



# ST. JOSEPH'S PARISH, LEICESTER

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Dear People,

A daughter was telling me of her wonderful father who had recently died. She spoke of his many good qualities, of how the family had loved him and would always remember him. She was glad he had not suffered too much and this compensated for losing him relatively young (65) and quite quickly.

She told me of a moment that for her father had been supreme: the first time her mother allowed him to hold her hand. He told his daughter that moment was a moment of heaven. What a beautiful sentiment for a daughter to hear from her father. She saw the young man in him, daring to hope he could hold the girl's hand. She loved the memory of his telling her, the sign that he wanted to be loved and trusted, the fulfilment in that treasured memory.

I hope you have known moments like that in the various relationships and friendships you have shared. A smile, a glance, a touch, a turning towards, and time stopped still. Such moments can become photographs better than any camera could take and become memories for the rest of your life.

Try this. A piece of paper and a pen or pencil. Write down the first thought or memory that comes to your mind. Not the full writing out, but the name of the person or place or word that comes. Keep on writing, unresisting to thoughts or memories that are flowing and that take you in their flow. You will realise how rich in memory you are.

You might write like this: home from shopping ... relief ... love of being home ... smile of welcome ... holiday, joy away, joy coming home ... friends we met ... how are they? A prayer for them ... thanksgiving for friends, a prayer for each of them.

Now take your rosary, or use your fingers as beads. On each bead/finger you ask God to bless you with a memory of someone or a particular moment and you make a prayer of thanksgiving or blessing or asking for help or guidance.

Do it often, each time you set aside the moments for God. "Bless me," you might ask, "with memories to thank you for, people that I love, countries where there is suffering. Bless me to flow towards others and to see them in your blessing."

That daughter was blessed to share the love her father knew when he took her mother's hand for the first time. One tiny moment, a blessing of love for his daughter for ever.

God bless us,

Fr. John

**1st December 2019 (Prayer Week 1)**  
"The year begins - Christ is coming"

## Mass Times and Intentions

### 1st SUNDAY OF ADVENT (A)

(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 Cynthia Buntin, Maureen & Maria Burns,  
KT Michael, Jack Callaghan, Glen Fernandes,  
Bob Muddimer, Virithick (8), The Alonzi Family

### MONDAY 2nd DECEMBER

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

### TUESDAY 3rd DECEMBER

(St Francis Xavier, Priest)

10.00 am at St Joseph's for Mary McComb

### WEDNESDAY 4th DECEMBER

(St John Damascene, Priest)

10.00 am at St Joseph's for Stephanie James

### THURSDAY 5th DECEMBER

10.00 am at St Joseph's for Joanne Galway

### FRIDAY 6th DECEMBER

(St Nicholas, Bishop)

7.00 pm at St Joseph's for Edith Cave

### SATURDAY 7th DECEMBER

(St Ambrose, Bishop)

### 2nd SUNDAY OF YEAR (A)

(Saturday) 6.00 pm at St Joseph's

(Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament from 5.15 pm)

### SUNDAY 8th DECEMBER

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)

Phyllis Lobo, Joan Bird, Maria de Fatima Rosario

### 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 - dusk.

## 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 2nd November

**QUESTION OF FAITH.** Apologies, but Fr John is away at a funeral.

### Tuesday 3rd November

**ST JOSEPH'S TABLE** Closed this week.  
**WATERMEAD SHOP OPEN 10.30 am-3.30 pm**

**CHOIR CAROL SINGING** at Aaron Court tonight, meet 6.30 pm to start at 6.45 pm.

### Wednesday 4th November

**MEDITATION** in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel, 10.50 am. All welcome.

**CHRISTMAS DINNERS** for those that have booked tickets. Doors open 12.30 pm.

**WATERMEAD SHOP OPEN 10.30 am-3.30 pm**

### "TWILIGHT" RETREAT for Advent and Christmas

An evening of prayer, talks, reflection and music led by Fr John. We begin with prayer in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel at 7.00 pm and finish around 9.00 pm with hot drinks.

### Thursday 5th 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 6th November

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

## 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.

We have wonderful resources in the Watermead Shop for the Year of the Word - *Bibles* (The Jerusalem, The Community Bible, The Good News Bible and copies of the Gospel according to Matthew, Mark Luke, John). Browse and you will find something to suit you, along with the book written by Fr John "Getting to Know the Bible" - an excellent guide to reading the Bible. Do also remember "The Lord's Day", always available at the back of church and to download (see website), which gives the background each week to the Sunday readings.

20 free copies of the Gospel according to Matthew have been sent by the diocese to each parish. Please ask in the Watermead shop (first come, first served).

The Shop also has various booklets with daily reading for Advent from The Prayer Trust, CTS, etc., along with writings from various authors.

## Watermead

**Advent Calendars  
Christmas Cards, Cribbs,  
Gifts, Books, CDs, DVDs**

**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](http://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: Sr Mary Campion, Gerard

The McCann family and all missing children

The peoples and countries of the world, especially  
**ALBANIA, UNITED KINGDOM**



## POSTBAG



Dear People,

ABBA are back in town for Christmas. If you like singing the great songs of ABBA then you will be welcome to do so in an unusual setting - St Joseph's Church! "Mother Mary" is a musical version of the Christmas story with new words written to ABBA's songs, which was first presented in 2010 in Hinckley and has raised over £11,000 for local charities in its previous four productions.

The musical is a serious reflection on what has happened to Christmas and what we might do about it, and the audience are invited to join in with the beautiful and joyous songs.

You will be very welcome to come along and join us at performances which will take place at St Joseph's Church, Uppingham Road, on **Tuesday 17th December at 7.30 pm** and at St Peter's, Hinckley on Thursday 19th and Friday 20th December. **Tickets are £5 for Adults and £4 for concessions.** All proceeds will be donated to local charities. Tickets are available at church and in the Watermead Shop all week.

Best wishes, from Fr Frank Daly

Dear Parishioners,

Thank you for the Red Boxes you brought to the parish a few Sundays ago. Money has been banked and boxes returned. Please collect them from the back of church. May we urge parishioners who still have boxes at home to please bring them so that we can finalise banking for the year. The money you give makes a huge difference in our missions.

Have a blessed Sunday, Anthony & Carmen

Dear Parishioners,

Leicester Charnwood Lions Club is a charity, part of the International Lions. Every December the club chooses a church and joins in the service. St Joseph's parish is this year's choice, and our own Anthony Phiri is the current president. The Lions invite all parishioners to tea and refreshments in the parish hall on **15th December**. There will be a raffle draw.

God bless you all, Leicester Lions

## Our Children's Advent Project

**Come to the Manger** St. Joseph's Stable is in its place in the narthex of the church. All we need now is for lots of people to "Come to the Manger" so please put your names of family and friends on the list which will be on the table in the narthex next week, so we can make sure all your loved ones who are not here with you at this Christmastime for whatever reason, are remembered here at St. Joseph's.

## St Joseph's Table

### CLOSED FOR ADVENT

Our wonderful team will be having a well-earned break after they serve the parish Christmas dinners this coming Wednesday and will re-open on **Tuesday 7th January**. If you would like to join the team please ask and you will be introduced.  
**NB All help welcomed. Training given.**

## Dates for Diary

### Rosmini Centre Events

#### Saturday 7th December

**ADVENT RETREAT** guided by Fr Tony Furlong  
Mass, Meditation, Adoration, Sacrament of Reconciliation  
Lunch provided. Booking essential (donation).

#### A SPIRITUAL WEEKEND FOR PARENTS

at Walsingham, 7th and 8th December

Full details from Francisca on 07943711549

#### Churches Together Advent Meditation

"The Coming of Christ"

**Thursday 5th December, 7.30 pm**

at St Mary's Humberstone.

## Advent at St Joseph's

**Wednesday 4th December, 7-9.00 pm**

"Twilight" Retreat : Advent and Christmas

**Wednesday 11th December, 7.15 pm**

Candlelight Carols and Entertainment

**Tuesday 17th December, 7.30 pm**

"MOTHER MARY" the musical (See "Postbag")

**Thursday 19th December, 7.00 pm**

Advent Service of Reconciliation

#### HOSPITALITY DURING

#### ADVENT and CHRISTMAS

We like to welcome all visitors to the parish in the weeks leading up to Christmas. If you can give any time to help during the weekdays or at events happening during Advent please offer to Fr John or to Alison (Tel. 0116 2415159)

## Parish Pilgrimages

### MALTA 2020

**4th - 13th February (Tuesday-Thursday)**

**£625** (approx.) covers flights, airport coaches, our excellent 4 star hotel, half board.

RESERVE LIST ONLY AS ALL PLACES TAKEN

### LOURDES 2020

**7th-13th May (Thursday - Wednesday)**

**£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.

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Last week's collection was safely counted and banked. **£1,055**

\*(Special RASH Collection £102)

Thank you. Counters : Terry

(Next week: Karen & Chris)

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

## CHURCH ROTAS FOR NEXT WEEKEND

	Readers	Eucharistic Ministers
Sat. 6.00 pm	TBA	Cecilia
Sun. 9.00 am	TBA	-
10.30 am	John	Anne G / Sister Lelia
6.00 pm	TBA	Vincent