Keep Christ in "Christ"mas

Send religious Christmas cards

ST. JOSEPH'S PARISH, LEICESTER

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Dear People,

Did you hear the Pope's speaking at the European Parliament in Strasbourg or read reports? He spoke strongly. The Catholic press carries full details of the speech this weekend . . . .

> "The time has come to work together in building a Europe which revolves not around the economy but around the sacredness of the human person, around inalienable values; in building a Europe which courageously embraces its past and confidently looks to its future in order to fully experience the hope of its present.
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> "The time has come for us to abandon the idea of a Europe which is fearful and self-absorbed, in order to revive and encourage a Europe of leadership, a respository of science, art, music, human values and faith as well; a Europe which contemplates the heavens and pursues lofty ideals and a Europe which cares for, defends and protects mankind, every man and woman.
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> "To our dismay we see technical and economic questions dominating political debate to the detriment of genuine concern for human beings. Men and women risk being reduced to mere cogs in a machine that treats them as items of consumption to be exploited with the result that - as is so tragically apparent - whenever a human life no longer proves useful for that machine it is discarded with few qualms, as is the case of terminally ill, the elderly who are abandoned and uncared for and children who are killed in the womb."

Who else could speak to the world like this? I felt pround of Pope Francis as he addressed the world and many of its important politicians in the same way that he talks to the people in the piazza of St Peter's in Rome. He speaks with simplicity, love and the expectiation that he will be listened to. What a gift - to have no doubt that he is blessed to speak from the position he holds and God is with him. No other prominent person in the world would have that confidence.

We thank God for Pope Francis but also pray for ourselves with similar convictions - the people of God witnessing God's love.

God bless you, Fr. John

30th November 2014 (Prayer Week 1)

"Happy New Church Year, everyone"

Mass Times and Intentions

1st SUNDAY OF ADVENT (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 Kathleen Collins, John Boyd, Michael Keaveny, Frank Gallagher, Special Intention (M), The Rocha, Smith, Rodrigues Families, Baby Magnus

MONDAY 1st DECEMBER
7.00 pm at St. Joseph's *for David Parry*

TUESDAY 2nd DECEMBER
10.00 am at St. Joseph's *for Sister Kathleen (M)*
12.00 noon Requiem Mass for Betty Esposito

WEDNESDAY 3rd DECEMBER
(St Francis Xavier, Priest)
10.00 am at St. Joseph's *for Patricia Browne*

THURSDAY 4th DECEMBER
(St John Damascene, Priest)
10.00 am at St. Joseph's *for Family & Friends*

FRIDAY 5th DECEMBER
7.00 pm at St. Joseph's *for The Howlett Family*

SATURDAY 6th DECEMBER
(St Nicholas, Bishop)
9.30 am at The Rosary Church *for James Bryson*

2nd SUNDAY OF ADVENT (Year B)

(Saturday) 6.00 pm at St. Joseph's
(Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament from 5.15 pm)

SUNDAY 7th 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 Riomelda Ireland, Robert D'Souza, World Peace

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

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.

Parish Diary This Week

Monday 1st December

QUESTION OF FAITH We meet in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel after evening mass, as usual. All welcome.

Tuesday 2nd December

CHOIR PRACTICE in the parish hall at 7.30 pm. We continue our Advent and Christmas preparation. Welcome.

Wednesday 3rd December

MEDITATION at the Convent today. 10.45 am: Quiet prayer, meditation and intercessions. All welcome.

MALTA PILGRIMAGE A meeting in the parish hall at 7.00 pm for all those who have booked to go in February 2015. We make final payments and discuss details (please bring passports and insurance details).

Thursday 4th December

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.

CAROL SERVICE in the church at 12.30 pm (followed by free buffet lunch - see "Christmas Dates for Diary")

Watermead

The "Old Stable" Centre

SHOP OPENING TIMES

Tues, Wed, Thur 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**
www.watermead-apostolate.com

Pope blessing parchments, a large display of Christmas Cards, Cribs, Gifts, etc. & our **FREE "X"MAS ENVELOPE STICKERS**

260 Club

This Months Winners!

No.**66** wins £75; No.**184** wins £50;
No.**59** wins £50; No.**109** wins £50;
No.**81** wins £35.

Prayer Box

Please pray for:

Families of the parish

and our loved ones living and dead

especially for those who have recently died:

Mary Robinson (RIP), Cynthia Bunten (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: John O'Connor, Mary Wall, John Fertig, Keith Gray

The McCann family and all missing children

The peoples and countries of the world, especially NIGERIA

Christmas Services

MONDAY
22nd December
SERVICE OF RECONCILIATION & MASS
7.00 pm at St Joseph's

TUESDAY
23rd December
10.00 am Mass at St. Joseph's

WEDNESDAY
24th December
CHRISTMAS EVE
6.00 pm Mass for Children (Traditional)
9.30 pm Carols followed by
10.00 pm Christmas (Midnight) Mass

THURSDAY
25th December
CHRISTMAS DAY
9.00 am Mass at The Rosary Church
10.30 am Mass at St. Joseph's

FRIDAY
26th December
BOXING (St. Stephen's) DAY
10.00 am Mass at St Joseph's

SATURDAY
27th December
9.30 am Mass at The Rosary Church
6.00 pm Vigil Mass at St. Joseph's

SUNDAY
28th December
Feast of the Holy Family
Sunday Mass times as usual
9.00 am at The Rosary Church
10.30 am & 6.00 pm at St Joseph's

Christmas Flowers

We shall have a retiring collection for our Christmas flowers next weekend - **6th / 7th December.** Thank you.

Dates for Diary

ROSMINI CENTRE RATCLIFFE
Sunday 7th December.

RETREAT DAY given by Fr. John Daley IC. 10.30 am to 4.00 pm. Lunch included. Please telephone 01509 813078 or email rosminicentreinfo@gmail.com. Donations appreciated to cover costs and stipends.

Christmas Dates for Diary

Everyone invited and welcome to the following events - see notice boards for further details.

Tuesday 2nd December
CHURCHES TOGETHER IN HUMBERSTONE
EVENING MEDITATION ON ADVENT
7.00 pm at St Mary's Church, Humberstone

Thursday 4th December
CAROLS AND LUNCH
Our annual 12.30 pm Carol Service in St Joseph's Church followed by a free lunch in the parish hall - lifts available.
(Entrance to the lunch is by ticket only)
***FREE tickets** available from the Watermead Shop, Paula, Mary or Pauline and Christine.*

Wednesday 10th December
CANDLELIGHT CAROL SERVICE
and Entertainment Evening
begins in the Watermead Courtyard, 7.00 pm, followed by Fr John's Welsh Pwnch and mincepies in the parish hall.
No charge - donations to charities.

Friday 19th December
CROFT SILVER BAND CAROL CONCERT
"Christmas Silver Bells at St Joseph's"
7.30pm: Tickets **£5** (under 16's free) includes Tea/Coffee/Mince Pies. Bring your own drink.
From Kerry or Mags 07419129178

⇨⇨⇨ 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 Hodd 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.

FAMILY SUNDAY

Last week's collection was safely counted and banked. £1,072
Thank you. *Counters this week : Eileen & Michael*
(Next week : Gail & Keith)

PARISH ROTA FOR NEXT WEEKEND

	Readers	Eucharistic Ministers
Sat. 6.00 pm	Edward	Caroline
Sun. 10.30 am	Children	Gerry
6.00 pm	TBA	Marie

NEXT SUNDAY'S MASS is led by the children & afterwards in the hall there are refreshments & "Home from Home"