



**CHRIST
IS RISEN**

ST. JOSEPH'S PARISH, LEICESTER

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Dear People,

Over the years at the General hospital I am drawn into family lives. I am glad to be trusted with new understanding and I come to know the family a little just as I know the patient. The love, affection and courage can be deeply touching.

Ward 17 stands out for me because of the operations I have been told about when a family member has donated a kidney so that someone may live: brother and brother, sister and sister, sister and brother, parent and child, husband and wife - all willing to accept risks with love. Inspiring.

Last week I saw a TV news item, similar but horrifying. A seventeen-year-old boy had sold one of his kidneys to raise the money to pay for his family to have the chance of a dangerous voyage to Europe and the possible chance of a new life. The market for body parts is part of the economy of the Middle East and families are so desperate that they enter the market for the chance to escape their poverty, fears and suffering. I could hear the marketeers justifying their trade: no one is forced, everyone is volunteering. True, but those terrible circumstances allow the wealthy to buy the bodies of the poor.

Recently, I was given two DVDs "I, Daniel Blake" and "Philomena". The first tells of the struggle to survive for many in today's Britain, and the second the true story of a young girl in a Magdalen mother and baby home whose child was taken from her for adoption and her search for him many years later. The cruelty and indifference of our benefits system missed all that was human in Daniel and a poor single parent family he tried to help. In "Philomena" we saw the judgemental cruelty of religious people punishing young girls abandoned with their babies who were then taken from them because the girls were considered unfit to be mothers.

A retired bishop in Australia has recently written of "The darkness of evil within the Church" - the sexual and physical abuse of children, especially in institutions governed by the Catholic Church. How horrifying those revelations have been in Britain, Ireland, the United States and Canada, but Australia may be the worst of all.

We pray that we do not blind or deafen ourselves to all that is wrong in our world and Church. The Gospel calls us, God is calling.

Fr. John

30th April 2017 (Prayer Week 3)

"My name is Cleopas Alphaeus"

Mass Times and Intentions

3rd 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 Ellen Murphy, Patrick & Ted Kearney, Thanksgiving,

Jozsef Schmidt, Michael Staples, Clare Ruane

MONDAY 1st MAY

(St Joseph the Work - our Parish Patron)

10.00 am at St. Joseph's *for Margaret Facey*

TUESDAY 2nd MAY

(St Athanasius, bishop)

10.00 am at St. Joseph's *for Susan Reed*

WEDNESDAY 3rd MAY

(St Philip & St James, Apostles)

10.00 am at St. Joseph's *for Tony & Mary Greene*

THURSDAY 4th MAY

(The English Martyrs : St Richard Reynolds)

10.00 am at St. Joseph's *for Sylvia Brice*

FRIDAY 5th MAY

7.00 pm at St. Joseph's *for A Family Blessing*

SATURDAY 6th MAY

9.30 am at The Rosary Church *for Family & Friends*

4th SUNDAY OF EASTER (A)

(Saturday) 6.00 pm at St. Joseph's

(Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament from 5.15 pm)

SUNDAY 7th MAY

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 Michelle Louise Kent, 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).

FIRST CONFESSION

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 (Mobile 07591308287).

Parish Diary This Week

Monday 1st May

BANK HOLIDAY MASS at 10.00 am..

Tuesday 2nd May

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 homebakes. A warm welcome awaits all. (Library, Home from Home shop, Garden, Watermead will also open).

WATERMEAD SHOP OPEN 10.30 am-3.30 pm

Wednesday 3rd May

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 4th May

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

FOOT CLINIC today in the Watermead Centre. Contact Julie on 07731965543 for more information or to make an appointment.

WATERMEAD SHOP OPEN 10.30 am-3.30 pm

FIRST CONFESSIONS for our children making their First Holy Communion - see above box for details.

Friday 5th May

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

St Joseph's Table

This Week's Specials

Soup - Pea & Mint or Pea & Ham served with a white or wholemeal bap

Main dish of the day - Beef and Ale Pie served with potatoes and assorted vegetables

Pudding - Berry Crumble or Fruit Sponge served with hot custard, ice cream or cream

Watermead shop

Communion Gifts, Confirmation Gifts
OPENING TIMES

Tues, Wed, Thur from 10.30 am-3.30 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.

Prayer Box

Please pray for:

Families of the parish

and our loved ones living and dead

especially for those who have recently died:

Michael Fowden (RIP), Juan Munoz (RIP),

Fr Romano Giovanini (RIP)

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Fabian, Declan, Jenny, Jonathan,

Jennifer, Pat, Mary

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Prayers for: Fr John Bland, Emma, Anne,

The McCann family and all missing children
(It is now 10 years since Madeleine disappeared)

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The peoples and countries of the world,
especially of LEBANON & SYRIA

POSTBAG

Dear People,

A heartfelt thank you to Fr John and to all of my family, friends, sponsors and the Parish community as a whole who welcomed me into the church on the evening of the Easter Vigil. I was fortunate enough to feel and witness this memorable spiritual experience, where time stood still and where I felt at one in God's arms and within the Church environment. I felt the love and peace surrounding me and was overwhelmed by the serenity of it

I also appreciated everyone who came to me after the service with their love, cards, gifts and good wishes to officially welcome me into the church (though many people who have known me for a long time was surprised as they thought I was already a Catholic!)

This experience will stay with me forever and I feel very blessed to be part of St Joseph's Parish.

Thank you and all my love, Chris

Dear People,

The Lourdes Garden is looking beautiful. Please visit. The magnolia tree is beginning its second flowering, a rich variety of colour is everywhere - but there is a mysterious white flowering bush. No one planted it and no one I have asked knows its name.

Every now and then a sacred host falls to the floor at Holy Communion. I leave it on the altar until after mass and then I crumble it into small pieces and bury the pieces in the garden. When I started it was a piece of bare earth outside the sacristy. Now there is a lovely white flower bush - I call it the Eucharist bush because I have no other name. Please look and tell me what it is. Sincerely, Fr John

CHURCH ROTAS FOR NEXT WEEKEND

	Readers	Eucharistic Ministers
Sat. 6.00 pm	John	Cecilia
Sun. 9.00 am	Philip	-
10.30 am	Children	Anne G / Sister Lelia
6.00 pm	TBA	Marie

Dates for Diary

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 Priests' 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 Walsingham Saturday 17th June

For many years the pilgrimage has been on a Sunday but this year we are trying a Saturday. We shall organise a coach if enough people want to come. Please tell Fr John if you are interested.

March for Life Saturday 20th May, Birmingham

The day of our awesome annual pro-life festival (the only one of its kind in England) is almost here, and we would like as many people as possible to come. If you are struggling to afford the £10 cost for the bus please don't let this put you off! We'd rather you came than didn't come, and so would the unborn babies that this pro-life witness is all about. So if you're unwaged or otherwise unable to afford the ticket please be assured you'll still be welcome on the bus. We ask £10 donation for the coach ticket from those who can afford it to cover transport costs. Please contact me, Francisca, for further information on 07943 711549.

Free Online E-Learning Modules

The Catholic Church has made available seven e-learning modules free of charge to any member of the Catholic Community. Some of these would be useful for those who have a ministry with children or adults, covering child and adult safeguarding. One in particular, dealing with Child Exploitation and Online Safety, would be useful for any family with teenage children.

To access these, you simply need to send an email to educare@familycare-nottingham.org.uk and you will receive a link to register for any of the modules you wish to access. Each module takes one hour to complete.

If you need further information please speak to our parish safeguarding rep - Alison Kennedy.

260 Club

This Months Winners!

No.213 wins £75; No.79 wins £50;
No.47 wins £50; No.205 wins £50;
No.107 wins £35.

Last week's collection was safely counted and banked. **£1,081**
*(Special RASH Collection £182)
Thank you. Counters: Pauline & Christine
(Next week: Tony)

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