



# ST. JOSEPH'S PARISH, LEICESTER

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Dear People,

Our prayers have been answered. We have a truly democratic parliament. The Conservative party has formed a government and there is a strong opposition to hold government to account in its legislation and decisions. This is democracy at its best: for the whole of the parliament all our votes will have importance because all government moves will be closely scrutinised and challenged by the opposition. We pray for the working out of our healthy democracy.

The election looks a disaster: no strong government, threats of quarrels and divisions on each important issue and many minor ones; uncertainty after uncertainty as deals and compromises will need to be constantly made and renewed. Is this any answer to our prayer?

Northern Ireland has an important place in our new parliament. The DUP can help the Conservatives on each issue to have a majority. We wonder what its asking price will be.

Sinn Fein is not sending its elected MPs to Westminster, but if it chose to it would nullify the influence of the DUP and prevent the forming of a majority on issues it chose to oppose, providing that the other parties have combined in opposition.

This is democracy at its worst, the ability to prevent government unless prices are paid. This is democracy at its best, the need to listen to all sections in the Houses of Commons and Lords that accord/compromise/agreement might be reached.

Who would want to be the Prime Minister in these circumstances? We shall watch the hands being raised and for the hands holding the daggers. Winston Churchill said "The opposition is in front of you, the enemy behind you."

Isn't it sad that in the prime positions of national need and responsibilities it is the ambitious and sometimes the ruthless who win. Democracy needs people of integrity in parliament, government and opposition in a shared enterprise to bring justice to all parts of society and help bring the same in all parts of the world. We continue to pray.

God bless us, Fr. John

**11th June 2017 (Prayer Week 2)**  
"The Trinity of God . . . mystery"

## Mass Times and Intentions

### HOLY TRINITY 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 Luiza Rodrigues, Celia Cates, Sarah Boyd,  
Nora & Michael Gallagher, Hughie McHugh, Gene Vance,  
Zenon & Stasia Konopka (60), Lynn Tooher (B)

### MONDAY 12th JUNE

7.00 pm at St. Joseph's for John & Frances Day

### TUESDAY 13th JUNE

(St Anthony of Padua, Priest)

10.00 am at St. Joseph's

for Deacon Pasquale, Antonio Noronha,  
Thanksgiving to Our Lady of Lourdes & Fatima

### WEDNESDAY 14th JUNE

10.00 am at St. Joseph's for Len Matthews

### THURSDAY 15th JUNE

10.00 am at St. Joseph's for Holy Souls

### FRIDAY 16th JUNE

(St Richard of Chichester)

7.00 pm at St. Joseph's for Elsa & Lena

### SATURDAY 17th JUNE

9.30 am at The Rosary Church for Henry O'Brien

### FEAST OF CORPUS CHRISTI

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

### SUNDAY 18th JUNE

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)

Mary & Michael Sheridan, Sarah Boyd, Mike Walsh

### 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.

## Obehiaghe

made her First Holy Communion last week and today



Alfie



makes his First Holy Communion.  
We pray for them and their families.

### 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 at St Joseph's).

### Parish Diary This Week

#### Tuesday 13th June

**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.

Library, Home from Home shop, Garden, Watermead also open.

**WATERMEAD SHOP OPEN 10.30 am-3.30 pm**

**CHOIR PRACTICE** tonight, 7.30 pm.

#### Wednesday 14th June

**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.

**TWILIGHT RETREAT** - 7.00 - 9.00 pm. See "Dates for Diary". All welcome.

**WATERMEAD SHOP OPEN 10.30 am-3.30 pm**

#### Thursday 15th June

**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 16th June

**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 - Spring Vegetable

served with a white or wholemeal bap

Main dish of the day - Cock-a-Leekie Pie

served with assorted vegetables

Pudding - Merry Berry Pudding

served with hot custard, ice cream or cream

### Watermead shop

Holy Communion/Confirmation Gifts & Cards

#### OPENING TIMES

Tues, Wed, Thur from 10.30 am-3.30 pm

Sun 11.45 am-12.15 pm

More information from 0116 220 7880

www.watermead-apostolate.com

Last week's collection was safely counted and banked. **£1,040**

\*(Special RASH Collection £170)

Thank you. Counters: John & June

(Next week: Karen & Chris)

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

## Prayer Box

Please pray for:

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

Hughie McHugh (RIP)

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

Prayers for: Paul, Martin, Colin

The McCann family and all missing children

The peoples and countries of the world,  
especially our new MPs and defeated MPs

## POSTBAG

Dear People,

Our bishops ask us to be interested in the Faiths of others in our country:

(1) There are around 150,000 Buddhists in Great Britain and their Four Noble Truths are: there is suffering in the world; suffering is caused by greed and desire; suffering can be ended; there is a path to follow, a compassionate life of morality, meditation and wisdom.

(2) At least 3% of the population of the UK is Muslim. The Qu'ran teaches almsgiving, praying five times a day, making a pilgrimage to Mecca if it is possible and fasting from sunrise to sunset during the month of Ramadan.

(3) Jews make up 0.5% of the people in the UK. Pope John Paul II called them "Our older brothers". Christians share the Hebrew scriptures (the Old Testament). Yom Kippur is the great fast, traditional belief is that God inscribes the righteous in the Book of Life.

For more information on other Faiths refer to the Catholic Bishops' website.

## Children's Prayers

Dear God I hope everyone takes care of my Nan in heaven and make sure I have the best birthday party. Amen

Glory to the Lord I feel so good today.

You sent your own son for us.

Just wanted to say thank you.

Dear God make my Dad feel happy because he's sad at the moment.

Dear God I'm sorry for making my mistakes.

George, I am always there for you.

I will always love you George.

You make my hart. Amen.

Dear God my dad has a porly back.

### CHURCH ROTAS FOR NEXT WEEKEND

	Readers	Eucharistic Ministers
Sat. 6.00 pm	Francis	Cecilia
Sun. 9.00 am	Bob	-
10.30 am	Paul	Anne G / Sister Lelia
6.00 pm	TBA	Marie

## Dates for Diary

### Our next "Twilight" Retreat

**Wednesday 14th June, 7-9.00 pm**  
in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel at St Joseph's  
Talks, prayer, music on the theme of "Mystery"  
Led by Fr John. (Donation to evening's expenses £2)

### Diocesan Pilgrimage to Walsingham Saturday 17th June

We shall organise a coach if enough people want to come. Please tell Fr John if you are interested.

### Diocesan Pilgrimage of Rodsley Sunday 25th June

to honour St Ralph Sherwin. Details on notice boards

### Praying for Leicestershire

**Sunday 25th June, 6.30 - 8 pm**

at Trinity Life Church, Highfields, Leicester,  
A vibrant night of different prayer styles and  
wonderful worship. All welcome.

### DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO PADLEY Sunday 9th July

to honour the martyrs Nicholas Garlick and Robert Ludlam (Full details on notice board).

### Retreat for Young Adults 21st-24th September

at Minister Abbey in Kent. More information from  
sraelrederwin@gmail.com

### Day for Life : Sunday 18th June

Each year Day for Life provides an opportunity to reflect on the dignity of every human person, both young and old, and to pray for and support all life from conception to natural death. This year's Day for Life provides us with an opportunity to reflect, to pray and to offer practical and emotional support, especially for those who have lost a child and for those women who are anxious about their pregnancy.

### Leicestershire Active Catholic Youth will be "Preparing and Sharing"

#### A YOUTH MASS

at Our Lady of Victories & St. Alphonsus,  
28 Bitteswell Rd, Lutterworth, LE17 4EY  
**Saturday 24th June**

A warm invitation to all young people to come along at 4.00 pm to assist with preparation by involving themselves through the different ministries of the Mass - readers, altar servers, singers, musicians, etc. Refreshments will be available at the Workshop.

Our Mass with Fr John (Hadley) will take place at 5.30 pm so bring your friends and families! All welcome!  
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### → Pilgrimages 2018 →

The suggestions so far are:

#### Winter: Malta

All travel and hotel at half board  
8 (£420 approx), 12 days (£565 approx)

#### Autumn - Rome,

All travel and bed & breakfast at hotel  
7 days (£595 approx)

#### Late Spring or Summer: Padua, Venice & Assisi

All travel and hotels at half board  
8 days (£595 approx)

Many people have expressed interest  
and we shall book soon