



ST. JOSEPH'S PARISH, LEICESTER

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Dear People,

The first three chapters of the Bible are about man and woman, you and me, and our turning away from God. It is a powerful story - a myth, which means a story teaching religious truth, and tells us we human beings have chosen to bring evil into God's good world. We have all "eaten fruit from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil".

In chapter four, the story of Adam and Eve begins, of their sons Cain and Abel, of jealousy and murder. Cain goes in exile to the land of Nod, east of Eden, where he marries a local woman. Adam and Eve are not the only people on earth.

The story of human life and sin continues to Noah when God despairs of the human race and decides to end its sinful history, saving only Noah and his family and the innocent animals and living creatures. Two amazing stories of Noah's Ark are woven together and after the Flood purified life continues. The human race, as we understand it, is thus descended from Noah and his family, not from Adam and Eve: that's what the Bible myth indicates.

In chapter eleven the history of Israel begins with the call of Abraham to be the father of a great people from whom will come a Messiah to bring God's blessing and love to the world. That story, the history of Israel and its growing understanding of God's love, which we call *The Old Testament*, continues until the birth of Jesus.

The Gospel (accounts by Matthew, Mark, Luke and John) begins *The New Testament*. Jesus is the Messiah, the messenger of God's love, the fulfilment of the Old Testament promise. The story begins at his baptism in each Gospel account but Luke and Matthew, unlike Mark and John, preface their Gospel accounts with nativity stories, narratives full of symbolism.

Luke tells of Mary's being chosen to be the mother of the Messiah (she is the woman promised in chapter three at the opening of the Bible) and her journey to Bethlehem with Joseph where the baby is born. The journey would have been made in good time, taking at least five or six days, and "whilst they were there the time came for her to have her child." Luke pictures them *surrounded by family love and the shepherds speak to the family*. The shepherds symbolise the leaders of God's people - Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, Moses, David, all shepherds. Israel's waiting is over, the Messiah has been born.

Matthew tells the story very differently. He sees the wise of the world coming to adore in a baby their *King* (gold), *God* (incense), *Saviour* (myrrh). We cannot fit together the two nativity stories, they have in common only the names of the Holy Family and a birth at Bethlehem.

12th January 2020 (Prayer Week 3)
"Hell is being forgiven by those who love you"

Mass Times and Intentions

BAPTISM OF THE LORD (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 Jean Darby, The Sisters' Family & friends,
Jim & Nancy Early, The Jackson Family & Friends,

MONDAY 13th JANUARY

(St Hilary, Bishop)

7.00 pm at St Joseph's for The Sisters' Family & Friends

TUESDAY 14th JANUARY

10.00 am at St Joseph's for Helen Murphy

WEDNESDAY 15th JANUARY

10.00 am at St Joseph's for Holy Souls

THURSDAY 16th JANUARY

10.00 am at St Joseph's for Richard Storey

FRIDAY 17th JANUARY

(St Anthony, Abbot)

7.00 pm at St Joseph's for Terence Reilly

2nd SUNDAY OF YEAR (A)

(Saturday) 6.00 pm at St Joseph's

(Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament from 5.15 pm)

SUNDAY 19th 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 Bernadette Doyle, Jean Darby,
Pauline Cunningham, Charles Harrison (B)

There are sixty-six books in the Bible written at various times by many different authors. There is poetry, drama, legend, myth, parable, fable, history, epic. We need to understand how and why the authors wrote. We need common sense to ask intelligent questions and teachers and preachers unafraid of questions they cannot answer. It is no answer for teachers and preachers to tell children and people not to be cheeky or offensive if they ask questions difficult to answer.

God bless us to want to understand, Fr. John

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).

St Joseph's Table

resumes its service this Tuesday

WINTER MENU

Soup - Meals - Desserts - Snacks

To be announced on the 'Specials' board

(see times below in "Parish Diary")

Parish Diary This Week

Tuesday 14th January

St JOSEPH'S TABLE open today from 10.45 am - 3.30 pm. (See details above).

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 15th January

St JOSEPH'S TABLE open today from 10.45 am - 3.30 pm. (See details above).

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

WATERMEAD SHOP OPEN 10.30 am-3.30 pm

MALTA PILGRIMAGE MEETING We meet at 7.00 pm 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.

Thursday 16th 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 17th 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.

DIOCESAN VACANCIES

Support & Administration Services Officer

The Diocese of Nottingham seeks to appoint a person to work with the Chief Operating Officer and others in providing support for our parishes in a wide variety of administrative areas and projects. This would suit someone with a good track record in project or administration management, or as an executive assistant to senior management. This is a permanent full-time post (37½ hrs/week), although job sharing may be a possibility. Salary: £23,000 - £25,000 dependant on qualifications and experience. For more information and an application pack email: office@dioceseofnottingham.uk

Closing date: 31 January 2020

Headteacher

The directors of St Thomas Aquinas Multi-Academy Trust are seeking to appoint a new headteacher (primary) at **St Joseph's Catholic Voluntary Academy, Leicester**.

Further details are available at:

<https://www.aquinas-cmat.org/vacancies/>

Closing date: 10 am, Wednesday 22nd January 2020

Prayer Box

Please pray for:

Families of the parish

and our loved ones living and dead

especially for those who have recently died:

Louise Lloyd (RIP), Helen Murphy (RIP),

Sister Mary Peter (RIP), Shirley Collier (RIP),

Pauline Cunningham (RIP), John Kennedy (RIP),

Mgr Joe Phelan (RIP)

Declan, Bridie, Jonathan, John, Chris,

Maria, Kath, Mary, Anna, Patrick,

Olven, Sheila, Cristiano

Prayers for: Noreen, Joan, Peter

The McCann family and all missing children

The peoples and countries of the world, especially

IRAQ, IRAN, NORTHERN IRELAND, AUSTRALIA, SYRIA, YEMEN, KENYA

"God is love"

St John says frequently in his letters

POSTBAG

Dear People,

Next Sunday is **World Peace Day** and *Pax Christi* is our fine organisation for helping us to focus on prayer and action.

It asks every parish to celebrate Pope Francis' peace message, to deliver education to our young people in the schools, to challenge the global arms trade and the suffering and destruction it causes, to, especially, promote a just peace for Palestine and Israel, and to speak for non-violent approaches in every conflict.

Pax Christi quotes Pope Francis:

"How I wish that all men and women of good will would look at the cross!

There we can see God's reply: violence is not answered with violence, death is not answered with the language of death.

In the silence of the cross the uproar of weapons ceases and the language of reconciliation, forgiveness, dialogue and peace is spoken."

At the back of church there are envelopes for those who would like to donate to *Pax Christi* and our retiring collection next weekend will be for their work instead of for RASH.

God bless all who seek to do good. Fr John.

Last week's collection was safely counted and banked. **£1,070**

*(Special RASH Collection £120)

Thank you. *Counters: Sarah & Pepsi (Next week: Terry)*

*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	Kizito	Sal
Sun. 9.00 am	TBA	-
10.30 am	Ann	Anne G /Sister Lelia
6.00 pm	TBA	Vincent

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
"ONE FAITH : DIFFERENT CULTURES"

Saturday 29th February

10.30 am - 4.00 pm (more details soon)

→ Parish Pilgrimages →

MALTA 2020

4th - 13th February (Tuesday-Thursday)

See "Parish Diary" for details of our meeting on
Wednesday 15th January

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.

33 places already taken

Please confirm your place with Fr John.

The Centre Project is a fine initiative in Leicester city centre. It is at 1 Alfred Place, off Granby Street, and invites anyone to call and be at home. What goes on there is amazing and you may like to offer help in the community cafe, the youth club, the pleasant day centre, and practical support. Just feel free to call for a snack and ask questions! Phone 0116 2554013 or email info@centrepject.org

Watermead

The "Old Stable" Centre

SHOP OPENING THIS WEEK

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

Information from 0116 220 7881 / 0
www.watermead-apostolate.co.uk

The Watermead Centre also offers the following:

REFLEXOLOGY

If you would like to know more or make an appointment contact our therapist, Sharon, on **0116 2120719** (Mon - Fri). Sample sessions, also.