



# ST. JOSEPH'S PARISH, LEICESTER

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Dear People,

Those of you who remember or have studied World War II, Nazi Germany, the Holocaust, will remember the names of Hitler, Himmler, Goebbels, Goring, Heydrich, all guilty of terrible war crimes, especially against the Jews. What did those men have in common, besides being amongst the most evil men of the 20th century?

They had all been Catholics (don't say "once a Catholic, always a Catholic" - it isn't true). That is part of the horror of the collective memory of the Catholic Church in Germany: that "the Final Solution (extermination of the Jews)" and the conquest of Europe and, perhaps, eventually, the whole world, was directed by men who had grown up in Catholic families in a religious Germany.

The pastoral leadership of the Catholic Church in Germany and Italy during the frightening years of Fascism is shameful. The world received public apologies from the bishops of both countries in the 1960's for their moral cowardice, but the world already knew, through bishops' pastoral letters during the war, of the Church's support for the German and Italian war conquests. Do read those letters. They will show you how far nationalism, patriotism, can lead even seemingly good men from the truth of the faith they profess to the brutality of supporting war "my country, right or wrong."

The studies continue of how a nominally Christian country could wage war, hate the Jews, seek to dominate the world, to impose its power over Europe - and even the world. The voice of Christianity was muted. Pope Pius XII knew Goring well. He was papal nuncio in Germany for many years. He would have seen better than most what was happening and we know he kept Pius XI informed. Pius XI was an implacable foe of Nazi Germany and we can suppose Pius XII was also. What blinded/silenced them that they did not speak out more strongly in defence of the small countries of Europe and of the Jews! Soviet Russia. They feared Communism even more than Naziism and saw Hitler and his horrifying henchmen protectors of Western Europe.

We pray for Church and world leaders to put God first, not political power and domination.

God bless us, Fr. John

**28th February 2016 (Prayer Week 3)**  
"How good is God's forgiveness?"

## Mass Times and Intentions

### 3rd SUNDAY OF LENT(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)

Angela McGovern, Sheila Jackson, Kathleen Riley,  
Betty O'Gorman, Maureen Doherty, People of the Parish,  
Pat Brennan, Gerry Barrios, Jack Laing

### MONDAY 29th FEBRUARY

7.00 pm at St. Joseph's

for Antonietta & Angelina Abbraccio

### TUESDAY 1st MARCH

(St David)

10.00 am at St. Joseph's for Betty O'Gorman

### WEDNESDAY 2nd MARCH

10.00 am at St. Joseph's for Jack Laing

**STATION MASS at Holy Cross, 7.00 for 7.30 pm**

### THURSDAY 3rd MARCH

10.00 am at St. Joseph's for Eamon Neary

### FRIDAY 4th MARCH

(St Casimir)

7.00 pm at St. Joseph's Mass with Stations of the Cross

for Thanksgiving (SB)

### SATURDAY 5th MARCH

9.30 am at The Rosary Church for Ellen Connell

### 4th SUNDAY OF LENT (C)

(Saturday) 6.00 pm at St. Joseph's

(Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament from 5.15 pm)

### SUNDAY 6th MARCH

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)

Rose Devereux, Kitty Aynesley, Family Blessing

### 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 - dusk.

## The Parish on Sundays



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

## Parish Diary This Week

### Monday 29th February

**QUESTION OF FAITH.** Probably - we shall confirm after the evening mass.

### Tuesday 1st March

**SERVICE OF RECONCILIATION** at Holy Cross, Leicester, 7.00 pm, led by Bishop Patrick. All welcome.

### Wednesday 2nd March

**MEDITATION** in St Joseph's Pastoral Centre, 10.50 am Quiet prayer, meditation, intercessions. All welcome.  
**STATION MASS**, Holy Cross, 7.30 pm.  
**CHURCHES TOGETHER** this week is at Uppingham Rd Methodist Church. Refreshments at 7.00 pm, followed by prayer and discussion at 7.30 pm.

### Thursday 3rd March

**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.

**FOOTCARE CLINIC TODAY** in the Watermead Centre. Telephone Julie on 0116 3678480 for an appointment.

### Friday 4th March

**THE MIRIAM PRAYER GROUP** meet in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel at 6.00 pm. All welcome.

### Saturday 5th March

**VIOLIN LESSONS** in the Children's Liturgy room from 10.00 - 11.00 am. If interested come and found out more.

## Churches Together in Humberstone LENT COURSE

### "The Psalms and our Prayer"

Wednesday 2nd March  
at Uppingham Road Methodist church  
Thursday 10th March  
at Abbots Road URC  
Thursday 17th March  
at Christ Church, Thurnby Lodge

Last week's collection was safely counted and banked. **£1,048**

Thank you. *Counters: Terry*

(Next week: TBA)

## Prayer Box

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

Monsignor Edward Walker (RIP)

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

Fabian Sweeney, Christina Flynn, Declan,  
Jenny Aitken, Jonathan Lockwood, Jennifer Cox,  
Pat Aitken, Lina Lobo, Mary Rayner, Patrick, Clare

Prayers for: Donald Burgess

The McCann family and all missing children

The peoples and countries of the world,  
especially IRELAND

## Postbag

Dear Parish Friends,

We are planning our Easter visit to the children at Mother of Peace orphanage in Zimbabwe. Please help if you can as they are going through difficult times. The Government has declared a national emergency because of the recent drought and consequent food shortages . . .

### ITEMS NEEDED FOR THE EASTER VISIT 2016

Enamel bowls (please see the example in St. Joseph's chapel); Acrylic paints; Art/craft materials/ decorative "bits and pieces"; Remnant pieces of material; Picture books with simple English text - plus some with themes for older children; Recorder tutor music books; Lightweight pocket money toys; Teenage girls' bras (all sizes); Knitting needles/wool; Wind-up torches; Inexpensive watches.

Thank you, Lynn.

PS Details next week for MOP "Penfriends"

**LACY Leicestershire Active Catholic Youth  
STATIONS OF THE CROSS & MASS**  
at Mount St Bernard's Abbey

**Sunday 13th March, 1.30 - 5.30 pm**

More details on notice boards. Contact  
Ian 07752130224 or Pauline 07885187374 for  
coach details or more information.

Have you joined the parish Facebook Group yet?

## FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

### A Meeting for parents

(and children if they wish to come)

on **Monday 7th March**

after the evening Mass (7.45 pm) in the church,  
just for half an hour. Please do come.

## Watermead

### SHOP OPENING TIMES

FOR ALL LENT/EASTER RESOURCES, ETC.

Tues, Wed, Thur from 10.30 am-3.30 pm  
Sun 11.45 am - 12.15 pm

Information from from 0116 220 7881 / 0  
[www.watermead-apostolate.com](http://www.watermead-apostolate.com)

## ROTA FOR NEXT WEEKEND

	Readers	Eucharistic Ministers
Sat. 6.00 pm	Francis	Sal
Sun. 10.30 am	CHILDREN	Gery
6.00 pm	TBA	Vincent

## Dates for Diary

### ROSMINI CENTRE : LENTEN RETREAT

led by Fr. David Tobin IC

### Saturday 5th March

10.00 for 10.30 to 4.00 pm. Suggested donation £15.

Lunch, tea/coffee provided.

To book telephone 01509 813078

### InterCare Annual Quiz Night

at the Queen Victoria, Syston

### Tuesday 8th March, 7:00 pm

Details from <http://intercare.org.uk/>

### Retrouvaille Weekend for Married Couples

### 11th-13th March

Full details from Clive and Kathy on  
07887296983 or email [info@retrouvaille.org.uk](mailto:info@retrouvaille.org.uk)

### "Twilight" LENTEN RETREAT

We begin again for this year on

### Wednesday 16th March

7.00 - 9.00 pm here at St Joseph's

An evening of talks, prayer and music  
led by Fr John. All welcome. (£2 donation)  
(Leaflets with full programme at back of church)

### St Patrick's Day Mass

### Thursday 17th March, 11.00 am

at St Patrick's, Beaumont Leys, Leicester

Celebrant: Bishop Patrick

### Peter Mylett in Concert

### Saturday 19th March, 7.30 pm

at the Notts Club in aid of MacMillan Nurses  
Tickets on the door £7 (see poster)

### Pilgrimage to Poland & Divine Mercy 5th - 12th September 2015 - £829

Spiritual leader : Fr Paul Lloyd

Please contact

Theresa on 0116 224 8350 or  
Fr Paul on 01406 423034

## STATION MASSES

Do consider coming and meeting and sharing  
prayer with your Catholic neighbours.

### Wednesday 2nd March

Holy Cross, Wellington Street

### Wednesday 9th March

St Mary's, South Wigston

(Mass on all evenings begins at 7.30 pm and  
there will be confessions prior to each Mass)

## YEAR OF MERCY

8th December 2015 - 20th November 2016

### REFUGEES / ASYLUM SEEKERS



What do you know about  
Leicester City of Sanctuary?  
Did you know that it is entirely  
run by volunteers?  
Would you like to volunteer?  
Is there a way you could help?

Next week we shall share a way  
to help with the click of a mouse!  
But for now visit their website to  
find out more about the project....

[www.leicester.cityofsanctuary.org](http://www.leicester.cityofsanctuary.org)

## Our Parish & local Doors of Mercy

at St Joseph's:

- (1) Inner Porch Doors and
- (2) The Door of the Blessed Sacrament Chapel  
at The Rosary: The Inner Porch Door

The Diocesan Door in this area is  
at Holy Cross, Wellington Street, Leicester