



ST. JOSEPH'S PARISH, LEICESTER

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Dear People,

It has been a wonderful parish Christmas, full of love, sadness, sympathy and joys. There have been so many to remember with gratitude that we knew and loved them, that they are at peace with God and that we remember them still, even though always with sadness.

On behalf of the parish I thank all those who help the life of the parish to flow so well. Both our churches looked beautiful, but they always do; the music and singing were as inspiring as ever, the serving so accomplished and the reverence at mass as ever. The work of the parish - sacristy, cleaning, maintenance, decoration, administration, hall, garden - all in capable hands and how grateful we are.

We look forward to a new year of blessings, prayer and effort. Sadly, a new effort has been brought to our attention by the Society for the Protection of the Unborn Child (SPUC). On 17th December the Supreme Court issued a ruling which left our Glasgow midwives shocked and saddened.

Connie and Mary have always refused to supervise abortions. They have twenty years experience in the labour wards and have helped to deliver around 10,000 babies. However, today it is common for late abortions to be performed in hospital labour wards. In its ruling the court said the midwives can still refuse to perform abortions, but senior midwives must assign junior midwives to conduct the process and be ready to oversee abortions. Connie and Mary believe that as abortion itself is wrong it is also wrong to ask junior midwives to do an abortion.

The Supreme Court ruling also applies to doctors and nurses. They must be willing to make bookings for abortions and help in other ways. The ruling strikes a blow against all pro-life people in the health care professions.

This is our country, our society and our world. We all have a conscience and before God want to live according to our consciences. We pray that in 2015 we will know how to speak and act. May God guide us in our pro-life work so that the beauty of the unborn child will be seen.

God bless us all,

Fr. John

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

28th December 2014 (Prayer Week 1)
"Happy Christmas Daze, everyone"

Mass Times and Intentions

Feast of the Holy Family (Year B)

(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 Josephs Mamapallil, Pat Grady, Joe Keogh,
The Keller Family, Aidan & Bernard Cassidy,
Hughie & Gretta Murphy

MONDAY 29th DECEMBER

(St Thomas d Becket)

7.00 pm at St. Joseph's for John Philip Varley

TUESDAY 30th DECEMBER

(St Eugene)

10.00 am at St. Joseph's for Sarah Brady

WEDNESDAY 31st DECEMBER

(St Sylvester, Pope)

10.00 am at St. Joseph's for Gariel & Tina Jones

THURSDAY 1st JANUARY

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

10.00 am at St. Joseph's

for The Hakutangwi & Nyabocho Families

FRIDAY 2nd JANUARY

(St Basil the Great, Bishop : St Gregory Nazianzen, Bishop)

7.00 pm at St. Joseph's for St Anthony & Holy Family

SATURDAY 3rd JANUARY

(St Genevieve)

9.30 am at The Rosary Church for The Cornelia Family

The Epiphany (Year B)

(Saturday) 6.00 pm at St. Joseph's

(Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament from 5.15 pm)

SUNDAY 4th 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 Jim & Nancy Earley, Eoin Connell & Family,
Paula Taylor, Dorothy Hunt, Patrick Keely

BLESSED SACRAMENT CHAPEL open every day this week from 10.30 am - 6.00 pm. Come and pray. Visit the children's crib.



NEW YEAR'S DAY MASS

This year the mass is at St Joseph's, but our Rosary Church team will still be providing their usual hospitality - hot drinks, cakes and savouries, etc. - after mass in St Joseph's Coffee Shop and all are welcome.



Prayer Box



Please pray for:
**Families of the parish
and our loved ones living and dead**
especially for those who have recently died:
Cath Whomsley (RIP), Kevin Brennan (RIP)

The sick and housebound, those in hospital
and in nursing homes - especially:
Jack Laing, Declan, Fabian Sweeney, Christina Flynn,
Jenny Aitken, Jonathan Lockwood, Ed James,
Pat Aitken, Lucia & Lina Lobo

Prayers for: Magdalene Skipper
The McCann family and all missing children
The peoples and countries of the world,
especially for MALAYSIA & NORTH KOREA

Postbag

Dear Father,

I am Fr Pawel Blok and I am director of Pro-Life work in the Archdiocese of Astana, in the former Soviet-occupied country of Kazakhstan.

We are preparing the biggest pro-life effort in our country since our freedom was gained from the Communists after many decades of their control and atheism.

Nothing like this has been done before. We are a remote and poor country and we need prayers for this very special project.

Please include us in your prayers.

May God bless you.

Gratefully yours in Christ, Fr Pawel Blok OFM

PILGRIMAGES 2015.

Rome and Assisi 15th-23rd July
We travel again with our friends from Scotland.

Cost is **£525** half board
plus cost of flight on day of booking

Yet to be arranged . . .

**Lourdes/Padua/Padre Pio
in September** - probable

Rome in November is a certainty
Let Fr John know your interest

Parish Websites

www.stjoseph-leicester.btck.co.uk

www.ourliturgy.btck.co.uk

www.watermead-apostolate.com

Regular Parish Activities

AT ST JOSEPH'S . . .

Activities resume from Monday 5th January

The Parish on Sundays

Hot (and cold) drinks after mass on Sunday mornings at both our churches. The Lourdes Garden, the library and Watermead Shop open at St Joseph's.

ON FAMILY DAY, the first Sunday of each month at St Joseph's, the "Home from Home" shop is also open - we welcome ideas to complement this regular event. Do get in touch and suggest.

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.

MEDITATION

All are welcome at St Joseph's Convent (located at car park entrance)] on Wednesdays at 10.45 am
Quiet prayer, meditation and intercessions.

EVERY THURSDAY

is **PARISH OPEN DAY** at St Joseph's
~ Hot drinks in the Coffee Shop!
Parish Library, "HOME FROM HOME"
Garden and Watermead Shop are all open after the morning Service.
(NEW ACTIVITIES STARTING SOON)



Watermead shop

The "Old Stable" Centre
HOLIDAY OPENING TIMES

We closed this week re-opening
on **SUNDAY 3rd JANUARY**

But we shall open for a short time after the morning masses this week by request.

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

OTHER SERVICES OFFERED Heel-to-Toe Footcare Service

Julie, a foot care specialist, is holding a regular foot care clinics in the Watermead Centre

Next session is 8th January.

Contact Julie direct on **0116 3678480**

. . . AND REFLEXOLOGY

If you would like to know more about reflexology or to make an appointment contact our therapist:

Sharon on **0116 2120719**

Dates for Diary

PRAYER FOR LEICESTERSHIRE

Sunday 4th January

7.30-9.00 pm

at All Nations Centre, Frog Island

All welcome

LEICESTERSHIRE CATHOLIC YOUTH Fun, Faith & Spirituality

for our young people (see below)

Wednesday 21st January

at Sacred Heart, Mere Road

. . . also a date for your diary (details soon)

Friday 30th January

A Skittles Evening

at St Wilfreds, Coalville

FLAME 2

A National Youth Event at Wembley Arena
on **Saturday 7th March 2015**

A gathering of thousands of young Catholics, aged 14-21, from around the country will gather for prayer, music and nationally known speakers.

LEICESTERSHIRE CATHOLIC ACTIVE

YOUTH are booking coaches and £20 covers the travel, the Flame 2 ticket and the Robin Hood hat (for the Nottingham Diocese). The Catenians have helped with the costs and so will the parishes. Any youngsters from St Joseph's who wishes to go will be supported by the parish's paying £10 towards their costs.

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!

THANK
You

I keep wanting to
say thank you for
so much to so many!
Thank you.
Fr John

Last week's collections were safely
counted and banked. Thank you.

Parish **£904** Christmas **£2,583**

Counters: Gloriosa & Sarah (Next week: Margaret)

PARISH ROTA FOR NEXT WEEKEND

Sat. 6.00 pm
Sun. 10.30 am
6.00 pm

Readers
Marie
Sheila
TBA

Eucharistic Ministers
Caroline
Gerry / Mary
Marie

Children's Liturgy
Resumes
11th January