



# ST. JOSEPH'S PARISH, LEICESTER

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Dear People,

Thank you for your comments on last week's homily - the classroom discussion on how people like Hitler should/could be punished. I wanted you to sense how good in their thinking a class of 15/16-year-olds might be in talking about forgiveness, punishment, atonement.

The scene they arrived at, Hitler's coming before God at the completion of his life, understanding God's loving mercy and understanding the beautiful forgiveness that all those who had suffered because of him had already given him because they (now) shared God's loving forgiveness, you found a powerful image. Could it have happened like that?

You loved the rabbis' prayer "Dear God, we forgive our tormentors, those who hate us. And because we have forgiven them you have nothing against them." You found that wonderful: something divine within human forgiveness, even though the rabbis had seen and suffered so much.

If forgiveness like this could be offered in a concentration camp then it certainly could be offered in the love shared with God in eternal life.

Some of you admitted you had never thought in the way those girls and boys thought and spoke. Perhaps you would if you gave yourself the opportunity?

We have begun the week of Christian Unity, 18th-25th January each year. Do you have anything against those ole Proddy Dogs? Those were the words a good Catholic lady used about Christian Unity Week: "I don't want to pray with those ole P...s" Why was she so biased? Would she blame others for her bias - "It was the way we were brought up," "It was the way we were taught" - the lamest excuses any adult can make. You are grown up now, they should be told. They can't use the excuse of when they were young. Our prejudices are ours, no matter how we learned them: up to us to rid ourselves of them.

We shall have to love our fellow Christians in heaven. Why not start now, making a little bit of heaven on earth?

A little girls said "If the Churches have been quarrelling all these years they should be ashamed of themselves." We are, shamefully. Christian Unity Week is here. We pray, separately or together . . .

God bless us and them, them and us, us,

Fr. John

**19th January 2020 (Prayer Week 2)**  
**"Christian Unity or friendliness"**

## Mass Times and Intentions

### 2nd 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 Jean Darby, Bernadette Doyle, Pauline Cunningham,  
Rosada Dias, Santana Pereira, Winifred McDonagh,  
Maggie Bailey, Charles Harrison (B)*

### MONDAY 20th JANUARY

*(St Fabian : Pope St Sebastian)*

7.00 pm at St Joseph's *for Family & Friends*

### TUESDAY 21st JANUARY

*(St Agnes)*

10.00 am at St Joseph's *for Helen Murphy*

### WEDNESDAY 22nd JANUARY

*(St Vincent)*

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

### THURSDAY 23rd JANUARY

10.00 am at St Joseph's *for Innocent Victims*

### FRIDAY 24th JANUARY

*(St Francis de Sales)*

7.00 pm at St Joseph's *for Special Intention*

### SATURDAY 25th JANUARY

*(Conversion of St Paul, Apostle)*

### 3rd SUNDAY OF YEAR (A)

(Saturday) 6.00 pm at St Joseph's

*(Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament from 5.15 pm)*

### SUNDAY 26th 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 Pedro Rodrigues, Innocent Victims*

**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 - dusk.

## TODAY IS WORLD PEACE DAY

**Pax Christi** is our fine organisation for helping us to focus on prayer and action.

It asks every parish to celebrate Pope Francis' peace message, to deliver education to our young people in the schools, to challenge the global arms trade and the suffering and destruction it causes, to, especially, promote a just peace for Palestine and Israel, and to speak for non-violent approaches in every conflict.

Pax Christi quotes Pope Francis:

*"How I wish that all men and women of good will would look at the cross!"*

*There we can see God's reply: violence is not answered with violence, death is not answered with the language of death.*

*In the silence of the cross the uproar of weapons ceases and the language of reconciliation, forgiveness, dialogue and peace is spoken."*

At the back of church there are envelopes for those who would like to donate to Pax Christi.

## 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).

## St Joseph's Table

resumes its service this Tuesday

### WINTER MENU

**Soup - Meals - Desserts - Snacks**

To be announced on the 'Specials' board

(see times below in "Parish Diary")

## Parish Diary This Week

### Monday 20th January

**QUESTION OF FAITH.** We meet with our new schedule - part Bible study and part questions. Worked well last time! In the Blessed Sacrament Chapel (7.45 pm) following the evening mass. All welcome.

### Tuesday 21st January

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

**HUNGER LUNCH 12.30 pm** here at **St Joseph's** - see Christian Unity Week box above for details and events.

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

### Wednesday 22nd 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. All welcome.

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

### Thursday 23rd 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 24th January

**THE MIRIAM PRAYER GROUP** meet at 6.30 pm for faith sharing and Rosary. Please note - Enter via the Blessed Sacrament Chapel. All welcome.

## Prayer Box

Please pray for:

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

Noreen Merriman (RIP)

Declan, Bridie, Jonathan, John, Chris,  
Maria, Kath, Mary, Anna, Patrick,  
Olven, Sheila, Cristiano

Prayers for: Joan, Peter, Philip

The McCann family and all missing children

The peoples and countries of the world, especially  
**IRAQ, IRAN, CAMEROON,  
AUSTRALIA, SYRIA, YEMEN, KENYA**

## Parish Pilgrimages

### MALTA 2020

4th - 13th February (Tuesday-Thursday)

### LOURDES 2020

7th-13th May (Thursday - Wednesday)  
**£540** (approx) covers flights, airport coaches,  
and full board at our hotel. (34 booked so far)  
**Please book a place with £200 deposit.**

### STRESA & LAKE MAGGIORE 2020

13th - 19th and 20th - 26th August  
Full cost. **£675** (approx.) covers flights, airport  
coaches, our excellent lakeside hotel, half board.  
RESERVE LIST ONLY AS ALL PLACES TAKEN

### ROME 2020

6th - 12th November

The price is the same as last year! **£685** (approx.)  
to include all travel, our excellent 4-star hotel (B&B)  
and expenses (tips, buses, coach) in Rome.

**34 places already taken**

Please confirm your place with Fr John.

## HEADTEACHER VACANCY

The directors of St Thomas Aquinas Multi-Academy Trust are seeking to appoint a new headteacher (primary) at **St Joseph's Catholic Voluntary Academy, Leicester.**

Further details are available at:

<https://www.aquinas-cmat.org/vacancies/>

Closing date: 10 am, Wednesday 22nd January 2020

## Watermead

The "Old Stable" Centre  
**SHOP OPENING THIS WEEK**

Tues, Wed, Thur from 10.30 am to 3.30 pm  
Sun 11.45 am to 12.15 pm

Information from 0116 220 7881 / 0

[www.watermead-apostolate.co.uk](http://www.watermead-apostolate.co.uk)

Last week's collection was safely counted and banked. **£1,064**  
\*(Special RASH Collection £101)

Thank you. *Counters: Terry  
(Next week: Karen & Chris)*

\*This week the retiring collection is for Pax Christi RASH collection resumes next week.

## CHURCH ROTAS FOR NEXT WEEKEND

	Readers	Eucharistic Ministers
Sat. 6.00 pm	Doreen	Susan
Sun. 9.00 am	TBA	-
10.30 am	Gail	Gerry / Sister Lelia
6.00 pm	TBA	Marie

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

## Christian Unity Week

Unity Service here at St Joseph's  
**Tuesday 21st January** at 12.00 noon  
in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel  
(followed by the hunger lunch at St Joseph's)

## Dates for Diary

### "THINKING ABOUT SCRIPTURE IN MY LIFE"

**Saturday 25th January, 3-4.30 pm**

An afternoon of prayer and devotions at

The Rosmini Centre, (off the A46) LE7 4SJ  
(concludes with tea/coffee). All welcome.

### "Resonations" at St Cecilia's Auditorium

English Martyrs School, Anstey Lane, LE4 0FJ

Perform **"Four Seasons"** by Piazzolla on

**Wednesday 5th February, 6.15 pm**

and **Piano Quintet** by Dvořák on

**Friday 28th February, 7.00 pm**

FREE ENTRY : Donations (see leaflets)

### Year of The Word: National Scripture Tour

arrives in the Diocese of Nottingham on

**Saturday 22nd February**

at Holy Trinity Parish Centre Newark NG24 4AU  
between 10 am and 4.30 pm. See notice boards.

### A Day for Catholic Women

Another date is planned here at St Joseph's

**"ONE FAITH : DIFFERENT CULTURES"**

**Saturday 29th February**

10.30 am - 4.00 pm

If anyone would be willing to share their faith  
experience and be interviewed for this event,  
please contact Alison on 0116 2207881

## Thought for each day

*This is the beginning of a New Day.*

*God has given me this day  
to use as I will.*

*I can waste it or grow in its light  
and be of service to others.*

*But what I do with this day  
is important because*

*I have exchanged a day of my life for it.*

*When tomorrow comes  
today will be lost for ever.*

*I hope I will not regret  
the price I paid for it.*

## Year of The Word



Would you like to join us  
in our study of the Bible?  
Fortnightly on Mondays,  
following the evening mass  
at St Joseph's. Welcome.

(Dates and times confirmed  
in the parish newsletter)

**Apologies, everyone.** In last week's newsletter I referred to the 66 books of the Bible. Fr Simon wrote to remind me there are 66 books in the Hebrew Bible (used by the other Christian Churches) and 72 books in the Greek Bible (used by the Catholic Church). I was glad of the correction and pass it on to you because I am sad with you in the divisions we make in reading and often understanding the Word of God.

66 is correct and incorrect. We shall ask our Christian brothers and sisters in this Christian Unity Week. I wonder if they know there are 72 books in the Catholic Bible . . .