



# ST. JOSEPH'S PARISH, LEICESTER

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Dear People,

It was a wonderful Christmas. The churches looked beautiful, the singing and music were lovely and the celebrations of mass prayerful. People of the parish and visitors commented on the church, the music and the atmosphere. It was good to share the joy of Christmas with so many.

Thank you for all that you do and share in the parish throughout the year. Thank you for your kindness to me throughout the year, and for your gifts, greetings and good wishes at Christmas.

Now we look forward to another parish year of prayer and faith. In these days of prayer and retreat that I always have between Christmas and New Year I am thinking of the homes of the parish, visiting you in my imagination and bringing you before God in my prayer. How I wish I could do more, but I know that all of us say that. Just to look back and to look forward, hoping I shall continue to serve you as well as God helps me, is something joyful. So I look forward from my prayer to a year shared with you in the parish.

It's the Year of Faith, and the Church is asking us to reflect on the gift of faith and how we might share it. We shall have our usual pattern of daily mass, evenings and days of reflection, prayer and music, our pilgrimages (to Malta, Rome and Assisi, Lourdes), and if you would like to suggest what else we might do I would be glad to hear.

During Lent we shall combine with the other Catholic Churches for the Station Masses, with the other local Christian Churches for our usual programme, and then hope that other initiatives might be encouraged. What do you think?

Our social life will be as pleasant as ever - Open Day every Thursday, social get-togethers, an outing to Wales or two (just joking) and our Family Sundays (the first Sunday of each month) after the 10.30 am mass. These Sundays are a promising new development of the monthly children's mass, and the couple we have had have gone very well.

I so enjoy these quiet days for God and prayer. If you would like to go somewhere for similar days I could suggest several places - but home is best. The home as a place of prayer is great blessing.

God bless you all,

Fr. John

**30th December 2012 (Prayer Week 1)**

**"God bless us in a happy new year"**

## Mass Times and Intentions

### HOLY FAMILY SUNDAY (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 Cath Edwards, Nora Hall, Ailie Doran, Mum & Dad,*

*Reg & Eileen Day, The Gillespie Family,*

*Bart McCarthy, Patrick O'Leary, Andy Mullins*

### MONDAY 31st DECEMBER

(St. Sylvester, Pope)

7.00 pm at St. Joseph's *for Josie Watson*

### TUESDAY 1st JANUARY

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

10.00 am the Rosary Church *for Kizito's Family*

### WEDNESDAY 2nd JANUARY

(St. Basil the Great, Bishop

St. Gregory Nazaienzen, Bishop)

10.00 am at St. Joseph's *for Paul & Philomena Cronin*

### THURSDAY 3rd JANUARY

(St. Genevieve)

10.00 am at St. Joseph's *for Cecilia's family*

### FRIDAY 4th JANUARY

(St. Elizabeth)

7.00 pm at St. Joseph's *for John White*

### SATURDAY 5th JANUARY

(St. John Neumann)

9.30 am at The Rosary Church *for Holy Souls*

### FEAST OF THE EPIPHANY

(Saturday) 6.00 pm at St. Joseph's

*(Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament from 5.15 pm)*

### SUNDAY 6th 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 Pedro & Theodolina Fernandes*

### BLESSED SACRAMENT CHAPEL

open every day this week from 10.30 am - 6.00 pm.

**CONFESSIONS EACH WEEK SUNDAY 5.15 pm: St. Joseph's SATURDAY 10.00 am: the Rosary Church and 5.15 pm at St. Joseph's**



**Year of Faith Diary**  
**THIS WEEK**  
**New Year Resolutions**  
 How do we best practise, understand and share faith - as a Church, as a parish and personally.

*Help in our Parish*

**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 Rosary Church** has a very good clavivova. Anyone interested in playing this to accompany the hymns at the 9.00 am Sunday mass please ask Alison (0116 2207881). Pianists will be very welcome.

**The Watermead Shop** is part of the Watermead Apostolate, which is based at St Joseph's. We share faith through people's faith-inspired gifts of music, art and words, turning them into cards, books, music recordings, etc. The Lord's Day Newsletter (on the table at the back of church) is also part of this sharing, as are Retreats and Pilgrimages. All we are given is shared throughout the country (retail shops as well as parishes) and abroad, as free downloads on our website and through our internet shop. Our profits are shared with various charities. We came to St Joseph's in 2001 but began over 20 years ago in the parish of St Theresa's, Birstall.

If you have internet access do visit our new website ([www.watermead-apostolate.com](http://www.watermead-apostolate.com)). There are over 600 pages telling our story, giving our history and details of all we produce. If you do not have internet access then do ask and we shall be happy to explain more.

Alison (tel. 0116 2207881)

**Prayer Box**

Please pray for **Families of the parish** and our loved ones living and dead especially for those who have recently died:  
 Jake McCarthy (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, Callum Mahes

*Those for prayers this week:*  
 Bill & Eileen Orton  
*The McCann family and all missing children*  
*The peoples and countries of the world, especially this week ENGLAND*

**Retiring Priests**

Dear Parishioners,  
 In our diocese there are 33 retired priests and a few younger priests who are unable to work in parishes because of ill health. The number is set to rise over the next few years as more reach the age of retirement.

The financial demands on the diocese are thus increasing and an appeal has been launched to raise significant funds over the next four years.

Each parish is being asked to nominate someone to lead the parish appeal, working with our deanery leaders who have already been appointed.

The role will suit someone who is committed and well organised and would like to help support our retired priests who have given so many years of devoted service.

If you would like to know more please speak to Fr John who will be pleased to provide more information.

Thank you and God bless you,  
 The Retired Priests' Appeal Office

**St JOSEPH'S HALL COMMITTEE**

arrange social functions throughout the year. Details are advertised in the parish newsletter.

**Watermead shop**

The "Old Stable" Centre  
 (at the back of St. Joseph's Car park)  
**USUAL SHOP OPENING TIMES**  
 Tues, Wed, Thur from 10.30 am-3.30 pm  
 Sat 5.00-5.50 pm & Sun 11.45 am-12.45 pm  
 Information from from 0116 220 7881 / 0  
[www.watermead-apostolate.com](http://www.watermead-apostolate.com)  
**Reflexology** (Complementary Therapy)  
 Appointments: Contact Sharon on 0116 2120719

**Regular Parish Activities**  
**AT ST JOSEPH'S . . . .**

**QUESTION OF FAITH**

On Monday evening each week we meet to discuss our faith - following the 7.00 pm evening mass in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel.

**ST. JOSEPH'S LENDING LIBRARY**

located in the upstairs Coffee Shop and open after mass on Sunday & Thursdays.

**PARISH OPEN DAYS**

**Every Thursday at St. Joseph's** Hall and Garden open for coffee, tea and peace, following the morning mass at St. Joseph's.

**Fair Trade Stall in the Coffee Shop**

Selling Coffee/Tea/Biscuits/Chocolate/Jams, produced using Fair Trade policies, etc. after mass on Sunday and on Thursday.

*Home from Home*  
**OPEN ON THURSDAYS**  
 From 10.30 am - until approx 2.00 pm  
 Entrance via *St Joseph's Coffee Shop*

This project shares donated items (quality bric-a-brac, clothing, gifts, furnishings) with various charities, through direct giving and through the money raised by selling the donated items in the Shop in the parish hall. Also open on Family Sunday (1st Sunday)



**"OPEN HANDS" DONATION "BIN"**

The black dustbin for your donations of non-perishable foodstuff is at the back of church under the staircase. (See details on bin)

**PARISH ACTION**

**SVP (St Vincent de Paul)**  
 Contact or John 0116 240 4832  
 Zenon 0116 294 1263

**Let the Children Live**  
 contact Theresa 0116 2416317

**MOP (Mother of Peace)**  
 Contact Lynn (Children's Liturgy)

**CAFOD**  
 Contact Marie 0116 274 0643

**St Joseph's Arts Group**

This group has mounted several exhibitions in the Coffee Shop through the year and plans more for 2013 in the newly refurbished area. Details are notified through the newsletter or ask for contact details.

**AND AT THE ROSARY CHURCH**

After Sunday morning mass . . . .  
**TEAS AND COFFEES** (back of church)  
**CAKE STALL** : 1st Sunday of month  
**FAIR TRADE STALL** : 3rd Sunday of month

Last week's collections were safely counted and banked. Thank you.  
 Parish **£1,056** Christmas **£2,575**  
 Counters this week : Terry (Next week : Gloriosa & Sarah)

**PARISH ROTA FOR NEXT WEEKEND**

	Readers	Eucharistic Ministers	Children's Liturgy
Sat. 6.00 pm	Marie	Caroline	Children's Mass
Sun. 10.30 am	Children	Anne G	next Sunday
6.00 pm	TBA	TBA	