



ST. JOSEPH'S PARISH, LEICESTER

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Dear People,

If you were asked anything about sex would you answer? Whatever you said would be remembered, and perhaps against you. If you were asked about abortion or euthanasia would you have a clear answer - death is involved. If your answer were to be broadcast would that influence the way you phrased your reply?

Tim Farron has resigned as leader of the Lib Dems. He said he cannot square being a believing Christian with being leader of a political party. A number of our prime ministers and party political leaders have been Christians, some nominally and some with conviction. What did they understand that Tim Farron doesn't?

He was mocked for his saying that gay sex was not sinful though the Bible seems clearly to teach that it is. Someone quoted the Gospel "What does it profit a man to gain the whole world ... and Tim had denied his faith for a handful of votes.

Pope Francis, when asked a similar question, replied "Who am I to judge?" and that was considered a wise answer by some and an evasive one by others. The Pope is not due for an election and was able to answer fearlessly - and that's what he said. We wonder why Tim Farron did not answer in a similar way.

In a democracy people vote for the candidate who pleases them. Few people are one issue voters, most of us have a range of concerns - political, moral, social, national and international - that we know need to be addressed in parliament and we are foolish to believe the candidates we vote for will share our opinions on everything. Could I, if I were a candidate?

Which seems to be why we are told to vote and trust. No MP can vote as all the constituents want: compromise, fudges and agreements are essential in a democracy. That is why democracy is a failure for those who want to live in an ideal world. We have to accept that legality and morality are not the same, that compromise is not the same as agreement, that we all have different opinions and convictions and no one of us can reflect everyone else.

The ward sister said to me kindly "I don't agree with abortion but it's part of my job and I go through with it. You, as chaplain, can avoid this ward so why put yourself through the agony of knowing that you are surrounded by abortions?" "Because sometimes women are glad to talk," I said. Who was right?

God bless us, believers and unbelievers,

Fr. John

18th June 2017 (Prayer Week 3)
"Christ gives himself sacramentally"

Mass Times and Intentions

FEAST OF CORPUS CHRISTI

(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 Sarah Boyd, Colette Wright, John & Peggy Nott,
Hughie McHugh, Mary & Michael Sheridan,
Jack Laing, Mike Walsh, Nicolau Rodrigues,
In honour of Our Lady & St Anthony of Padua*

MONDAY 19th JUNE

(St Romuald)

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

TUESDAY 20th JUNE

(St Alban)

10.00 am at St. Joseph's *for Marion Lambert*

WEDNESDAY 21st JUNE

(St Aloysius Gonzaga)

10.00 am at St. Joseph's *for The Burns Family*

THURSDAY 22nd JUNE

(St John Fisher : St Thomas More)

10.00 am at St. Joseph's *for The Holy Souls*

FRIDAY 23rd JUNE

(Feast of the Sacred Heart)

7.00 pm at St. Joseph's *for The Wright Family*

SATURDAY 24th JUNE

(Immaculate Heart of Mary)

9.30 am at The Rosary Church *for Sheila Price*

12th SUNDAY OF YEAR A

(Saturday) 6.00 pm at St. Joseph's

(Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament from 5.15 pm)

SUNDAY 25th 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)

*for Kathleen Kearney, Sarah Boyd, Celia Cates,
Maureen Burns, David & Mary Ellen Hudson,
Hughie McHugh, John & June Fertig*

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

Tuesday 20th June

St JOSEPH'S TABLE open today from

Note the new summer specials menu, available along with the usual snacks 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 21st June

St JOSEPH'S TABLE open again today

10.40 am-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 22nd 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 23rd 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

Summer Specials Menu has arrived!

Summer Light Option - Melon Medley

Lunchtime specials - Shepherd's Pie

served with new potatoes & assorted vegetables or Vegetable Quiche

served with new potatoes & salad

(Filled/plain white or wholemeal rolls also available)

Dessert - Fruit Crumble & Custard or Strawberries & 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. **£940**

*(Special RASH Collection **£177**)

Thank you. Counters: Karen & Chris

(Next week: Pauline & Christine)

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

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

Prayer Box

Please pray for:

Families of the parish

and our loved ones living and dead

especially for those who have recently died:

Fr Peter Coyle (RIP), Bill Atherton (RIP)

Fabian, Declan, Jenny, Jonathan,

Jennifer, Pat, Mary, Patrick

Prayers for: Paul, Martin, Colin, Colette

The McCann family and all missing children

The peoples and countries of the world, especially the families of the Grenfell Tower block, the wonderful fire, ambulance and hospital services and, sadly, for those we know will be found responsible for what has happened.

POSTBAG

Dear Fr John and St Joseph's,

Thank you for all your initiatives and generous giving towards the **Retired Priests' Appeal**. Our special thanks go to Kizito and Cecilia.

from John Curran, Appeal Chairman

Dear John,

The **Retired Priests' Appeal** has been running for some time and I am very grateful to you and to the appeal team in St Joseph's for the response the parish has made. I would like to add my personal thanks on behalf of all of us in the diocese, to you and the parishioners for your hard work.

With my prayers and every good wish.

Yours sincerely, +Patrick

Bishop Patrick McKinney

Dear Father and St Joseph's,

Thank you for your generous donations to our work for the homeless, refugees and asylum seekers.

Yours sincerely, One Roof Leicester

Dear Father,

As this weekend is the Bishops' Day for Life please include a notice in your newsletter about a **National Day of Prayer and Fasting for life, Wednesday 21st June**, the vigil of Ss John Fisher and Thomas More. Please pray and fast for the end of abortion in this country.

God bless you, Stuart McCullough

www.goodcounselnetwork.com

Dear Friends,

We operate a peaceful and prayerful vigil outside BPAS Thurmaston Medical Centre every Monday from 10.30 am until mid-day. The purpose is to show human love to little babies scheduled for abortion so we are with them spiritually before they die. We pray for all involved in the abortion process.

If you are interested in being present at this modern day calvary please contact Patrick on 07968336858 or pmurphy28@hotmail.co.uk

Bishops' Day for Life ~ today.

Leaflets are available at back of church about our prayer for the sacredness of life. There will be a retiring collection to support the bishops' work.

Dates for Diary

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

Young people invited to come
along at 4.00 pm to assist with preparation
(read, serve, sing, instruments)

Refreshment available during workshop

The mass with Fr John (Hadley) is at 5.30 pm

Diocesan Pilgrimage to Rodesley

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

*O holy Banquet,
in which Christ is received,
in which the memory of his Passion is renewed,
in which the soul is filled with grace
and a pledge of future glory is given us.
Alleluia!*

(Second Vespers Magn. Ant.)

Men in Sheds

Would men in the parish who have expressed an interest in meetings and hobbies please see Fr John and we shall arrange a meeting with Tony Donovan at AgeUK.

✈ Pilgrimage Extra Place ✈ **Stresa and the Italian Lakes**

This year ~ 17th-23rd August 2017

Two places (a twin/double room) have become available. Please see Fr John quickly before the room is released for the hotel.

CHURCH ROTAS FOR NEXT WEEKEND

	Readers	Eucharistic Ministers
Sat. 6.00 pm	John	Ann B
Sun. 9.00 am	Luke	-
10.30 am	Sheila	Gerry / Sister Lelia
6.00 pm	TBA	Vincent