



ST. JOSEPH'S PARISH, LEICESTER

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Dear People,

We pray with the people of Ireland. So much good might come from Pope Francis' visit - but much harm if he does not hear the anger of hurts caused and justice to be done. He cannot smile or wave away pleasantly all that still needs to be healed in Ireland and throughout the Catholic world. There must be full recognition of the hidden misery and evil our Church authorities wanted to keep hidden.

We pray for all who have left the Church. Who can blame them? If ever we are to see the horror of religion, in contrast to the love of God, this, for Catholics, has been the time. For Muslims it is their killers, Daesh (Islamic State), defiling their love of God: for us, it is our institutional corruption in protecting the Church's name by ignoring the abused and protecting or hiding the abusers. In Myanmar, Burma, we see equally sickening institutional prejudice against the Rohyngia slaughtered or forced to flee in the name of the purity of Buddhism.

No wonder the world detests religion for what is done in its name. So do I. But I love God with all my heart and I hope you do, too. God is true religion - love of one another, one human family, justice and peace. Church, Synagogue, Mosque, Monastery are only true religion when they reflect God. When lust for power, ambition, self-serving, greed, corruption promotes the wrong men (always the men), as we see in our world, we have bad religion.

Pope Francis will hear this in Ireland and speak his sorrow and his support for those who want and know how to put things right. We are one with the people of Ireland in wanting to bring healing and we look to Pope Francis to lead us in every part of the Catholic world where there has been this extraordinarily cruel abuse of children and the cover-up for their abusers that is impossible to understand. What were the bishops thinking when they knew and did nothing? We pray for them as they come to terms with the horror they perpetuated.

God bless us all, judges and judged,

Fr. John

See over for Bishop Patrick's letter to priests, received last weekend whilst Fr John was with our Stresa pilgrimage, along with the introduction from, and link to, Pope Francis' letter to all the People of God.

26th August 2018 (Prayer Week 1)
"We pray for the people of Ireland"

Mass Times and Intentions

21st 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 Arianna Kubavat, Children in the Womb,
Zeferino Remedios, Maria Lourdes Remedios,
Tom Concannon

MONDAY 27th AUGUST

(St Monica)

10.00 am at St Joseph's for Sabrina & Jayman Kubavat

TUESDAY 28th AUGUST

(St Augustine, Bishop)

10.00 am at St Joseph's for Kay Fenton

WEDNESDAY 29th AUGUST

(The beheading of John the Baptist)

10.00 am at St Joseph's for Veronica McHugh

THURSDAY 30th AUGUST

(St Margaret Clitherow, Anne Line, Margaret Ward)

10.00 am at St Joseph's for Tommy Marshall

FRIDAY 31st AUGUST

(St St Aidan, Saints of Lindisfarne)

7.00 pm at St Joseph's for Children in the Womb

SATURDAY 1st SEPTEMBER

(World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation)

9.30 am at The Rosary Church for Timothy Harris

22nd SUNDAY OF YEAR (B)

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

SUNDAY 2nd SEPTEMBER

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 Filipe Noronha, Kit North, Jack Samuels

CONFESSIONS EACH WEEK

SATURDAY & SUNDAY 5.15 pm at St. Joseph's
(in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel)

BLESSED SACRAMENT CHAPEL

open every day this week from 10.30 am - 6.30 pm.

The Parish on Sundays



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

Parish Diary This Week

Monday 27th August
BANK HOLIDAY MASS at 10.00 am.

Tuesday 28th August
St JOSEPH'S TABLE open today from 10.40 am - 3.30 pm (2.45 pm last serving of special menu of week - see details in adjacent box). Parish library, Garden, Home from Home, Watermead shop are also open.

WATERMEAD SHOP OPEN 10.30 am-3.30 pm

CHOIR PRACTICE tonight, 7.30 pm.

Wednesday 29th August
St JOSEPH'S TABLE open again today 10.40am-3.30 pm (for detail see Tuesday).
MEDITATION in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel, 10.50 am. All welcome.

WATERMEAD SHOP OPEN 10.30 am-3.30 pm

Thursday 30th August
PARISH OPEN DAY - hot drinks in Coffee Shop after the morning service (Library, and Garden are also open). All welcome.

WATERMEAD SHOP OPEN 10.30 am-3.30 pm

Friday 31st August
THE MIRIAM PRAYER GROUP meet at 6.00 pm for faith sharing and Rosary. All welcome, in church or chapel.

CHURCH ROTAS FOR NEXT WEEKEND

	Readers	Eucharistic Ministers
Sat. 6.00 pm	Clare	Sal
Sun. 9.00 am	Alan	-
10.30 am	Sheila	Anne G / Sister Lelia
6.00 pm	TBA	Vincent

Last week's collection was safely counted and banked. **£863**
*(Special RASH Collection £87)

Thank you. *Counters: Terry*
(Next week: John & June)

*RASH stands for our regular giving for Leicester's Refugees, Asylum Seekers, Homeless.

Letter from Pope Francis to all the People of God

"If one member suffers, all suffer together with it" (1 Cor 12:26). These words of Saint Paul forcefully echo in my heart as I acknowledge once more the suffering endured by many minors due to sexual abuse, the abuse of power and the abuse of conscience perpetrated by a significant number of clerics and consecrated persons. Crimes that inflict deep wounds of pain and powerlessness, primarily among the victims, but also in their family members and in the larger community of believers and nonbelievers alike. Looking back to the past, no effort to beg pardon and to seek to repair the harm done will ever be sufficient. Looking ahead to the future, no effort must be spared to create a culture able to prevent such situations from happening, but also to prevent the possibility of their being covered up and perpetuated. The pain of the victims and their families is also our pain, and so it is urgent that we once more reaffirm our commitment to ensure the protection of minors and of vulnerable adults...

Prayer Box

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

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Fabian, Declan, Jenny, Jonathan, Chris, Maria, Jennifer, Pat, Mary, Anna, Patrick, Olven

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Prayers for: Clive & Jane & family

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The McCann family and all missing children

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The peoples and countries of the world,
especially IRELAND, KERALA,
VENEZUELA & Neighbouring Countries

Message for everyone who went on our Stresa pilgrimage. Clive has been in hospital since falling ill on the plane back to England. He was taken straight to Surrey hospital and diagnosed with pneumonia, put on oxygen and antibiotics (intravenously administered). He has now made sufficient progress for the hospital to release him into local care at home and their son has gone to collect both Clive and Jane and bring them back to Leicester later today (Saturday). They thank everyone for their prayers and good wishes and especially the help received at the airport. We continue to hold them both in prayer that Clive makes a full recovery.

St Joseph's Table

This Week's Specials

Soup - Summer Vegetable

Lunchtime specials - Fish Cakes

served with potatoes & fresh vegetables

(Please come before 2.45 pm to avoid disappointment)

Quiche of the week & Salad, Sandwiches, etc.

Dessert - Rhubarb & Strawberry crumble
(served with custard, cream, ice-cream)

Dates for Diary

Pilgrimage to Knock Shrine, Ireland

8th October 2018

£599 per person sharing (Single Supplement £100).
Contact Patricia 01268 762 278 or 07740175557
or email knockpilgrimages@gmail.com

Bishop Patrick's Letter to the Priests

Dear Father,

In the past few days, reports have been published detailing large scale abuse of young people by priests in Pennsylvania and at Ambleforth and Downside. As Pope Francis has said, these reports fill us all with shame and sorrow at the morally reprehensible and criminal behaviour of the priests and the terrible suffering inflicted by them on so many young people, and the scandalous failure of so many of our leaders - bishops and abbots, to deal adequately with these crimes when they were brought to their attention.

I wish you to know - and for you to be able to say to your parishioners - that I personally share that shame and sorrow, and that I am praying for the victims. Alongside you, I am committed to ensuring that any issues raised in this diocese will be dealt with immediately and appropriately. I would like to reassure you that I have you all very much in my thoughts, and that I will be praying for you all at this very difficult time.

+ Patrick

The link to Pope Francis full letter is on the parish website - www.stjoseph-leicester.btck.co.uk

POSTBAG

Dear Sinlesscerely,

After deep thought and consideration, I have reached the conclusion that becoming a priest is your best and only option.

The beautiful Miss V.E. Bott clearly has other plans. All chances of playing any sport for your beloved Wales have now passed you by, but it is obvious to me already that you have the energy, passion and wit to become a priest and teacher.

I shall personally put your name on the register, subito, for your intense study in Bella Roma. Yours Benedictfully.

Dear Father and Parishioners,

As you will be aware, the Catholic press does an important job each week of bringing the Catholic perspective on the big issues of the day to our Catholic community. Our two newspapers, the Catholic Universe and the Catholic Times, serve the Church throughout the UK and in Ireland.

We thank you for your support over the years and hope that you will continue to support us. Unfortunately we have to increase the price of each paper from £1.30 to £1.50, our first increase since 2011. Please continue your support. We thank you sincerely,

Clive Leach and Joseph Kelly

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We celebrate St Joseph's Church's 50th anniversary on the weekend of 22nd/23rd September.

Do you remember your May Queen Procession? Would you like to do it all over again? I am organising a May Queen Procession on the afternoon of our Sunday celebrations and would love to hear from anyone who wishes to be involved. I would like the procession to be led by children who have recently made their First Holy Communion (in the last 2 years) I'm sure they would love the chance to wear their beautiful outfits again!! We will be singing traditional May Queen hymns which I'm sure we all remember. Everybody is invited to re-live their Holy Communion procession - we may even get some May Queens. If you would like to take part please get in touch with me.

Thank you. Mags 07419129178

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As well as the above procession our celebrations will include a Taize Evening of Prayer and Music, an Organ Recital, Musical Moments, Exhibitions, (flower, archive, parish groups), along with all-day refreshments during our open weekend. There will be a planning meeting soon and if you would like to be involved, can offer help, please tell Fr John or Alison in person, by phone or email.

St Joseph's at 50 : Did You Know?

There have been 3 churches at St Joseph's. The first was the Old Stable (now the Watermead Centre) and Christmas midnight mass was celebrated there in 1938. Then came the hall and church combined (now the parish hall) and from 1968 our present church - a Grade II listed building.