



## CHRIST IS RISEN

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## EASTER FAITH

"Is there is a moment in life where you would choose to be? It might be on that first Easter Sunday, in the Garden, with Mary Magdalen. What a joy to see his hands - with the wounds still in them - touching us out of love."  
*(Cardinal Basil Hume)*



"It is not only with our hearts but with the totality of our experience that we know the risen Christ. We can know him day after day as the Apostles knew him. Not the Christ of the flesh but the ever-living Christ. The Christ of the spirit of whom St Paul speaks, the risen Christ who belongs to time and eternity because he died once upon the cross but lives forever."  
*(Metropolitan Anthony Bloom)*

"Today, all we can do is stand in awe before the fact of the Resurrection and the hope it carries. Tomorrow we have to keep on telling this story of hope to see how Jesus' friends and followers tried to live it out. Just as they struggled to understand what it meant that he overcame evil .... that he pointed their lives in a radically different direction, so must we."  
*(Marie Dennis)*

"Jesus, who was crucified, is risen. This event is the basis of our faith and our hope. If Christ were not raised, Christianity would lose its very meaning; the whole mission of the Church would lose its impulse, for this is the point from which it first set out and continues to set out ever anew. The message which Christians bring to the world is this: Jesus, Love incarnate, died on the cross for our sins, but God the Father raised him and made him the Lord of life and death. In Jesus, love has triumphed over hatred, mercy over sinfulness, goodness over evil, truth over falsehood, life over death."  
*(Pope Francis)*

Quotations from the Living Spirit in this week's Tablet.

Two films for you to see that were released this week:

'Risen' (Joseph Fiennes plays the part of a Roman soldier looking for the crucified body of Jesus) and . . .

'The Club' (a priestly prison in which four suspended priests seek redemption).

**27th APRIL 2016 (Prayer Week)**  
"Good Friday, death: Easter Sunday, life"

## Mass Times and Intentions

### EASTER SUNDAY

(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 Phyllis Lobo, Ron Parkin, Jack Laing, Howard Fertig, Bill, Mary & Catherine Murray, Jim & Nancy Earley, Paddy & Agnes Murphy, Eustace Francis Thuillier, John McDonagh, Family Thanksgiving.*

### MONDAY 28th MARCH

(Easter Monday)

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

### TUESDAY 29th MARCH

10.00 am at St. Joseph's *for Sarah Brady*

### WEDNESDAY 30th MARCH

10.00 am at St. Joseph's *for Fr Clement*

### THURSDAY 31st MARCH

10.00 am Requiem Mass at St. Joseph's  
*for Joan Laizans*

### FRIDAY 1st APRIL

7.00 pm at St. Joseph's *for Thanksgiving Mrudul & family*

### SATURDAY 2nd APRIL

(St Francis of Paola)

9.30 am at The Rosary Church *for Family Blessing*

### 2nd SUNDAY OF EASTER (C)

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

### SUNDAY 3rd APRIL

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)

*Ellen O'Connell, Vera Murphy, John Brady, Jack Laing*

### 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



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

## Parish Diary This Week

### Monday 28th March

**EASTER MONDAY MASS, 10.00 am**

### Wednesday 30th March

**MEDITATION** in St Joseph's Pastoral Centre, 10.50 am. All welcome.

### Thursday 31st 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.

### Friday 1st April

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

### Saturday 2nd April

**VIOLIN LESSONS** - now having Easter break. Should resume **23rd April**.

**Leicestershire Active Catholic Youth (LACY)** will be having a Skittles Evening especially for our young people from Comprehensive Age upwards! A time for fun together. This to take place on **Saturday 16th April** from 7.00 p.m. to 10.00 p.m. at the Star & Garter Public House, 114 Leicester Road, Wigston, LE18 1DS. Two food options available (see poster). The cost is £8.50 per person and a deposit of £4 required by **10th April**. Contact Marie on 07484 744405 or Pauline on 07885 187374 to place your order and for more information. E mail addresses also on poster. We look forward to seeing you all! Bring your friends and families!

*"Three-quarters of humanity profess a religious faith and that figure is projected to reach 80% by 2050"* (Rupert Shortt)

### 260 Club

#### New members invited

Each month we have a draw with prizes of £75, 3 x £50 and £35. Members pay £2 per month or £24 for the year and the money supports parish activities. Welcome!

Last week's collection was safely counted and banked. **£1,227**  
Thank you. *Counters: Pauline & Christine*  
(Next week: Tony)

## Prayer Box

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

Doreen Tobin (RIP), Noel Donohoe (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: *Mary Fitzpatrick, Tchatchoua Family*

*The McCann family and all missing children*

*The peoples and countries of the world, especially BELGIUM & FRANCE*

*(remembering NEW YORK, MADRID, LONDON, MUMBAI, NAIROBI, YEMEN (2), ANKARA (2), TUNISIA, BEIRUT, LIBYA, AFGHANISTAN, BAGHDAD, PARIS, BRUSSELS all indiscriminate terrorist attacks. Isis is killing more Muslims than any other group. Until we understand that Isis is against the world, including Muslims, we shall not be able to defeat this common enemy.*

## Postbag

Dear Stella (an alcoholic),

You must not speak of your life being wasted. No person can say that their life is a failure until the moment of death, and even then it is for God to say. Perhaps you - and this applies to me and a host of others - have gone about some things in a wrong way. It is hard often to know the right way to act in this confused world. But this must be a comfort to you - I'm speaking as one who has benefitted often from your kindness and love and sweet nature - you have given much happiness to people who were hungry for it. This is the greatest gift of all, charity, deep disinterested love of one's fellow men; a far higher gift, believe me, than the gifts of art or music or poetry, marvelous though they are. Treasure your gift, dear Stella, for this would be a darker and sadder world without you. George. (George Mackay Brown was a Scottish poet who became a Catholic in mature life. The quote comes from Maggie Fergusson's book: 'George Mackay Brown: The Life'.)

Dear People,

The Catholic Universe is going to print articles from prominent people about the EU Referendum - just as I invited all of us in the parish to share our views. Please do consider writing for us and sharing your convictions. God bless you, Fr John.

PS Any more 50-word stories or the Bible or the Gospel, as suggested in last week's newsletter?

## ROTA FOR NEXT WEEKEND

	Readers	Eucharistic Ministers
Sat. 6.00 pm	Clare	Sal
Sun. 10.30 am	Gail	Steve / Sr Lelia
6.00 pm	TBA	Vincent

## Dates for Diary

### DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

**Sunday 3rd April**

at Our Lady of Good Counsel  
Gleneagles Avenue, Leicester

### LEICESTER GOAN ASSOCIATION

are hold a Charity Event - Music by Muz in aid of Motor Neurone Disease on **Sunday 24th April, 1.00 - 7.00 pm**  
Blessed Sacrament Church LE3 1JS  
Advance Tickets only (include lunch) £10 (£5)  
Book on 0116 2414512 before 16th April

### Our next "Twilight Retreat" Wednesday 20th April

Theme: "The Celtic Church"

### Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist

Our Leicestershire day of Prayer & Reflection is here at St Joseph's on **Saturday 30th April** (Details to follow)

## Watermead SHOP OPENING THIS WEEK

Thursday from 10.30 am-3.30 pm  
(closed Tues/Wed) Sun 11.45 am-12.15 pm

**Ireland's Easter Rising** at noon on 24th April 1916 is being remembered around the world this weekend, but especially in Dublin. We pray with the people of Ireland and the Irish people around the world for peace and harmony. So many peoples know this same suffering.

## YEAR OF MERCY

8th December 2015 - 20th November 2016

Do you see yourself in these two pictures?

"The Church is tired and depressed. It has become a minority all of a sudden. It was not ready for it and it has found itself powerless. On the one side are Christians whose faith is based on cultural affiliations; the other are conservative hardliners who don't accept the current course of the Church because they feel it in contradiction with the Church of their dreams."

"His passion is for a radical Christian life, rooted in the Gospel and in the spirit of Vatican II. He is passionate about the Vatican Council which he says caused three 'revolutions': removing the divisions between clergy and laity, creating a new relationship with other Christian denominations and engaging in dialogue with the world. The Church moved from a ministry of condemnation to a ministry of mercy."



Brother Enzo Bianchi, of the Bose Community in Northern Italy, offers these two ways of being a Christian, a Catholic.

To which do you relate?

Has your understanding of the Catholic faith changed?

## 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