



**CHRIST
IS RISEN**

ST. JOSEPH'S PARISH, LEICESTER

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Dear People,

Would you like to see married priests? No. Would you like women priests? No, no. Would you like to see a married woman priest become a bishop? No, no, no. Nonsense. Fifty years ago in the Church of England they would have said "Nonsense". Today, married women bishops are a reality.

There are more women than married and unmarried men in the Church of England ministry, yet we in the Catholic Church are still better off for priests than they. Married and women priests have not solved the problem of ministry for the other churches and we must doubt they would solve our problem. The truth seems to be that few men or women want to serve as priests or ministers in our Christian churches.

Would you persuade your son or daughter to become a priest or member of a religious order? Don't. If they are unhappy in the choice you expect of them (we sadly have too many examples) you will have blighted their lives. Would you even persuade your son or daughter to marry? How would you answer if/when they blamed you for their unhappiness?

We encourage one another to do what is best, to fulfill our capabilities, not to waste our talents: all good; but to determine or dictate a way of life is not a parent's role. We learn of lives crushed because of parental ambitions. No good parents crush or crash their children into unhappiness.

Bishop Patrick has written a letter, asking us to pray for vocations to the priesthood and religious life. The Gospel encourages such prayer. We shall pray. If I pray for the poor and hungry and homeless but give nothing to provide for them my prayer is empty and pretentious. If I pray for vocations but do nothing, is my prayer empty? If I want others to offer their lives to God and don't offer mine, my prayer is pretentious. God and Bishop Patrick don't want empty prayer. How shall you pray?

Not so long ago the Catholic world had junior seminaries, postulancies, and children as young as nine to thirteen were invited to a free education in the hope a number would stay in gratitude and then become priests and religious. Shall we return to that system? It gave us good numbers but also the horror of hidden unhappy lives.

Vocation is a mystery and it won't be solved by a few words thrown in God's direction. How will you pray?

God bless us all in our vocation, Fr. John

23rd April 2017 (Prayer Week 2)
"We pray from the heart, then the lips"

Mass Times and Intentions

2nd SUNDAY OF EASTER (A)

(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 Alison Ecob, Angelina Iannelli, Leo Lobo,

Gerry Barrios, Thanksgiving

MONDAY 24th APRIL

(St George, Patron of England: St Fidelis of Sigmaringen, Priest)

7.00 pm at St. Joseph's for John & Margaret Rogers

TUESDAY 25th APRIL

(St Mark the Evangelist)

10.00 am at St. Joseph's for Bill Parkman

WEDNESDAY 26th APRIL

10.00 am at St. Joseph's for The Flynn Family

THURSDAY 27th APRIL

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

FRIDAY 28th APRIL

(St Peter Chanel : St Louis Grignon de Montford)

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

SATURDAY 29th APRIL

(St Catherine of Siena)

9.30 am at The Rosary Church for Family Blessing

3rd SUNDAY OF EASTER (A)

(Saturday) 6.00 pm at St. Joseph's

(Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament from 5.15 pm)

SUNDAY 30th 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)

for Clare Ruane, Michael Staples, Thanksgiving

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 - 6.30 pm.

The Parish on Sundays



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

Parish Diary This Week

Lourdes Pilgrimage (11th - 17th May)

MEETING FOR PILGRIMS on Tuesday 25th April at 7.00 pm

We meet for final payments and to discuss details of travel and our days in Lourdes.

Please bring your passport and details of your travel insurance so that we can confirm with the airlines and the hotel.

Tuesday 25th April

St JOSEPH'S TABLE open today from 10.40 am - 3.30 pm. Special menu of the week (see below), along with all the usual hot/cold food and homebakes. A warm welcome awaits all.

Note that parish facilities (Library, Home from Home shop, Garden, Watermead) will also be available during opening hours.

WATERMEAD SHOP OPEN 10.30 am-3.30 pm

LOURDES PILGRIMAGE We meet tonight, 7.00 pm in the hall. See box for full details.

Wednesday 26th April

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 27th April

PARISH OPEN DAY - hot drinks in Coffee Shop after the morning service (library, Home from Home, Garden). All welcome.

WATERMEAD SHOP OPEN 10.30 am-3.30 pm

Friday 28th April

THE MIRIAM PRAYER GROUP meet in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel at 6.00 pm for faith-sharing and Rosary. All welcome.

St Joseph's Table

This Week's Specials

Soup - Butternut squash or Vegetable served with a white or wholemeal bap

Main dish of the day - Chicken Chasseur served with scalloped potatoes & assorted vegetables

Pudding - Lemon Puddle served with hot custard, ice cream or cream

Last week's collection was safely counted and banked. **£474**

(Easter Offering £2,147)

Thank you. Counters: Karen & Chris (Next week: Pauline & Christine)

CHURCH ROTAS FOR NEXT WEEKEND

	Readers	Eucharistic Ministers
Sat. 6.00 pm	Francis	Sal
Sun. 9.00 am	Luke	-
10.30 am	Sheila	Steve / Sister Lelia
6.00 pm	TBA	Vincent

Prayer Box

Please pray for:

Families of the parish

and our loved ones living and dead

especially for those who have recently died:

Theresa Fahey (RIP), Catherine Cooke (RIP),

Sr Mairin Ryan (RIP), Fr John Abbott (RIP)

Fabian, Declan, Jenny, Jonathan, Jennifer, Pat, Mary

Prayers for: Ania, Emma, Anne,

The McCann family and all missing children

The peoples and countries of the world, especially of FRANCE and VENEZUELA

POSTBAG

Dear Parents,

Confessions will be held on **Thursday 4th**

May at 7.00 pm for all children who have completed the recent Holy communion classes.

If you are unable to attend please let David know, either by email or leaving a message on his voicemail.

Many thanks, David (07591308287)

Dear People of the Parish

During 2017 we would like to reach our allocated target of £50,000 towards the Retired Priests' Appeal. To achieve this aim we are planning an International Dance and Food event on Saturday 20th May, 7.30 pm.

If you, or you know someone, who would be willing to be the contact person to direct Kizito and Annie with dances/music from your culture, or you can help in any way, please tell Fr John or Sister Lelia or send a text to 07878924190. Raffle/tombola prizes gratefully received.

Yours sincerely, Annie and Kizito

Dear People,

France holds its General Election today. Venezuela is going through serious social unrest. That is why they are our countries for our prayer this week. Other parts of the world are suffering much more and we include them in our general prayer. Focusing in prayer does not always look first at the most important, does it? God bless you, Fr John.

RED MISSION BOXES

These have been emptied and the money banked. Empty boxes are now back of the church awaiting collection.

Would parishioners who still have boxes in their homes please bring them to Father John or leave them at the back of the church so the money can be banked. Thank you, Anthony

Watermead shop

Communion Gifts, Confirmation Gifts
OPENING TIMES

Tues, Wed, Thur from 10.30 am-3.30 pm
Sat 5.15 - 6.00 pm & Sun 11.45 am-12.15 pm
Information from from 0116 220 7881 / 0

REFLEXOLOGY

If you would like to know more or make an appointment contact our therapist, Sharon, on 0116 2120719 (Mon - Fri). Sample sessions, also.

Dates for Diary

TODAY Divine Mercy Sunday Sunday 23rd April

Our Lady of Good Counsel, Gleneagles Ave.

2.30 pm: Devotions, Confessions and Mass at 5.00 pm

The Miraculous Relic Image of Our Lady of Guadalupe

at St Barnabas Cathedral, Nottingham, on **Friday 21st - Wednesday 26th April**
Details www.relicourladyofguadalupe.co.uk

Lectio Divina at The Rosmini Centre Saturday 29th April

3.00 - 5.30 pm. All welcome.

Stations of Light "Via Lucis"

organised by LACY (our Catholic youth) at St Francis Church, Melton Mowbray, on **Sunday 14th May**

There will be a coach from Leicester. Full details on notice boards or ask Fr John.

INTERNATIONAL DANCE AND FOOD EVENT

here at St Joseph's
for the Retired Priest Appeal.
Saturday 20th May

Tickets **£2** (or **£5** Family Ticket) (See "Postbag")
Details on notice boards and from 07878924190

A Day with Mary at Walsingham Sunday 21st May

The day begins at 11.40 am with the crowning of Our Lady at the Shrine. Details on notice board

Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes 10th - 15th July 2017

By air: **£649**, by train: **£569**
Details on notice board

March for Life Saturday 20th May

A peaceful, prayerful pro-life rally in Birmingham. A coach will depart Holy Cross Church, Wellington Street, Leicester at 8.00 am on Saturday 20th May for Birmingham to celebrate the annual March for Life, a peaceful, prayerful rally in defence of the life of unborn children. A second pick-up point will be Hinckley Road (opposite St Peter's Church).

Mass at St Chad's Cathedral at 10 am, followed by LifeFest in the centre of Birmingham, with a host of speakers and stalls, followed by the March. Please contact Francisca Martinez on 07943 711549 to book your place. Cost: £10 adults, under-14s free.

St Joseph's on Camera

The Easter Vigil was filmed and is available on our parish YouTube channel - so can be watched on computers, ipad, tablets, phones and, if you have a Smart TV, on your television. Simply type "St Joseph Leicester Easter" into your YouTube search box or type the URL address <https://youtu.be/TOj8FaDrEOs> onto computer.

We do not yet have a camera installed and this video was produced with an ipad positioned in the balcony, which required it to be later formatted and uploaded. Our streaming camera project is still awaiting approval, based mainly on finance, and if you would like to make comment, wish to see the filming of our mass a regular occurrence, write and let Fr John know so we can go ahead with the necessary arrangements.