



# ST. JOSEPH'S PARISH, LEICESTER

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Dear People,

The headline was surprising, claiming that Downs' Syndrome had almost been eliminated in Iceland. A medical advance? No. As I read on I discovered that with improved screening of children in the womb it is now possible to identify Downs' Syndrome babies and a termination offered. That's what elimination meant: babies being eliminated.

I remembered the 1970's. An important member of one of our political parties suggested that children should not be recognised as legally alive until three days after birth. During that time the medical profession would decide with full knowledge which babies should live and which should die.

The spokesman suggested that: (1) The child is the same inside or outside the womb so there was no real difference between an abortion and a three-day waiting period; (2) giving birth is safer for the woman than having an abortion.

All the Christian clergy in Newport in South Wales were invited to a talk by a professor of moral theology at Oxford University and the three-day suggestion came up for discussion. I listened with surprise at some of the statements made and it was clear that not all were opposed to abortion, stressing compassion for the woman (with which everyone agreed) but failing to answer questions about compassion for the child who would have to die.

Many of you will have been in such discussions with others or simply with yourself. There are three people involved, the mother, father and child. Would you be capable of speaking sensibly in a public discussion? On what grounds would you base your arguments?

In Northern Ireland the most outspoken supporters of the right to life of the baby in the womb are the DUP. Ian Paisley Jnr recently made it clear that there is no compromise on that issue on the DUP's supporting the Conservative Party in Government.

There are political, moral and religious issues here. Prayerfully we ask God's guidance, recognising that all life comes from God, that we must find words to express our faith in any issue - life in the womb, euthanasia, use of nuclear weapons, Trident, care for the earth, poverty, hunger, disease. So many good people directly involved in these issues around the world. We owe them our thinking and our prayer.

God bless us,

Fr. John

**3rd September 2017 (Prayer Week 2)**  
"Season of mists and mellow fruitfulness"

## Mass Times and Intentions

### 22nd SUNDAY OF YEAR (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 Cath Bavester, Jack Laing, Michael Linnett,

David & Mary Ellen Hudson

### MONDAY 4th SEPTEMBER

(St Cuthbert)

7.00 pm at St Joseph's: Service of Word & Communion

### TUESDAY 5th SEPTEMBER

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

### WEDNESDAY 6th SEPTEMBER

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

### THURSDAY 7th SEPTEMBER

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

### FRIDAY 8th SEPTEMBER

(Our Lady's Birthday)

7.00 pm at St Joseph's: Service of Word & Communion

### SATURDAY 9th SEPTEMBER

No Service at the Rosary Church today

### 23rd SUNDAY OF YEAR (A)

(Saturday) 6.00 pm at St. Joseph's

(Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament from 5.15 pm)

### SUNDAY 10th SEPTEMBER

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 Jose Pedro Fernandes, Bill Parkman

**CONFESSIONS EACH WEEK**  
SUNDAY & SATURDAY 5.15 pm at St. Joseph's

**BLESSED SACRAMENT CHAPEL**  
open every day this week from 10.30 am - 6.30 pm.

## WELCOME & THANKS

to **Father Ted Mullen** (*again*) who is celebrating mass for us this weekend. Fr John is making a slow but very good recovery and it is hoped in a couple of weeks he will be able to be in church with us again.

### 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).

### St Joseph's Table

#### Summer Specials Menu

Soup - Spring Vegetable

Lunchtime specials - Home-made fish cakes served with potatoes & fresh vegetables, etc.

Various Salads available on request (Ploughman's platter/Quiche of week also available)

Dessert - Eve's Pudding (served with custard, cream, ice-cream)

### Parish Diary This Week

#### Tuesday 5th September

**St JOSEPH'S TABLE** open today from 10.40 am - 3.30 pm. See above for week's specials. All the usual hot/cold food and homebakes. *The parish library, Home from Home shop, Garden, Watermead shop also available during opening hours.*

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

#### Wednesday 6th September

**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 7th September

**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 8th September

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

### White Fathers' Africa Magazine

"We are saddened and upset by world news but carry on trying to make ends meet. In Africa it is the same. Terrible things happen, good things happen, but most people have to get on with their lives"

Last week's collection was safely counted and banked. **£1,020** \*(Special RASH Collection **£77**)

Thank you. *Counters: Gail & Keith*  
(Next week: Sarah & Gloriosa)

\*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:**  
Cardinal Cormac Murphy-O'Connor (RIP)

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

Prayers for: Barbara Morris, Doreen,  
Rita Melia, Baby Olivia,

The McCann family and all missing children

The people affected by the floods in  
THE UNITED STATES, NEPAL, NORTH INDIA,  
PAKISTAN, BANGLADESH and SIERRA LEONE

## POSTBAG

Dear People,

I see the surgeon on Wednesday, 6th September. The Xray will reveal how well my fractured hip has healed.

These past five weeks have been a blessed time of prayer and reading. Each day you have all been in my prayer as I "see" you in church / or at home.

I have been wonderfully looked after and I shall never forget the kindness of these few weeks - my guardian angels so kind, and you around them in messages, cards, letters and willingness to help.

The slow time has passed quickly. Fr John

An Invitation from Fr Anthony Pateman

"Devoted to the Teaching of the Apostles". Are there, among the baptised adults of Leicestershire, ten men or women who are, or would like to become, consolidated in the commitment to Scripture, and could see a value in associating together in weekly 90 minute sessions on Saturdays at 10.15 am in St Peter's parish hall, 21 Hinckley Road, LE3 0TA?

If so, Fr Anthony Pateman would like to hear from you: [a.pateman@talktalk.net](mailto:a.pateman@talktalk.net)

Education Sunday 10th September

The diocese is inviting people in the parishes to consider if they have a vocation to become a school governor, at primary or secondary level.

If you are interested, please tell Fr John who will pass your name to the school(s) and to the diocesan education office.

**THE APOSTLESHIP OF THE SEA** sends thanks for our Sunday retiring collection which helps their work in the ports around our country. If you are interested in helping more directly please contact Salvina on 020 7091 1932 or [salvina@apostleshipofthesea.org.uk](mailto:salvina@apostleshipofthesea.org.uk)

### CHURCH ROTAS FOR NEXT WEEKEND

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

REMINDER: Please collect new rotas from Sacristy table

## Dates for Diary

### APOSTLESHIP OF THE SEA (AoS)

Mass at Nottingham Cathedral  
Please come and join in the celebration of Holy Mass at 1.00 pm at St Barnabas' Cathedral, Nottingham on

**Friday 8 September 2017.**

It is an opportunity to pray for seafarers and the work of the AoS in ports of your diocese. A reception will follow the Mass.

For more information contact [salvina@apostleshipofthesea.org.uk](mailto:salvina@apostleshipofthesea.org.uk).

### A Spirit-filled Evening of Prayer & Praise for all young adults

with Bishop Patrick at Ratcliffe College on **Saturday 16th September** (See details on notice board for more information)

### ANNUAL GUILD OF ST STEPHEN MASS

at Nottingham Cathedral  
**Saturday 16th September, 11 am** for all our Altar Servers.  
See details on notice board or in sacristy.

### Justice, Peace and Integrity of Creation

20 Phoenix Road, Euston, London NW1 1TA  
**Saturday 7th October 10 am - 5 pm**  
Full details from Margaret Healy on [margarethealysl@gmail.com](mailto:margarethealysl@gmail.com)

### Event at Saint Barnabas Cathedral, Nottingham Friday 13th - Sunday 15th October

An exhibition of vestments and plates including items from 15th Century and a programme of talks:  
Friday - History of lace by Rev Jayne Shepherd  
Saturday - Ecclesiastical textiles and workshop on conservation and restoration

### → Pilgrimages 2018 →

**Malta: 30th Jan - 6th Feb / or 30th Jan - 11th Feb**  
All travel and hotel at half board  
8 (£420 approx), 12 days (£565 approx)

**Padua, Venice & Assisi : 24th - 31st May**  
All travel and hotels at half board  
8 days (£595 approx)

**Stresa & Lake Maggiore, 16th - 22nd August**  
All travel and half board at hotel  
7 days (price very close to this year's)

**Rome, 9th - 15th November**  
All travel and bed & breakfast at hotel  
7 days (£595 approx)

Phone Fr John to let him know your interest.

### Watermead shop 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  
[www.watermead-apostolate.com](http://www.watermead-apostolate.com)

### 260 Club

#### July's Winners!

No.201 wins £75; No.143 wins £50;  
No.1 wins £50; No.20 wins £50;  
No.190 wins £35

#### August's Winners!

No.140 wins £75; No.181 wins £50;  
No.72 wins £50; No.245 wins £50;  
No.5 wins £35.