



ST. JOSEPH'S PARISH, LEICESTER

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Dear People,

Lourdes was wonderful. We arrived for the evening meal and then made our way to the Domaine for the Torchlight Procession (every evening at 9 pm). We joined in the prayer of the thousands gathered to honour Our Lady and then returned to our comfortable hotel St Louis de France.

On Friday we walked together to the Domaine. A warm sunny day. I gave a guided tour - Crowned Virgin, the Saints of the Sanctuary and I told their stories: Ss Remi, Vincent de Paul, Joachim and Anne, Roch, Bernard, John the Baptist, John the Evangelist, Hyacinth, Louis de Montfort, Martin. Then to the Grotto and the silence, always, of hundreds of people at prayer. Only when there is mass does anyone speak in the Grotto area.

We went on to the Baths, across the River Gave and along the far bank to the Blessed Sacrament Chapel, the large diocesan halls for mass and conferences, and then across the bridge to the Grotto area. It was 11.30 am and we spent the time before lunch revisiting and exploring where we chose. After lunch we had a couple of hours to browse before mass at 4.00 pm, Blessed Sacrament Procession at 5.00 pm, Supper at 7.00 pm and Rosary and Torchlight Procession at 9.00 pm.

On Saturday we walked through the town, visiting the places where Bernadette and her family lived in years of poverty: the Cachot (Prison house), Rue du Bourg, the parish church where she was baptised, Maison Paternelle and the Boly Mill where she was born. It is a sad story as background to the wonder of a little girl being chosen by Our Lady.

Some of us became members of the choir that sang and led the prayer for the Torchlight Processions and the singing and music for the International Mass at the Underground Basilica - 15,000 of us for a beautiful celebration.

So those were our days: breakfast 7-9.30 am, visiting and praying in the Basilicas, Stations of the Cross, at the Grotto; lunch 12-1.30 pm, mass at 2.00 pm, Blessed Sacrament Procession at 5.00 pm. Supper at 7.00 pm, Torchlight Procession at 9.00 pm. "It's tiring being a Lourdes pilgrim," said Ian.

We were such a good group, easy with each other, sharing everything. Lourdes is wonderful. We lit our candles for families and friends and I lit one for the parish. So you were all there. Do come next time (the cost is very reasonable).

Christine of our parish has lived in Lourdes for many years. She joined us for mass each day and introduced us to some of her friends, Dora, Kim and Josephine. She sends her greetings to everyone she knows.

I feel grateful to have shared the prayer of Lourdes once again. The days were full of blessings.

God bless us, our families and friends, Fr. John

27th September 2015 (Prayer Week 2)
"Heaven awaits - all invited"

Mass Times and Intentions

26th SUNDAY OF 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 Elizabeth Howley, Mary McDonagh, Reg & Mary Lowe,
Vincent Anderson, Norman Cox, John Fernandes

NOVENA TO St THERESA AFTER THE WEEKDAY MASS

MONDAY 28th SEPTEMBER

(St Wenceslas)

7.00 pm at St. Joseph's for Sisters of St Francis

TUESDAY 29th SEPTEMBER

(Ss Michael, Gabriel and Raphael, Archangels)

10.00 am at St. Joseph's for A Family Blessing

WEDNESDAY 30th SEPTEMBER

(St Jerome, Priest)

10.00 am at St. Joseph's for Samantha Sexton

THURSDAY 1st OCTOBER

(St Theresa of the Child Jesus)

10.00 am at St. Joseph's for Catholic Women

FRIDAY 2nd OCTOBER

(The Guardian Angels)

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

SATURDAY 3rd OCTOBER

9.30 am at The Rosary Church for A Family Blessing

27th SUNDAY OF YEAR (B)

(Saturday) 6.00 pm at St. Joseph's

(Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament from 5.15 pm)

SUNDAY 4th OCTOBER

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 Pat Scanlon, Flory Lobo, Sisters of St Francis

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. Library, Watermead Shop, Lourdes Garden, open at St Joseph's.

Parish Diary This Week

Monday 28th September
QUESTION OF FAITH. None this week. Save questions for next week. They'll be some interesting answers!

Wednesday 30th September
MEDITATION in St Joseph's Pastoral Centre, 10.50 am - enter via the church after mass or through the side gates from the car park. Quiet prayer, meditation, intercessions. All welcome.

Thursday 1st October

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.

"KNITT AND KNATTER" 11.00 am - 12 noon, upstairs in the Coffee Shop. Please feel welcome to join us.

Friday 3rd October
THE MIRIAM PRAYER GROUP meet in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel at 6.00 pm for faith-sharing, Scripture readings and the Rosary. All welcome.

Saturday 4th October
MOTHER OF PEACE UK Come and welcome our visitors and enjoy a lovely lunch (12.30 pm) being provided by the Zimbabwe community. (See further details in "Dates for Diary")

Watermead

The "Old Stable" Centre
SHOP OPENING TIMES
for 2016 Religious Calendars / Diaries
Tues, Wed, Thur from 10.30 am-3.30 pm
Sat 5-6 pm & Sun 11.45 am-12.15 pm
Information from 0116 220 7881 / 0
www.watermead-apostolate.com

Heel-to-Toe Footcare Service

The next clinic is **Thursday 8th October**
Appointments - phone Julie on 0116 3678480

Last week's collection was safely counted and banked. **£851**
Thank you. *Counters this week:*
John & June (Next week: Karen & Chris)

ROTA FOR NEXT WEEKEND

	Readers	Eucharistic Ministers
Sat. 6.00 pm	John	Cecilia
Sun. 10.30 am	Sheila	Anne G
6.00 pm	TBA	Marie

SVP Retiring collection TODAY

for the society's wonderful work in the parish and with its twinned Conferences in India.

Prayer Box

Please pray for:
Families of the parish
and our loved ones living and dead
especially for those who have recently died:
Jim Mason (RIP)

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

Jack Laing, Fabian Sweeney, Christina Flynn, Jenny Declan, Aitken, Jonathan Lockwood, Ed James, Pat Aitken, Lina Lobo, Mary Rayner, Patrick, Clare

Prayers for: Elizabeth Wright

The McCann family and all missing children

The peoples and countries of the world, especially THE SICK AT LOURDES

Postbag

Dear People,

John is no longer able to look after our red boxes for MISSIO - the Church's missions around the world. Would anyone be willing to take his place? Please tell me if you would be willing to share this good work. Fr John

Dear Fr John,

Would you be willing to have the pilgrim statue of Our Lady Queen of Peace in your parish for a short period? We are taking the statue to each parish that will be willing.

Yours sincerely, Mary Cosgrove.
PS I was glad to accept. The statue is in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel and we share the prayer for peace.

Dear People - translate if you can . . . !

SIDEM LOREZ INARO?

DEMAINT LOREZ DEMATRUX

FULLA CAUSAN BULSAN DUX

Once you work out one word, the rest follows.

TODAY'S FLOWER ARRANGEMENTS in St Joseph's include conkers and acorns from Lourdes, seeds from Mother of Peace in Zimbabwe and apples from St Joseph's car park.

Pilgrimages 2016

MALTA

Bookings still being made. Welcome.
£399, 1st-8th February and
£529, 1st-12th February

PADUA and VENICE

staying in Padua but visiting nearby Venice, Verona and Lake Garda (35 interested, so far)
We can choose **14th - 21st July** or **15th - 22nd September** at **£499**

HOLY YEAR in ROME

11th-17th November

£499 - to be confirmed

when flight schedules are available.

(Contact Fr John for details)

Next week's Sunday 10.30 am Mass

will be led by the Children and followed by a welcome into the hall for family Sunday.

Dates for Diary

NATIONAL PILGRIMAGE TO WALSHINGHAM
Sunday 27th September
Pilgrimage of Reparation and Prayer
for the Sanctity of Life
3 places available in a car.
Contact Stefanie on 0116 2761057

Catholic Bible Convention & Healing Service
led by Fr Joseph's Edattu VC
& Fr Antony Parankimalil VC
Sunday 27th September
2.30 - 7.00 pm at the Baptist Hall,
78 Uppingham Road
Details from Lucy 07885277200
(More details on notice boards)

Child Refugees

An evening highlighting the situation
Tuesday 29th September, 7-9.00 pm
at Quaker Meeting house, 16 Queens Road,
Leicester LE2 1WP : Details 0116 2540770

POSTPONED "Twilight" Retreat
The retreat on Wednesday 30th September
has been cancelled. The next retreat
evening is on **Wednesday 21st October**

Mother of Peace UK

are holding their AGM here at St Joseph's on
Saturday 3rd October
Join us for lunch! 12.30 - 2 pm.
Food and singing provided by the Zimbabwean
Community £5/donation with all proceeds to
the MOP orphanage in Zimbabwe.
Please come and help us welcome those
coming to our parish for the MOP AGM.

LET THE CHILDREN LIVE

Autumn Fayre, complete with barbeque
Sunday 11th October
"We are looking for donations of bottles -
alcoholic/non alcoholic for the bottle stall
and non perishable food items for the
Children's Liturgy Harvest Festival stall."
Contact Mags, Teresa or Kerry.

PILGRIMAGES

(1) **POLAND** and the **DIVINE MERCY**,
2nd-8th October, £719
(2) **THE HOLY LAND**,
26th November - 3rd December, £879
Contact Teresa Knott, on 0116 224 8350

The Gift of Friendship

Friendship is a priceless gift that cannot be bought or sold.

But its value is far greater than a mountain made of gold - for gold is cold and lifeless, it can neither see nor hear, and in the time of trouble it is powerless to cheer - it has no ears to listen, no heart to understand. it cannot bring you comfort or reach out a helping hand - so when you ask God for a Gift, be thankful if he sends not diamonds, pearls or riches, but the love real true friend.

Ecclesiastes 4:9,10