



ST. JOSEPH'S PARISH, LEICESTER

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Letter to Young People from the Synod Bishops

We address you, young people of the world, with a word of hope, trust and consolation. We recognise in Jesus your many voices, shouts of exultation, your cries and your moments of silence.

We are familiar with the inner searching, the joys and hopes, the pain and anguish that make up your longings. We wish to be sharers in your joy so that your expectations may come to life and your dreams may be realised.

Our weaknesses should not deter you; our frailties and sins must not be an obstacle for your trust. The church will accompany you on new roads, higher paths, sweeping away the mists of indifference and discouragement.

When the world that God so loved that he gave his only Son, Jesus, is focused on material things, on short-term successes, on pleasures, and when the world crushes the weakest, you must help it to rise up again and turn its gaze towards love, beauty, truth and justice.

For a month we have walked together with some of you and with many others who have been united to us through prayer and affection. We wish to continue the journey now in every part of the earth where the Lord Jesus sends us as missionary disciples.

The Church and the world urgently need your enthusiasm. Be sure to make the most fragile people, the poor and those wounded by life, your travelling companions.

You are the present: be a brighter future.

Dear People,

Watermead has produced a lovely series of five Christmas cards, telling the Gospel stories and explaining their symbolism:

- (1) Joseph's Story; (2) The Shepherds' Story;
- (3) The Story of the Magi; (4) Glimpse of Family Love;
- (5) The Gospel in history.

The familiar stories are told with the aid of biblical scholarship and offer a fuller way of understanding that the Gospel is written not as history but as revealing the truths of our faith.

The shop is open at various times, during the week, but you can also order from their internet shop or by telephoning them (see over page).

God bless us to share our faith, Fr. John

25th November 2018 (Prayer Week 2)
"National Youth Sunday - we remember"

Mass Times and Intentions

FEAST OF CHRIST THE KING

(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 Sister Lucy, Celia Cates, Patrick Bishop, Thanksgiving,
Virgilio Rosario, Children in the Womb

MONDAY 26th NOVEMBER

7.00 pm at St Joseph's for Departed Loved Ones

TUESDAY 27th NOVEMBER

(St Catherine Labouré)

10.00 am at St Joseph's for Mr George

6.30 pm at St Joseph's : Catenian Memoriam Mass

WEDNESDAY 28th NOVEMBER

10.00 am at St Joseph's for Lucy Fenandes, Peter Beadle

THURSDAY 29th NOVEMBER

10.00 am at St Joseph's : Service of Word & Communion

FRIDAY 30th NOVEMBER

(St Andrew, Apostle)

7.00 pm at St Joseph's for Sheila Kelly

SATURDAY 1st DECEMBER

9.30 am at The Rosary Church for Family and Friends

1st SUNDAY OF ADVENT (C)

(Saturday) 6.00 pm at St Joseph's

(Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament from 5.15 pm)

SUNDAY 2nd 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 Pat Aitken, Pamela Cates, Cynthia Bunten,
Anne Da Silva, Children in the Womb

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 - 4.30 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

Tuesday 27th November

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 below). *Parish library, Home from Home shop, Watermead shop and garden are also open.*

WATERMEAD SHOP OPEN 10.30 am-3.30 pm

Wednesday 28th November

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. Quiet prayer, meditation, intercessions. All welcome.

WATERMEAD SHOP OPEN 10.30 am-3.30 pm

Thursday 29th November

PARISH OPEN MORNING - hot drinks in Coffee Shop after the morning service (Library/ Garden also open). All welcome.

WATERMEAD SHOP OPEN 10.30 am-3.30 pm

Friday 30th November

THE MIRIAM PRAYER GROUP meet at 6.30 pm for faith sharing and Rosary. Entry via the church. All welcome.

St Joseph's Table

This Week's Specials

Soup - Carrot & Coriander

Lunchtime specials - Cottage Pie

served with potatoes & fresh vegetables

(Please come before 2.45 pm to avoid disappointment)

Quiche of the week & Salad, Sandwiches, etc.

Dessert - Fruit Sponge

(served with custard, cream, ice-cream)

CHRISTMAS DINNERS

2 Course = £9.50 & 3 Course £12.00

extra included (teas, coffees, crackers, mints, etc.)

Bookings being taken - see dates

Last week's collection was safely counted and banked. **£1,315**

*(Special RASH Collection £110)

Thank you. *Counters: Sarah & Pippa*
(Next week: Karen & Chris)

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

CHURCH ROTAS FOR NEXT WEEKEND

	Readers	Eucharistic Ministers
Sat. 6.00 pm	Doreen	Susan
Sun. 9.00 am	TBA	-
10.30 am	Children	Gerry
6.00 pm	TBA	Marie

Children are leading the prayers at next weekend's 10.30 am Mass

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

The next session is on Sunday 9th December at the 10.30 am mass (see pages 16-18).

Prayer Box

Please pray for:

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

Jackie Guinney (RIP)

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

Prayers for: June, Bridie, Sheila

The McCann family and all missing children

The peoples and countries of the world, especially the EUROPEAN UNION and THE UK

POSTBAG

Dear Father,

Nikhil is fully recovered and going back to school next week. Thank you and the people of the parish for all the prayers. Suma

Dear People,

Please join us in a national day of prayer and fasting for Life on Friday 7th December. We pray for the healing of the hurts of abortion and euthanasia. Thank you. Good Counsel Network.

Dear People,

Bishop Patrick reminds us in his Pastoral Letter of a couple of weeks ago that the themes of prayer for the coming year (which begins on the first Sunday of Advent for the Church) are **Encounter** (meeting God in prayer), **Discipleship** (following Jesus in the Gospel ideals) and **Mission** (sharing of faith in the way we live). God bless us, Fr John.

Dear Father,

May I ask the parishioners to visit their local post office and request the Christmas religious stamps. If we wish to have the stamps available we need to create a demand for them. It is the responsibility of the local post office to request a supply of religious stamps - but they will only request if we do!

Looking forward to your support, George

OUR ADVENT CHILDREN'S LITURGY

This Christmas the children's liturgy activities will include a "Memory Tree", this will be positioned in the narthex. The tree is a real one and has been kindly donated by Coles Garden Centre. The children will be decorating one side of a decoration, leaving the other side blank for you to write the name of a family member or friend who are unable to share this Christmastime with you, whether this is someone who has passed away or cannot be with you for some other reason.

The decorations will be on a table with ribbon attached for you to write your message on and then hang on the tree. Please feel free to hang as many as you like as we want the tree to be full of good wishes and memories this Christmas.

The tree will be in place for next week 2nd December, and I know the children want it to have 50 decorations on it, so please help us to fill it.

Many Thanks - The Children's Liturgy Team

Dates for Diary

Celebrating the Canonisation of Archbishop Oscar Romero

Monday 26th November, 7.00 pm

at The Beckett School, Nottingham with Bishop Patrick and CAFOD

Please confirm your attendance by emailing Maggie at mmairura@cafod.org.uk

Classical Music Concerts

Beethoven String Trio on **Friday 30th November**, 7 pm at St Patrick's LE4 2BD

and **Pop-in concerts** on **Saturday 1st December** from 12 - 2 pm, during Melton Christmas Market at St. John the Baptist Church, LE13 1RB

Free admission to both days (donations)

Diocesan Marriage & Family Life Commission Day Conference on 'God, Love and Sex' **Saturday 1st December**, 10.30am - 4.00 pm at University of Nottingham

Speaker: Edmund Adamus, plus workshops. Cost £10.

Details and booking <http://www.totbday.org.uk/>

Parish Pilgrimages 2019

LOURDES 10th - 16th May

Friday to Thursday, £495 approximately

(price includes all travel and full board at hotel)

We have started booking, there are 27 so far.

DEPOSIT OF £200 secures a place and flight

ASSISI with visits to FLORENCE, PISA, SIENA

September 17th-27th

We shall be making this pilgrimage in 2 overlapping groups

All places have now been taken. There is a reserve list.

ROME 8th-14th (15th-21st) November 2019

(Details later. 21 people already booked)

The Medaille Trust works to combat modern slavery by offering safe housing, providing support for victims, raising awareness in communities and partnering with law-enforcement authorities. Their latest booklet with information on all they do is on the table at the back of the church.

EVENTS AT ST JOSEPH'S FOR YOUR

CHRISTMAS DIARY

St Joseph's Table **CHRISTMAS DINNERS**

Wednesday 5th & Wednesday 12th December

2 Course £9.50 : 3 course £12 (Booking essential)

Candlelight Carols in Memory of Loved Ones

followed by our **Annual Entertainment Evening**

Wednesday 12th December, 7.15 pm

CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS FOR THE HOME

Tuesday 18th December, 1-3.00 pm

The 2nd of our seasonal workshops with Alka

Cost towards materials for each workshop is £5

Christmas Penitential Service

Wednesday 19th December, 7.00 pm

Christmas Service dates and any other further additions will be notified in next week's newsletter

Watermead shop

Christmas cards, etc!

(Advent Calendars, Cribs, Gifts, etc)

Share our **CHRISTMAS GOSPEL STORY CARDS** a different Christmas greeting - plus "free envelope labels"

OPENING TIMES

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

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