

# ST. JOSEPH'S PARISH, LEICESTER

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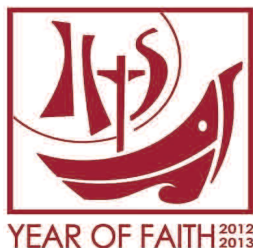
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Dear People,

Our Year of Faith draws to its close. I hope you feel enriched by all that has been happening and especially that you followed the suggestions given each week at the head of our Parish Week column in the newsletter.



A cluster of parishes in the northern part of our diocese wanted to end the Year of Faith with a pilgrimage to Rome and asked if we would organise it for them through Watermead. It was a wonderful week. Three times we saw Pope Francis who spoke beautifully and with good humour each time. The crowds in St Peter's Square were large (even 80,000 for the Angelus on Sunday!). Each time he gave us his blessing we were reminded that the blessing was also for everyone at home, especially for the sick and housebound. All of us blessed by Pope Francis . . .

Four times we had mass in St Peter's and other times at the Vatican church of St Anne's and the parish church of Our Lady's, and we were made welcome at both churches. Church Rome, Ancient Rome, the historical city - we saw so much.

So our new parish year begins as the Year of Faith ends. Someone told me recently what a good parish St Joseph's is - strong finance team, active hall committee, charity and fundraising support, hospitality teams, reverent sacristy team, altar ministers and servers, thorough cleaning team, nimble-fingered garden team. apostolic SVP society, good musicians and singing on Saturdays and Sundays, a fine shepherdesses children's liturgy group, a group of careful counters - and a friendly welcoming atmosphere. I was told how fortunate I was. Thank you, everyone. The whole parish is grateful for what you do.

Lynn and our children's liturgy are beginning a new fundraising Advent project for our friends at Mother of Peace in Zimbabwe - "In the Beak Midwinter". Sounds fun - see over the page.

Some of our young people are part of Active Youth which is planning a wonderful day on Saturday 30th November - see over page, also.

May God bless all our initiatives. Fr. John

## 24th November 2013 (Prayer Week 2) "Christ - our crucified King"

### Mass Times and Intentions

#### FEAST OF CHRIST THE KING

(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 Lil Curran, Mary Ellen Hudson, Maire O'Connor,  
Clifford Della Porta, Rocha & Noronha Families,  
The Lobo Family, The Connell Family & Friends,

#### MONDAY 25th NOVEMBER

7.00 pm at St. Joseph's for Thanksgiving

#### TUESDAY 26th NOVEMBER

10.00 am at St. Joseph's

Requiem Mass for Philomena Merriman

#### WEDNESDAY 27th NOVEMBER

10.00 am at St. Joseph's for Special Intention

#### THURSDAY 28th NOVEMBER

10.00 am at St. Joseph's for Holy Souls

#### FRIDAY 29th NOVEMBER

7.00 pm at St. Joseph's for Family & Friends

#### SATURDAY 30th NOVEMBER

(St. Andrew)

No Service today at The Rosary Church

Retreat at St Joseph's from 10.00 am - 1.00 pm

#### 1st SUNDAY OF ADVENT (A)

(Saturday) 6.00 pm at St. Joseph's

(Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament from 5.15 pm)

#### SUNDAY 1st 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)

for Philomena Merriman, Lil Curran,  
Thomas Raddy & Friends, Thanksgiving (Noronha),  
Baby Magnus, Rocha & Smith Families

#### CONFESSIONS EACH WEEK

SUNDAY 5.15 pm at St. Joseph's

SATURDAY 10.00 am at the Rosary Church  
and 5.15 pm at St. Joseph's

#### BLESSED SACRAMENT CHAPEL

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

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

*Parish Diary This Week*

**Monday 25th November**  
**QUESTION OF FAITH**. We start again in Blessed Sacrament Chapel after evening mass. All welcome.

**Tuesday 26th November**  
**CHOIR PRACTICE** in the parish hall at 7.30 pm. Anyone is welcome to join us.

**Wednesday 27th November**  
**MEDITATION AT ST JOSEPH'S CONVENT**, 10.45 for 11.00 am. All welcome. Contact Sr Lelia for more information on 0798 484 3799.

**Thursday 28th November**

**PARISH OPEN DAY at St Joseph's**  
 ~ Hot drinks in the Coffee Shop!  
 Parish Library, Fair Trade Stall,  
 "HOME FROM HOME"  
 Garden and Watermead Shop are all open after the morning Service.

**Saturday 30th November**  
**"TEN 2 ONE" Advent & Christmas Retreat** Talks, prayer and music to prepare us for the season. We begin with a hot drink in the parish hall at 10.00 am and concludes at 1.00 pm. All welcome. £3.00 donation for day.

**Questionnaire Reminder**

It is very important that as many parishioners as is possible provide feedback to the Bishops to help form the basis of discussion for the **Extraordinary General Assembly in October 2014**. The consultation period is very short, so act now. Questionnaires can be completed online at

[www.surveymonkey.com/s/familysynod2014](http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/familysynod2014).

You do not have to put your name and contact details on the questionnaire. However, if you do it will allow them to contact you should they need to clarify any answers. Returns must be made by November 30th.

*Postbag*

Dear Fr John,  
 Would you please put on the newsheet this week we shall collect for Christmas flowers after mass next weekend, Nov 30th / Dec 1st.  
 Thank you, Mary.

**Prayer Box**

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

Sister Madeleine Campion (RIP),  
 Philomena Merriman (RIP), Jim O'Keefe (RIP)

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

Jack Laing, Declan, Theresa Woolford, Mary Keenan, Fabian Sweeney, Christina Flynn, Anna Nugent, Pat Aitken, Mary Eaton, Jenny Aitken, Rhonda Jones, Jonathan Lockwood, Callum Mahes,

*Prayers this week for:* James Chilton

*The McCann family and all missing children especially during the new investigations*

*The peoples and countries of the world, especially SARDINIA and LATVIA*

**CHILDREN'S LITURGY IN ADVENT**  
**"In the Beak Midwinter"**

This Advent we are once again raising money for Mother of Peace which gives a home to over 150 AIDS orphans. We have built a Halfway House in memory of Fr David so that older children will be given a helping a helping hand as they encounter the outside world: so now we want to equip the house.

The community run a self-help chicken project which inspired us to choose hens this Christmas. Give a donation and we shall make a named hen for you or in memory of a loved one. Just tell Fr John, Lynn or another liturgy leader or write your first name/name of loved one on the list in the narthex. You may take your chicken home for Christmas, but don't let it see the Christmas dinner table! Please bring in unused body puffs (corner yogurt containers have been supplied - thanks to D & M). Thank you, Lynn.

**Watermead shop**

**Christmas Cards, Calendars, Cribs, Gifts, etc. now being displayed**

**OPENING TIMES THIS WEEK**

Tues, Wed & Thurs from 10.30 am-3.30 pm

Sat 5.00 - 5.55 pm & Sun 11.45 am-12.45 pm

Information from from 0116 220 7881 / 0



Help share the meaning of Christmas on all your post during the 'X'mas season by using our "free" envelope stickers

**NEXT WEEKEND**  
**Active Youth**  
 at Holy Cross Church  
**Saturday 30th November**

3.00 - 6.00pm (including Mass)  
 All teenagers from across the Diocese have been invited to an afternoon of fun activities & reflection (see poster on notice board)

**Advent & Christmas**



**St Joseph's School**

**CHRISTMAS CRAFT FAYRE**  
**Saturday 30th November**  
 11.00 am - 3.00 pm. All Welcome

**Christmas Advent Retreat**  
**Saturday 30th November**  
 here at St Joseph's. 10.00 am - 1.00 pm

**Catholic Schools Carol Concert**  
 in support of MEMPHYS  
**Friday 6th December**, 7.15 pm  
 Tickets from Menphys Office: 01455 323013

**HEALING MASS** at Rosmini Centre  
**Friday 6th December, 6.00pm**

**Annual Candlelight Carols & Entertainment Evening**  
**Wednesday 11th December**  
 Carols in the Watermead Garden (7.15 pm) followed by hot punch, mincepies & fun in St Joseph's parish hall (from 8.00 pm) All welcome. No charge - donation baskets.

**ADVENT RETREAT DAY** Rosmini Centre  
**Saturday 14th December**  
 10.30 for 11am until 4pm - including Mass, Donation £20. Register on 01509 813078

**Lunchtime Carol Service**  
 followed by hot refreshments in parish hall.  
**Thursday 19th December**  
 (All welcome - details soon)

**CHURCHES TOGETHER IN HUMBERSTONE**  
 at the URC, Abbots Road  
**ADVENT SERVICE**  
**Tuesday 3rd December**  
 7.00 pm (Refreshments) 7.30 pm (Service)  
**FESTIVAL OF ANGELS**  
**Saturday 7th December, 10.00 am - 4.00 pm**

**PILGRIMAGES**  
**MEDJUGORJE 2014**  
 May 21st - 28th, September 10th-17th,  
 Cost each £544 half board. Please contact  
 Kath Gambin on 0116 234 0103  
**MALTA February 2014**  
 Some more place available! See Fr John

Last week's collection was safely counted and banked. **£1,049**  
 Thank you. *Counters this week : Margaret*  
*(Next week : Karen & Chris)*

**PARISH ROTA FOR NEXT WEEKEND**

	Readers	Eucharistic Ministers	Children's Liturgy
Sat. 6.00 pm	Doreen	Ann B	CHILDREN'S
Sun. 10.30 am	Children	Anne G / Mary	MASS NEXT
6.00 pm	TBA	Vincent	WEEK