

Keep
Christ in
"Christ"mas



Come
and
Pray

ST. JOSEPH'S PARISH, LEICESTER

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Dear People,

Christmas is a time of happiness and sadness for all of us. Already there are two parish funerals planned for after Christmas, and we offer the families our sympathy and prayer. Most of us know the sadness they now suffer. We pray with them.

At our Candlelight Carol Service I read this prayer:

Just as a candle remains alight even after we have left the room, so our prayer to you, Lord, for our loved ones always remains present to you.

And just as a candle remains alight, so our loved ones remain alive in your presence. For you and we never forget them. They remain in your presence and our prayers for them come before you.

Even though we may turn our thoughts elsewhere, even though we may forget you, you never forget us. We are always present to you.

This Christmas, Lord, we ask you to bless our departed loved ones. Eternal rest grant unto them, dear Lord, and let your perpetual light shine upon them.

May they rest in your peace. Amen.

Although there is sadness in remembering our loved ones at Christmastime we know that the sadness measures our love. We are glad to remember, we enjoy laughing and crying at the memories of what we shared, and we look forward, in faith, in our prayer to our being together forever with God. That is the fullness of the hope we share: God has given us life that is forever.

But we live in our world, so we remember our world in another candle prayer from that same Candlelight Service:



"Lord, at this Christmas time
hear the prayer we offer
on behalf of our suffering world.

Inspire the hearts of political leaders
to find just and peaceful solutions
to the conflicts that beset our human family.

Help us to live in harmony and peace.

Enlighten our path, shine in our darkness like a candle
that we may never despair,

but may seek the true freedom that comes from you.

Amen.



God bless us and our loved ones,

Fr. John

23rd December 2012 (Prayer Week 4)
"Happy Christmas. We pray for each other"

Mass Times and Intentions

4th SUNDAY OF ADVENT (C)

(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 Audrey Brown, Anne Mullins, Philip Mobbs,
Patrick Commins, Geordie Clarke, Private Intention

CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES

MONDAY 24th DECEMBER

Christmas Eve

6.00 pm Children's Mass

(The children are invited to come to the Children's Mass
dressed as characters from the Christmas story)

10.00 pm Midnight Mass

(Carols from 9.30 pm)

Intentions Christmas Eve Mass

for Marina Sewell, Margaret Brennan, James Stones,
Joe Willis, Elizabeth Hadden, John Walsh, Bill Wall,
Howard Fertig, John Nott, Nelson Fernandes,
Tony & Anthony Merriman

TUESDAY 25th DECEMBER

Christmas Day

9.00 am at The Rosary Church

10.30 am at St Joseph's Church

Intentions Christmas Day Mass

Teresa Devlin, Terrance & Julia Devlin,
Toddy & Margaret O'Connell, Phyllis Lobo,
Pat Grady, Angela McGovern, Ron Parkin

WEDNESDAY 26th DECEMBER

St Stephen's (BOXING) Day

Mass at 10.00 am

for Reg & Mary Lowe

THURSDAY 27th DECEMBER

(St. John, Apostle)

10.00 am at St. Joseph's for Hugh Burns

FRIDAY 28th DECEMBER

(The Holy Innocents)

7.00 pm at St. Joseph's for Cathy Lawe

SATURDAY 29th DECEMBER

(St. Thomas a Becket)

9.30 am at The Rosary Church for Sister Madeleine

The Parish on Sundays
AT ST JOSEPH'S
 DRINKS, LIBRARY, FAIR TRADE
AT THE ROSARY CHURCH
 DRINKS, CAKE STALL, FAIR TRADE



Year of Faith Diary
THIS WEEK

We celebrate
Christmas ...

with the Church and the world,
 hoping to share our faith in the Year
 of Faith with those around us.

Postbag

Dear People,

The final total for the Christmas flower
 collection at the Rosary Church amounted to
 £101.22. A big thank you to everyone who
 contributed.

Christine.

Christmas Greetings

To Fr John and our friends at St Joseph's,
 wishing you all peace and joy this Christmas
 and for 2013.

Our Christian love and greetings to you
 from Dorothy and Brian Russell
*(Brian & Dorothy are from the URC Church
 and Brian was for many years the minister at
 Thurnby. They have been with us on our
 parish pilgrimages to Rome and to Malta.)*

To Fr John & members of St Joseph's.

Thankyou for the opportunity to join in St
 Joseph's outdoor Carol Service - a moving
 occasion with the weather behaving, and
 followed by excellent entertainment in the
 hall. Thank you for all those who made the
 evening such a success.

Jan Zientek

(Churches Together in Humberstone)

Thank you

Last Thursday we had a prayerful "Mid-
 day" Carol Service and a delicious lunch in
 the parish hall.

We thank everyone who helped make this
 such a fine parish celebration.

A request from Kate, whose grandson,
 Declan, was diagnosed with Duchenne
 Muscular Dystrophy six years ago. Please join
 the online campaign to petition for more
 government funding into research for this
 devastating condition. The petition is at
<http://epetitions.direct.gov.uk/petitions/37675>

Next Week's 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)*

SUNDAY 30th 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)
*Ailie Doran, Cath Edwards, Nora Hall,
 Andy Mullins, Bart McCarthy,
 Patrick O'Leary, Reg & Eileen Day,
 The Gillespie Family*

MONDAY 31st DECEMBER

(St. Sylvester, Pope)
 7.00 pm at St. Joseph's *for Josie Watson*

TUESDAY 1st JANUARY

(Mary, Mother of God)
 10.00 am at The Rosary Church
for Kizito's family



The Present

The father was annoyed with his five-
 year-old daughter for wasting a roll of
 expensive gold wrapping paper. Money
 was tight, and he became even more
 upset when the child pasted the gold
 paper onto a box to put under the
 Christmas tree.

Yet the little girl brought the gift
 box to her father the next morning
 and said, "This is for you, Daddy".

The father was embarrassed,
 remembering his earlier overreactions,
 but his annoyance flared again when
 he found the box was empty.

He spoke to her harshly, "Don't you
 know, young lady, that when you give
 someone a present there's supposed
 to be something inside the package?"

The little girl looked up at him with
 tears in her eyes. "Oh, Daddy, it's not
 empty. I blew kisses into it until it was
 full."

The father was crushed. He fell on
 his knees and put his arms around his
 little girl and he begged her to forgive
 him for his anger.

An accident took the life of the child
 only a short time later and the father
 kept that gold box by his bed for the
 rest of his life. Whenever he was
 discouraged or faced a difficult
 problem he would open the box and
 take out an imaginary kiss, and
 remember the love of the child who
 had put it there.



Prayer Box

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

Liam Connolly (RIP)

*The sick and housebound, those in hospital
 and in nursing homes - especially:*

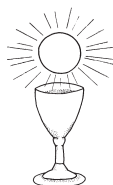
Jack Laing, Harry Bowden, Eve Kelly,
 Mary Keenan, Ian North, Fabian Sweeney,
 Christina Flynn, Anna Nugent, Rita Cushway,
 Jonathan Lockwood, Pat Aitken, Mary Eaton
 Jenny Aitken, Rhonda Jones

Those for prayers this week:

Victori, Pauline, Martin, June, Connie, Noel

The McCann family and all missing children

*The peoples and countries of the world,
 especially this week NEWTOWN, USA*



OUR BLESSED SACRAMENT CHAPEL

is open every day Christmas
 week from 10.30 am - 6.00 pm

Come and pray,
 visit the Children's crib.

Watermead shop

The "Old Stable" Centre
 (at the back of St. Joseph's Car park)

SHOP OPENING TIMES

THIS WEEKEND

Sat 5.00-5.50 pm & Sun 11.45 am-12.45 pm

(Closed Christmas Week)

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

Last week's collection was safely
 counted and banked. **£1,482**

Thank you. *Counters this week : Gail & Keith*
(Mid week: Tony ~ Next weekend: Terry)

PARISH ROTA FOR NEXT WEEKEND

	Readers	Eucharistic Ministers	Children's Liturgy
Sat. 6.00 pm	Clare	Ann B	
Sun. 10.30 am	Gail	TBA	
6.00 pm	TBA	Vincent	