



**Come,
Lord Jesus,
come!**

ST. JOSEPH'S PARISH, LEICESTER

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Dear People,

One of the strangest stories I have heard is that of a man in Hiroshima on the day the atomic bomb was dropped, 6th August 1945, the day of the Transfiguration. The man took a train to Nagasaki the following day (the trains were still running!) and was thus in Nagasaki when the second atomic bomb was dropped a few days later. He survived again.

He came to mind when Pope Francis visited Hiroshima and Nagasaki on his recent visit to Japan. The horror of the memories of what happened has led the Pope to condemn the possession of nuclear weapons as immoral. Does that make it the teaching of the Church? You must consider that question: does a pope's personal opinion or conviction become the teaching of the Church?

When Popes John Paul II and Benedict XVI drew up the Catholic Catechism in the 1990's they allowed for capital punishment in certain extreme cases. Pope Francis has changed that. In the new edition of the Catechism capital punishment is condemned. The new wording has been printed in the Catholic press. The Church condemns capital punishment in any circumstances as an affront to human dignity. A good Catholic, then, shouldn't be an executioner in any society which still allows for capital punishment in its penal system. No more Giovanni Bugati, therefore, who was the Pope's executioner in Rome for many years (from the age of seventeen!) and put to death by a variety of gory methods nearly 600 criminals condemned under the law of the popes ruling over Rome.

It is a dark chapter in the story of the Papal Roman States, brought to an end, thankfully, in 1870, with the unification of Italy and Rome's becoming capital city of the new nation.

The Church changes its teaching whenever it sees the truth more clearly or thinks that it does. Pope Francis has now declared, beyond previous popes who condemned the use of nuclear weapons, that even to possess them is immoral. You and I have to decide whether this is Pope Francis' personal opinion or a change in Church teaching. The Scottish bishops have already spoken about Trident and nuclear weapons in the way that Pope Francis has. Where do we/you stand?

God bless us,

Fr. John

8th December 2019 (Prayer Week 2)
"God bless us with a happy Advent,
election result, Christmas and New Year"

Mass Times and Intentions

2nd 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 Phyllis Lobo, Maria De Fatima Rosario, Janet (B),
Mary McGrath, Forgotten Souls

MONDAY 9th DECEMBER

(Feast of the Immaculate Conception of Mary
7.00 pm at St Joseph's for The Bowley Family)

TUESDAY 10th DECEMBER

10.00 am at St Joseph's for Family & Friends
12.00 noon at St Joseph's for Muriel Drake

WEDNESDAY 11th DECEMBER

(St Damasus)
10.00 am at St Joseph's for Family & Friends

THURSDAY 12th DECEMBER

(St Jane Frances de Chantal : Our Lady of Guadalupe)
10.00 am at St Joseph's for Special Intention

FRIDAY 13th DECEMBER

(St Lucy)
7.00 pm at St Joseph's for Sue Davidson

SATURDAY 14th DECEMBER

(St John of the Cross)

3rd SUNDAY OF ADVENT (A)

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

SUNDAY 15th 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)
for May Seddon, Holy Souls, Absent 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 - 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 9th December

QUESTION OF FAITH. We meet in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel for our last session before the New Year.

Tuesday 10th December

WATERMEAD SHOP OPEN 10.30 am-3.30 pm

CHOIR PRACTICE tonight, 7.30 pm.

Wednesday 11th December

HOT DRINKS AND MINCE PIES, etc being served by Sarah and team in the coffee shop today (11 am-2.30 pm).

MEDITATION in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel, 10.50 am. Quiet prayer, meditation, intercessions. All welcome.

WATERMEAD SHOP OPEN 10.30 am-3.30 pm

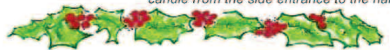
TONIGHT CANDLELIGHT CAROLS and Entertainment Evening (see below)

Candlelight Carol Service in memory of loved ones



Begins at 7.15 pm
in the courtyard behind
the Watermead Centre

Enter by the double gates at the back
of St Joseph's car park and collect your
candle from the side entrance to the hall



Followed by mince pies
and a hot drink in
St Joseph's Parish Hall
(Fr John's hot "Welsh Mull")



Seasonal musical entertainment included
~ audience participation optional!



There is no fee for refreshments or entertainment,
although baskets will be available for
donations to the various charities
supported by the Watermead Apostolate.



Thursday 12th December

PARISH OPEN MORNING - hot drinks in Coffee Shop as usual after the morning service (Library/ Garden also open). All welcome. (Elections are taking place in hall so please use side gates at top of car park)

WATERMEAD SHOP OPEN 10.30 am-3.30 pm

Friday 13th December

THE MIRIAM PRAYER GROUP meet at 6.30 pm for faith sharing and Rosary. Please note - Enter via the Blessed Sacrament Chapel. All welcome.



**Watermead
Advent Calendars
Christmas Cards, Cribbs,
Gifts, Books, CDs, DVDs
PLUS RESOURCES FOR
"The Year of the Word"**

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

Leicester Charnwood Lions Club is a charity, part of the International Lions and is joining us next **Sunday's 10.30 am mass (15th December)**. Following mass The Lions invite all parishioners to tea and refreshments in the parish hall. There will be a raffle draw.

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: Regina, Margaret

The McCann family and all missing children

The peoples and countries of the world, especially

UNITED KINGDOM & EUROPE

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.

General Election

Our bishops advise us to vote thoughtfully, considering . . . the dignity of every human being, care for the terminally ill and dying, thought for the neglected and discarded - such as the homeless, older people, Travellers, people with disabilities, those trapped by modern slavery, migrants and refugees.

They ask us to think of our world and its care, about freedom of religion and belief, the cherishing of marriage and family, the rights of parents to educate their children in the ways they think best.



HOSPITALITY DURING ADVENT and CHRISTMAS

We like to welcome all visitors to the parish in the weeks leading up to Christmas and hope to serve hot drinks and mince pies in the coffee shop week before Christmas. If you can give any time to help please offer to Fr John or to Alison (And thanks to those who have so far offered)

260 Club November Winners!

No.238 wins £75; No.10 wins £50;
No.30 wins £50; No.163 wins £50;
No.188 wins £35.

Last week's collection was safely counted and banked. **£1,105**
*(Special RASH Collection £107)
Thank you. Counters: Karen & Chris
(Next week: John & June)

*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	Anne B
Sun. 9.00 am	TBA	-
10.30 am	Paul	Gerry / Sister Lelia
6.00 pm	TBA	Marie

Dates for Diary

Candlelight Carols and Entertainment

Wednesday 11th December, 7.15 pm
at St Joseph's (See details in "Parish Diary")

"MOTHER MARY" THE MUSICAL

Tuesday 17th December, 7.30 pm

If you like singing the great songs of ABBA then you will be welcome to do so in an unusual setting - here in 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.

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.

(NB There is a performance at St Peter's, Hinckley, on Thursday 19th and Friday 20th December)

***** ADVENT *****

Christ has come, is here, will come again.

Christmas Services

THURSDAY

19th December

SERVICE OF RECONCILIATION
7.00 pm at St Joseph's

WEEKEND

21st/22nd December

Mass times as usual (and on Monday)

TUESDAY

24th December

CHRISTMAS EVE

6.00 pm Mass for Children (Traditional)

9.30 pm Carols followed by

10.00 pm Christmas (Midnight) Mass

WEDNESDAY

25th December

CHRISTMAS DAY

9.00 am Mass at The Rosary Church

10.30 am Mass at St. Joseph's

THURSDAY

26th December

St STEPHEN'S (Boxing) DAY

10.00 am Mass at St Joseph's

→ Parish Pilgrimages →

MALTA 2020

4th - 13th February (Tuesday-Thursday)
£625 (approx.) covers flights, airport coaches, our excellent 4 star hotel, half board.

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LOURDES 2020

7th-13th May (Thursday - Wednesday)
£540 (approx) covers flights, airport coaches, and full board at our hotel. (32 booked so far)
Please book a place with £200 deposit.

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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