



ST. JOSEPH'S PARISH, LEICESTER

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Dear People,

Every now and then I catch my breath at how blessed my life has been. It happened again, just before morning mass on 31st December - the feast of Pope St Sylvester. The whole story flooded back . . .

Pope Sylvester was the pope of the era of the Emperor Constantine - who gave freedom to all religions after the cruelty of the periods of Roman persecution: by the Edict of Milan all people were free to honour God, or their gods, as they chose.

In the background was Constantine's mother, Helena, an English princess, who had married Constans when he was based in York as head of the Roman legions in Britain. Helena was a Christian. She followed her son to Rome, became friendly with the Pope and persuaded her son to give Sylvester the Lateran Palace as his dwelling. Part of it still stands, just across the road from the Lateran Basilica which she persuaded her son to build as the Pope's church. It is still the No.1 church in Rome and St Peter's is No.2.

Beside the basilica is the Lateran University where I studied for four happy years. Each day, after lectures, I would slip into the basilica for a quiet prayer of thanksgiving, aware of the history I was sharing: in the square, the oldest and biggest of the thirteen Egyptian obelisks around the city, signs of Ancient Rome's conquests; across the road the Holy Stairs, supposedly from Pontius Pilate's palace in Jerusalem, which Jesus would have ascended, alongside the striking remains of the Lateran Palace; I prayed in front of the lovely 13th century mosaic in the apse of the basilica; and then out by the main entrance of the church to follow the awesome 4th century Aurelian Walls on the walk back to our Rosmini College, where a stretch of those huge defensive walls were our garden wall - the garden in which I would be working or playing touch rugby in the afternoon. Pope Sylvester, I thought, I've a lot for which to remember you.

And then - The Donation of Constantine, the biggest lie in the history of the Catholic Church. If you want to know the full story research (Google) it, but here is a summary: A Papal official fabricated a document in the 8th century to claim that Constantine gave power over Rome to Pope Sylvester when he moved to Byzantium (which he renamed Constantinople). The lie was believed by Pepin, leader of the Franks, who rescued Rome from invasion and protected the popes' rule over Rome and the Papal States. The power of the Papacy down the centuries based on a lie! It is an amazing lie but believed by Europe for centuries. In 1870, the Italian people took Rome as their capital city in a newly united country. Follow the story.

God bless the Church, freed from temporal power and its corruption, Fr. John

5th January 2019 (Prayer Week 2)

"Why creation? Why world? Why suffering?"

Mass Times and Intentions

FEAST OF THE EPIPHANY (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 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, Innocent Victims,
Maureen Walker, Shane, Damian & Stacey

MONDAY 6th JANUARY

7.00 pm at St Joseph's for Bernard O'Lord

TUESDAY 7th JANUARY

(St Raymond of Penyafort)

10.00 am at St Joseph's for Sister Anthony

WEDNESDAY 8th JANUARY

10.00 am at St Joseph's for Special Intention

THURSDAY 9th JANUARY

10.00 am at St Joseph's for The Burns Family

FRIDAY 10th JANUARY

(St William)

7.00 pm at St Joseph's for The Lee Family

BAPTISM OF THE LORD (A)

(Saturday) 6.00 pm at St Joseph's

(Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament from 5.15 pm)

SUNDAY 12th 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 The Jackson Family & Friends, Special Intention

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 6th January

QUESTION OF FAITH & BIBLE STUDY

We meet to discuss our programme for this year in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel, 7.45 pm, following the evening mass. Should be good. Do all come.

Tuesday 7th January

St JOSEPH'S TABLE closed today.

WATERMEAD SHOP OPEN 10.30 am-3.30 pm

Wednesday 8th January

St JOSEPH'S TABLE closed today.

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 9th January

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 10th January

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

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.

Watermead

The "Old Stable" Centre SHOP OPENING THIS WEEK

Tues, Wed, Thur from 10.30 am-3.30 pm
Sun 11.45 am-12.15 pm

Information 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

CHURCH ROTAS FOR NEXT WEEKEND

	Readers	Eucharistic Ministers
Sat. 6.00 pm	John	Anne B
Sun. 9.00 am	TBA	-
10.30 am	Paul	Steve / Sister Lelia
6.00 pm	TBA	Marie

Last 2 weeks' collections safely counted and banked. **£2,404**

*(Special RASH Collection £125)

Thank you. Counters: Gail & Keith
(Next week: Sarah & Pepsy)

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

Prayer Box

Please pray for:

Families of the parish

and our loved ones living and dead

especially for those who have recently died:

Mary Kelly (RIP)

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

Prayers for: Louise, Noreen

The McCann family and all missing children

The peoples and countries of the world, especially
AUSTRALIA, LIBYA, CAMEROON

POSTBAG

Dear People,

I wanted to say thank you, again, repeating last week's thank you letters. I am grateful . . .

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.

Pope Francis' address to the world

on Christmas Day was powerful. He contrasted the darkness that still resides in human hearts with the light that God has sent into the world. He prayed for those suffering in the conflicts of the Middle East, especially Syria and Lebanon. He longed for the Holy Land to resolve its tensions and for Iraq and Yemen, suffering their crisis. He included "our beloved Venezuelan people and Ukraine", and prayed for the peoples of Africa, especially the Democratic Republic on Congo. The final part of his message was for refugees, forced to emigrate in hope of finding a more secure life. "It is injustice that makes them cross deserts and seas that become cemeteries . . . that forces them to endure unspeakable forms of abuse, enslavement and torture in inhumane detentions camps . . . hoping to find a dignified new life, they face walls of indifference."

Dates for Diary

Year of the Word: Day of Prayer

Nottingham Diocesan Spirituality Network invite us to *Encounter Jesus and be Missionary Disciples through St Matthew's Gospel* at St Peter's Church, Hinckley, LE10 1LW
Saturday 18th January
10.00 am (arrivals from 9.30) and finishing at 3.00 pm
Refreshments provided, please bring a packed lunch.

Year of The Word: National Scripture Tour

arrives in the Diocese of Nottingham on
Saturday 22nd February
at Holy Trinity Parish Centre Newark NG24 4AU
between 10 am and 4.30 pm. See notice boards.

A Day for Catholic Women

Another date is planned here at St Joseph's
Saturday 29th February
10.30 am - 4.00 pm (more details soon)

MALTA PILGRIMAGE

(4th - 13th February 2020)

We meet at 7.00 pm on **Wednesday 15th January** in St Joseph's parish hall to make final payments and to discuss details of our days. Please bring your passport and travel insurance details.

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.
RESERVE LIST ONLY AS ALL PLACES TAKEN

ROME 2020

6th - 12th November

The price is the same as last year! **£685** (approx.) to include all travel, our excellent 4-star hotel (B&B) and expenses (tips, buses, coach) in Rome.
Please confirm your place with Fr John.

NEW YEAR REVOLUTIONS

- 1) Morning and Evening prayer each day
- 2) Daily Mass once in the week
- 3) Say a decade of the Rosary each day, each bead for a different person or intention.
- 4) Spiritual reading - the Bible or a good religious book (the parish library has a wide choice of good books)
- 5) Involvement in a parish activity
- 6) Reading the Catholic press (remember the papers cost us only £1)
- 7) Starting again when I fail any/all of the above
- 8) A prayer for those who follow the above
- 9) A prayer for those who don't
- 10) A prayer for myself whilst deciding.