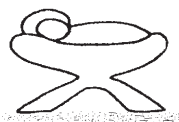


Keep
Christ in
"Christ"mas



Join in with the
Christmas
Novena

ST. JOSEPH'S PARISH, LEICESTER

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Dear People,

Two weeks today we shall be in the twelve days of Christmas - a beautiful time of celebration and prayer. The birth of Christ, the feast of Mary Mother of God, the Holy Family, the Epiphany. Wonderful days in the twelve days of Christmas. I hope it is a very happy ending of the old year and beginning of the new for you.

We hope it is, also, for our world. So many divisions we are aware of - in world, society, and Churches and Faiths. Were you surprised at the Wikileaks that told of the fears of violence against Catholics when Pope Benedict invited Anglicans into the Catholic Church? Can you think of any parts of the country where other Christians would attack Catholics because of the Pope's invitation? Evidently, in diplomatic circles, such a danger was considered.

We are much more aware of other parts of the world than our own where violence threatens - and yet we saw in the students' riots and in some of the nationalistic rallies that our people, too, are prepared for confrontation and violence - even to enjoying it. I read only today "in war no one wins, it's simply that some survive." Pope John Paul and Pope Benedict spoke and speak of peace. It is the mission of the Church to bring the peace of Christ to our world. May we have a strong gentle voice in the world of 2011, religious voices harmonising for the sake of the world.

God bless us.

Fr. John

Prayer Box - please pray for

Steven James, Stephanie Dee, Andrzej Kolodziej, Yvonne Peene, Sr Theresa Joseph, Nick Reville, Harry Bowden, Mary Jackson, Eileen Feely, Eve Kelly, Paul Cronin, Brian Gallyot, June Morton, Mary L, Sister Bernadette, The Morgan Family, Mrs Jonathan Moore, Molly Cornelia, Baby Daniel, Stan Eaton, McCann family and all missing children, Mary Wall, Bridget Davis, Gwyneth, Jim & Mary Doyle, John Gill, Annie McGhee, Tess O'Donovan, Ian North, Jessica H, Sue Davidson, Terry & Theresa Devlin, Caroline Peene, Olive Martin, Rhonda Jones, John Rogan, Pat Whitaker, Kevin Brennan, Keith Billson, David Hughes, Hugh Birt, Pat Aitken, Jenny Aitken, Christina Flynn, Sadie Lyons, Chloe Bunten, Kate & Family, Agatha Walker, Felina Euste, Patrick Kearney, Paula & Martha Stringer, Stephen & Pauline, Tony Jordan, Lucia Lobo, Michael Aled, Brigid West, Kath & Fred Trotman, Don Pratt, Ron Taylor, Tim Hadfield, Bernard Ratigan, Graham Palmer, Charlotte Eames, Pat O'Brien, Sheila Jackson, Cynthia Bunten, Andrew Smith, Kath Houlden, Cath Walsham.

12th December 2010 (Prayer Week 2)

"Only two weeks to go . . ."

Mass Times and Intentions

3rd SUNDAY OF ADVENT (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 Evelyn Voss, Phyllis Lobo, Eveline Kate Cox,

Geoff Harris, Paul Green, Yvonne Peene,

Pedro & Luiza Rodrigues,

MONDAY 13th DECEMBER

(St. Lucy)

7.00 pm at St. Joseph's for Holy Souls

TUESDAY 14th DECEMBER

(St. John of the Cross)

10.00 am at St. Joseph's for Marina Sewell

WEDNESDAY 15th DECEMBER

10.00 am at St. Joseph's for Tim & Mary McCarthy

THURSDAY 16th DECEMBER

10.00 am at St. Joseph's for Charles & Clara Bishop

FRIDAY 17th DECEMBER

7.00 pm at St. Joseph's for May Seddon

SATURDAY 18th DECEMBER

9.30 am at The Rosary Church for Family & Friends

4th SUNDAY OF ADVENT (A)

(Saturday) 6.00 pm at St. Joseph's

(Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament from 5.15 pm)

SUNDAY 19th DECEMBER

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 Reg & Eileen Day, Eileen Collopy, Gordon Crewe,

McDonagh Family, Susan Dixey, Nathan & Jacob

Helena Wiczorek

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 - 7.00 pm.

SVP Sudan Appeal. Details available at back of church

Parish Diary This Week

Monday 13th December

QUESTION OF FAITH The questions begin to roll again, in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel after evening mass. Let the answers come.

Tuesday 14th December

CHOIR PRACTICE this week and next week for our Christmas services. We meet at 7.30 pm in the parish hall.

CAROL SERVICE at St Paul's School, 7.00 pm, followed by mince pies. All are welcome.

Thursday 16th December

PARISH OPEN DAY

Every Thursday at St. Joseph's Hall and Garden open for coffee, tea and peace, following the morning mass at St. Joseph's.

CHRISTMAS CARDS We have finished our packing for the 2010 "Let the Children Live" charity cards and would like to express thanks to all who have helped with this year's stock. It has been much appreciated.

Postbag

Dear Fr John,

Owing to the adverse weather conditions and the uncertainty of attendance, it is with regret that the Carol Service and afternoon tea on Thursday 16th December have been cancelled. We hope to rearrange a date in the New Year when the weather improves. Watch this space.

Happy Christmas to you all.

Charity Shop Ladies.

St Joseph's Church Window

A visitor asked to see the church which she knew from the outside but had never been able to visit. She was taken by its beauty and she loved the window that takes up the back of the church. I explained its symbols to her and the family story - and she and a parishioner found it fascinating. The parishioner said he had never heard the story and wanted to know more. Over the coming weeks I shall explain the details of the window. In the meantime you might like to take a good look for yourselves.

Christmas Mass

WEDNESDAY

CHRISTMAS CONFESSION

and Penitential Service at 7.00 pm
on Wednesday 22nd December

FRIDAY

CHRISTMAS EVE

6.00 pm (Traditional) Children's Mass
9.30 pm Carols followed by
10.00 pm Christmas (Midnight) Mass

SATURDAY

CHRISTMAS DAY

9.00 am Mass at The Rosary Church
10.30 am Mass at St. Joseph's

SUNDAY

Feast of the Holy Family

Sunday Mass times as usual

9.00 am at The Rosary Church
10.30 am & 6.00 pm at St Joseph's

MONDAY

HOLIDAY MONDAY

10.00 am at St Joseph's

Dates for Diary

Humberstone Choral Society ANNUAL CHRISTMAS CONCERT

At St Mary's Church Hall, Humberstone
Wednesday 15th December 7.30 pm
Tickets £7.00 from 0116 2350170

CAROLS & TEA

Thursday 16th December

~~Carols at 1.00 pm in St Joseph's Church~~
~~Afternoon tea in parish hall follows at £3~~
(Admission to Afternoon Tea by ticket only)

Give Blood

Thursday 16th December

at Goodwood Bowls Club
1.00-3.30 pm & 5.00-8.00 pm

Children's Liturgy

St. Joseph's ADVENT SAFARI

Our liturgy children continue their Advent journey and are giving you a chance to join them on their Safari to Bethlehem in Zimbabwe. To continue Father David's work with the children orphaned by AIDS, who now live at Mother of Peace Community, we are asking you to sponsor a Zimbabwean bird, animal or flower. Make a donation and watch our Parish travel across our church to Mutoko. See the Holy Mountain, Chigona and wait for Jesus to arrive! Just tell a leader which species you would like to be and we will produce it from recycled materials. You may like to give the journey as a gift; or if you want to remember someone special we can put them as a star in the sky over the crib (lend us a small photo if you would like their face to be seen). PLEASE help us to get there in time and send our love to the children.

You might also wish to buy our HAPPY LION cards which feature our crib characters in previous years- £1.50 for 5- all in support of Mother of Peace and memory of Father David. His lion will be next to the manger.

THANK YOU! The Liturgy Leaders.

PS Can all animals and birds give their £1.50 donations to one of the leaders or to Fr John.

THANK YOU to all who sang, prayed, entertained, refreshed and supported our Candlelight Carol Service and Entertainment Evening last Wednesday. The weather warmed enough to continue our outdoor service and the snowy backdrop added to the seasonal atmosphere. The Welsh pwnch was up to standard and the raffle for "Let the Children Live" raised **£78**. (Donations during the evening came to **£43.26**).
Thank you, Fr John and Alison

Regular Parish Activities

AT ST JOSEPH'S

After Sunday & Thursday morning mass . . .

TEAS AND COFFEES (Coffee Shop)

FAIR TRADE STALL (Coffee Shop)

ST. JOSEPH'S LIBRARY (Coffee Shop)

CHARITY SHOP - Clothing /bric-a-brac (Hall)

AT THE ROSARY CHURCH

After Sunday morning mass . . .

TEAS AND COFFEES (back of church)

CAKE STALL : 1st Sunday of month

FAIR TRADE STALL : 3rd Sunday of month

Watermead shop

The "Old Stable" Centre

(at the back of St. Joseph's Car park)

Christmas Cards, Gifts, etc.

If you are struggling to get to us - then do phone
and we will arrange to deliver to you.

SHOP OPENING TIMES

Tues, Wed, Thur from 10.30 am-3.30 pm

Sat 5.00-5.50 pm & Sun 11.45 am-12.45 pm

Information from 0116 220 7881 / 0

www.watermead-apostolate.com

Reflexology (Complementary Therapy)

Contact Sharon on 0116 2120719

Last week's collection was safely

counted and banked. **£859.30**

Thank you. Counters this week : Sarah & Gloriosa

(Next week: Margaret)

PARISH ROTA FOR NEXT WEEKEND

Sat. 6.00 pm

Sun. 10.30 am

6.00 pm

Readers

Edward

Theresa

TBA

Eucharistic Ministers

Cecilia

Anne G

Sister Mary Coen

Children's Liturgy

All leaders during

Advent, please