



# ST. JOSEPH'S PARISH, LEICESTER

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Dear People,

"I lived in Germany during the Nazi Holocaust. I considered myself a Christian. I attended church since I was a small boy. We had heard the stories of what was happening to the Jews but, like most people today in this country, we tried to distance ourselves from the reality of what was really taking place. What could anyone do to stop it?

"A railroad track ran behind our small church and each Sunday morning we would hear the whistle from a distance and then the clacking of the wheels moving over the track. We became disturbed when one Sunday we noticed cries coming from a train as it passed by. We grimly realise that the train was carrying Jews. They were like cattle in those cars. They were on their way to the death camps.

"Week after week that train whistle would blow. We would dread to hear the sound of those wheels because we knew that Jews would begin to cry out to us as they passed our church. It was terribly disturbing. We could do nothing to help these poor miserable people, yet their screams tormented us.

"We knew exactly at what time that whistle would blow and we decided the only way to keep from being disturbed by the cries was to start singing our hymns. By the time the train came rumbling past the church we were singing at the top of our voices. If some of the screams reached our ears we'd just sing a little louder until we could hear them no more.

"Years have passed, and no one talks about it any more, but I still hear that train whistle in my sleep. I can still hear them crying out for help. God forgive me. God forgive all of us who called ourselves Christians yet did nothing to intervene."

Today, it is the cries of aborted babies, of women and children massacred in civil, tribal and religious conflicts, of people enslaved, of the homeless and refugees that we do not hear.

God bless them and us. Who hears our cries?

*Fr. John*

*The above is challenging - but who wrote it?*

**13th January 2019 (Prayer Week 3 & \*1)**

"God speaks without words . . ."

## Mass Times and Intentions

### BAPTISM OF THE LORD (C)

(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 Adelaida Valenzuela, Jean Derby,

Jack Laing, Anthony Cates,

Nicolau, Nacementa, Mario & Anthony Rodrigues

### MONDAY 14th JANUARY \*

7.00 pm at St Joseph's for Tony Andrews

### TUESDAY 15th JANUARY

10.00 am at St Joseph's for The Horan Family

### WEDNESDAY 16th JANUARY

10.00 am at St Joseph's

Requiem Mass for Marie Drummond

### THURSDAY 17th JANUARY

(St Anthony, Abbot)

10.00 am at St Joseph's for Children in the Womb

### FRIDAY 18th JANUARY

7.00 pm at St Joseph's for Inspiring Friends

### SATURDAY 19th JANUARY

(St Wulstan)

9.30 am at The Rosary Church for Philip James

### 2nd SUNDAY OF YEAR (C)

(Saturday) 6.00 pm at St Joseph's

(Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament from 5.15 pm)

### SUNDAY 20th JANUARY

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 Neyda Genato, John Shoneland

### CONFESSIONS EACH WEEK

**SATURDAY & SUNDAY** 5.15 pm at St. Joseph's  
(in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel)

### BLESSED SACRAMENT CHAPEL

open every day this week from 10.30 am - 4.30 pm.

## The Parish on Sundays



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

## Parish Diary This Week

### Tuesday 15th January

**St JOSEPH'S TABLE** open today from 10.45 am - 3.30 pm. (See details below). Parish library, Home from Home shop, Watermead shop and garden are also open.)

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

### Wednesday 16th January

**St JOSEPH'S TABLE** open today from 10.45 am - 3.30 pm. (See details below). **MEDITATION** in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel, 10.50 am. Quiet prayer, meditation, intercessions. All welcome.

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

**MALTA PILGRIMAGE MEETING** in the parish hall at 7.00 pm to discuss details and make final payments. Please bring passports and travel insurance details.

### Thursday 17th January

**PARISH OPEN MORNING** - hot drinks in Coffee Shop after the morning service (Library/ Garden also open). All welcome.

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

### Friday 18th January

**THE MIRIAM PRAYER GROUP** meet at 6.30 pm for faith sharing and Rosary. Entry via the church. All welcome.

## St Joseph's Table

### PLEASE NOTE CHANGE OF MENU

#### Tuesday 'Special' Meal of the Day Menu

Soup - Winter Vegetable

Lunchtime specials - Beef Hot Pot

served with potatoes & fresh vegetables

(Please come before 2.45 pm to avoid disappointment)

Dessert - Sticky Toffee Pudding

(served with custard, cream, ice-cream)

#### Tuesday & Wednesday Snack Menu

Soup, Quiche (with new potatoes), Salads, Jacket Potatoes, Sandwiches, Toasties, Hot Sweet & Assorted Cakes, etc.

**NB** Until volunteers are found the 'Specials' meal can only be made available on Tuesdays. All help is welcomed. Training given.

Last week's collection was safely counted and banked. **£1,114** \*(Special RASH Collection £98)

Thank you. Counters : Sara & Pippa (Next week: Karen & Chris)

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

### CHURCH ROTAS FOR NEXT WEEKEND

	Readers	Eucharistic Ministers
Sat. 6.00 pm	John	Sal
Sun. 9.00 am	TBA	-
10.30 am	Vikki	Steve / Sisterr Lelia
6.00 pm	TBA	Vincent

**Children's Liturgy** at next weekend's 10.30 am Mass

## Prayer Box

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

Eileen Cromwell (RIP), Marie Drummond (RIP),  
Ireneh Berridge (RIP), Neyda Genato (RIP),  
John Czerniak (RIP)

Declan, Bridie, Jonathan, Chris, Maria,  
Jennifer, Mary, Anna, Patrick, Olven, Sheila  
Prayers for: Jim, John, Tony

The McCann family and all missing children

The peoples and countries of the world, especially  
**BREXITEERS and NON-BREXITEERS**  
**SYRIA, UKRAINE, IRAQ, MEXICO**  
**DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF THE CONGO**

## Does Anybody Hear?

I found myself in danger,  
I cried out in despair.  
I prayed "Lord let them hear me!  
Let just one person care!"  
I raised my voice to heaven  
as the train kept moving on.  
As we passed behind the church  
I could hear their worship songs.  
I cried out all the louder  
to the Christians there inside,  
But they raised their chorus louder,  
not hearing me outside.  
I knew they heard the whistle  
and the clacking of the tracks.  
They knew that I was going to die  
and still they turned their backs.  
I said "Father in heaven  
how can your people be  
So very hard of hearing  
to the cry of one like me?"  
I shouted "Please have mercy!  
Just a prayer before I die."  
But they sang a little louder  
to the holy one on high.  
They raised their hands to heaven  
but blood was dripping down –  
the blood of all the innocent  
their voices tried to drown.  
They have devotions daily,  
they function in my name  
And they never even realised  
it was I upon that train.  
"For as much as you did this  
to the least of my brethren,  
you did it to me."

Jesus Christ

### FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

Children gather today during the 10.30 am mass  
and will be looking at pages 24-25 of their  
preparation book. Next week (20th January)  
they will be looking at pages 26-29.

"Let God love you," said Pope Francis  
when speaking about prayer recently.

## Dates for Diary

### Sharing our Stories of Faith

#### A DAY FOR CATHOLIC WOMEN

(practising & non-practising)

at St Joseph's, Leicester, on

**Saturday 23rd February**

10.00 am - 4.30 pm. More details soon.

### LACY Leicestershire Active Catholic Youth

Dates for Diary - more information later

#### Next Working Group : Thursday 14th March

at the Franciscan Convent, Melton Mowbray

#### Countryside Stations of the Cross

Sunday 7th April at Mount St. Bernard Abbey

### Pilgrimages by Coach with Fr John McCay

**Lisieux** - 1st-5th April @ £345

**Lourdes** - 15th-22nd June @ £565

If you are interested

please phone Fr John on 0115 9810320

## BREXIT THIS WAY. PLEASE

Democracy fails when an elected government becomes dictatorial. It is Parliament that we elect, not a government. "The will of the people" is meaningless if the government has been elected by a minority of the people, and in our country a majority of the people and of the electorate have never voted for a government: our two main parties each has a loyalty vote of between 30-35% of the people, the other parties have their proportion and many people do not vote (at least 30% rarely vote).

Fascinating to watch Brexit bring out the huge issue: Parliament or Government. Parliament is always with us, Government only for a few years at a time. How have you followed the Brexit debate?

On Tuesday Parliament will have a vote. Almost certainly, even now, we know the result. What should Parliament do then?

*PS Do you like the idea of referendum? Switzerland does. Should Britain? Every important issue to be put to the people – abortion, euthanasia, capital punishment, national service, freedom of religion, minimum/maximum wages, unemployment and sick benefits... what should we leave to parliament, to government, and when should we be directly involved?*

## PARISH NEWSLETTER

**Do you read the parish newsletter?** Assuming your answer is "Yes", do you collect one from the back of church, do you download from the parish website, or do you receive each week by email? If you do not read the newsletter is this because you forget, or because you are not interested?

The questions are asked because over the last few months there have been requests made through the newsletter to which only a very few, if any, have responded. There have also been questions asked, to which answers had been already given through the newsletter. There are over 400 come to our parish over a weekend and up to 100 during the week. Are we simply a church that provides mass or are we a community?

If you would like to receive each week by email, please send your request to [stjoseph-parish@outlook.com](mailto:stjoseph-parish@outlook.com).

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### SHOP OPENING TIMES

Tues, Wed, Thur from 10.30 am-3.30 pm

Sun 11.45 am-12.15 pm

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