware" boat depicts 140 migrants ranging from a Jewish man escaping Nazi Germany to a Syrian refugee fleeing the civil war, along with Mary and Joseph whose journey into Egypt Pope Francis had once likened to the migration of the millions of refugees fleeing wars.



Canadian artist Timothy Schmalz is quoted as saying that he wanted to produce a sculpture that would be inclusive of every migrant experience over the centuries, representing all cultures, races, and religions - and had been inspired by the phrase: "Do not forget to show hospitality to strangers, for by so doing some people have shown hospitality to angels without knowing it."

As well as refugees fleeing Nazi Germany and Syria, there are dozens of other depictions including a boy fleeing the Irish Famine of the 1840s. Fr John