



**And the
Word was
made
flesh,
and dwelt
among
us.**

ST. JOSEPH'S PARISH, LEICESTER

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Dear People,

Memory is wonderful. We may re-live the days of our lives whenever we choose, returning time and again to the happiest, revisiting the sad days knowing that they are in the past, the worst is over.

Do you ever ask yourself about living such days again - a favourite hour, day, holiday, a wonderful year, a favourite period of time? All there, the memory holds them. In heaven we shall gladly return to those memories and the joys and sorrows and forgiveness that they may hold.

We can't change the past but we can change our attitudes towards it. If you have much to regret you have learned some of life's lessons and that learning might have made you a better person. If you have always been good and even perfect you must be unbearable, so rejoin the human race and look honestly at what others remember, not what you remember. "Sbagliando, s'impura" say the Italians: "Mistaking, one learns: *you learn by your mistakes.*" Good advice. The problems come when we have to learn by others' mistakes and we don't like that. That must be the reason for many family upsets when they all think/know they are (in the) right. It's easier to be perfect and always right when there is no one else around. It's always other people spoil the image.

Would you be better living alone, only yourself to criticise, only the TV or radio to shout at? A lovely elderly lady told me how much she missed telling off her husband. I was surprised. He didn't mind, she said, he'd become used to it. I wondered if he rolled his eyes as women are able to do when the husband is going on and on.

Do you go on and on? About what? Why not write it all down. "I could write a book," people sometimes say as they pause for breath. What a good idea. Write a book. It'll keep you occupied and quiet for hours on end and we can all share your memories. Wonderful gift, memory. God-given. Not enough appreciated. Just wait for heaven and all the memories we shall share for ever and ever . . .

Happy New Year of happy new memories.

God bless you, Fr. John

29th December 2019 (Prayer Week 1)

"Your best may only be others' second best"

Mass Times and Intentions

FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY

(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)

Kevin & Judith Brennan, Joseph Telles, Thanksgiving (G),

Joseph Mampallil, The Smyth Family, Innocent Victims

MONDAY 30th DECEMBER

(St Eugene)

7.00 pm at St Joseph's for Thomas Kenny

TUESDAY 31st DECEMBER

(St Sylvester)

10.00 am at St Joseph's for Thanksgiving

WEDNESDAY 1st JANUARY

(Mary, Mother of God : World Day of Prayer for Peace)

10.00 am at St Joseph's

for Hakutangwi & Nyabocho Families

THURSDAY 2nd JANUARY

(St Basil the Great : St Gregory)

10.00 am at St Joseph's for Jude Telles

FRIDAY 3rd JANUARY

(St Genevieve)

7.00 pm at St Joseph's for Jim & Mary Mason

SATURDAY 4th JANUARY

(St Elizabeth)

THE EPIPHANY

(Saturday) 6.00 pm at St Joseph's

(Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament from 5.15 pm)

SUNDAY 5th JANUARY

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 Leo Lobo, Judy Neal, Joan Bradbury,

Colette & Judith Callaghan, Special Intention (I.V.)

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.

Parish Diary This Week

Wednesday 1st January
MASS TO CELEBRATE THE FEAST of
"Mary, Mother of God"
 10.00 am at St Joseph's

Be more involved

THE MASS

**Serving, Reading, Music,
 Children's Liturgy**

If you would like to share in the above, ask Fr John and he will point you in the appropriate direction

ST JOSEPH'S CHOIR

Sings at the 10.30 am **Sunday mass** and at various celebrations throughout the year and welcomes anyone who enjoys singing to join them. They usually meet fortnightly on a Tuesday evening to explore new music for the mass. Contact Alison 0116 2207881 for information.

Saturday Night music is led by Edward and Laura, and they welcome anyone who sings or plays an instrument to come and join them. Just introduce yourself!

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).

Anyone who would like to join the rota please tell the team on Sunday and leave your contact details

St Joseph's Table

CLOSED UNTIL TUESDAY 14th JANUARY

Christine and the team are now looking for not only general help, but cooks. If you have skills you can offer then please do by contacting Christine on 07986704201, speak to Fr John, or phone 0116 2415159. Thank you.

PARISH ACTION

SVP (St Vincent de Paul)

Contact John 0116 240 4832

Let the Children Live

contact Theresa 0116 241 6317

CAFOD

Contact Marie 0116 274 0643

MISSIO

Contact Carmen or Anthony

OPEN HANDS

Contact Sister Lelia

Regular Parish Activities

Meditation in the Chapel on Wednesdays following the 10.00 am mass. **The Miriam Prayer Group** meets before mass on Friday and there are **Hot drinks** in the Coffee Shop following the morning mass on Thursdays.

Prayer Box

Please pray for:
**Families of the parish and
 our loved ones living and dead**
 especially for those who have recently died:

Peter Lavin (RIP),

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

Prayers for: Leonard, Rosalind, Margaret

The McCann family and all missing children

The peoples and countries of the world, especially
THE PHILIPPINES, LEBANON

THANK YOU FROM FR JOHN

Dear People,

Thank you for your kindness and generosity to me over the Christmas and always. I received many gifts from you and am grateful, and the Christmas offertory collection was very good. People tell me how blessed I am to be well enough to still serve in the parish and to have such a good parish in which to minister. I know. I thank God every day for how grateful I am for being with you, for your kindness and for my being able to continue serving.

God bless you, Fr John

THANK YOU FROM US, TO US

Thank you for the maintenance, care and decoration of our churches in readiness for Christmas, they looked beautiful. The singing and music were lovely, the serving careful and reverent. We thank our ministers and our readers and a special thank you must go this year to our Children's Liturgy team for their wonderful crib scene. Some have asked why our traditional crib figures are not fronting the altar this year, but how could we detract from the thoughtful and prayerful contribution in the narthex? We thank the Liturgy team along with the children who contributed to this inspiration - and if you haven't visited then do, it is delightful. Thank you to all who serve in generous ways throughout the year so that our parish prayer includes everyone.

So many to thank - thank you all.

Watermead

The "Old Stable" Centre
SHOP OPENING TIMES

Tues, Wed, Thur from 10.30 am-3.30 pm

Sun 11.45 am-12.15 pm

Information from from 0116 220 7881 / 0

The Watermead Centre also offers other facilities and more information is given on their website, along with the story of the apostolate. Do visit - www.watermead-apostolate.co.uk

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 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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Our pilgrimages are wonderfully successful. This year we went to Malta, to Lourdes, to Assisi and Tuscany, and to Rome.

In 2020 we have organised the usual winter break for the elderly in Malta, booked for Lourdes once more, have 94 people booked over two weeks in Stresa on the Lake Maggiore and Rome will be in November once more.

Looking forward to 2021 we shall plan for Malta and Rome as always and our many friends in Liverpool would like to share pilgrimage with us as they did this year in Assisi and Tuscany. The suggestions are:

- (1) St Anthony of Padua, with days in Venice, Verona and Lake Garda.
- (2) Padua and Assisi - 3 or 4 days in each.
- (3) Repeat 2019 - Assisi (3) and Tuscany (4)
- (4) Padua 4 days and Stresa 4 days.
- (5) Rome and Assisi (3 or 4 days in each).

If you know any of these would interest you (in May and/or August/September) please let Fr John know. Pilgrimage can be a blessed time of prayer and friendship.

I wish you could all come . . .

CHURCH ROTAS FOR NEXT WEEKEND

	Readers	Eucharistic Ministers
Sat. 6.00 pm	Clare	Cecilia
Sun. 9.00 am	TBA	-
10.30 am	Vikki	Gerry / Sister Lelia
6.00 pm	TBA	Vincent

Last week's collection was safely counted and banked. **£860**

*(Christmas Day £2,850)

Thank you. Counters: Tony

(Next week: Gail & Keith)

*RASH resumes next week

Have you visited?

PARISH FACILITIES

Our Parish Lending Library, the Home from Home Charity Shop, the Lourdes Garden the Watermead Shop - (opening times in weekly newsletter).