

Keep
Christ in
"Christ"mas



Send religious
Christmas
cards

ST. JOSEPH'S PARISH, LEICESTER

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Dear People,

Our prayer in Advent is well begun. On Tuesday we had an Advent Carol Service at St Mary's, Humberstone, for our local Christian churches, and on Thursday we had our own Christmas Carol Service and lunch at St Joseph's.

On Wednesday we shall have our Candlelight Carol Service around the Christmas tree and Crib in the Watermead courtyard, followed by a social in the parish hall. On Wednesday, 17th December, there will be a Carol Service at St Paul's, and on Friday 19th December our Hall Social Committee invite us to hear the Croft Silver Band play Christmas music in the parish hall. Full details of all events are over the page. Notice of our Christmas week services was in last week's newsletter and is on the parish website. Details will be repeated in the newsletter in a couple of weeks.

We pray around the world for peace at Christmastime. We saw in the recent travels of Pope Francis what tensions there are - political, religious, social, racial - besides what we hear and see in general world news.

We pray for the courageous doctors, nurses and assistants who are tackling ebola in West Africa and for all who are giving their lives to assist the poor in many parts of the world. We pray for the success of the ventures to end Human Trafficking and Slavery and especially for the Pope and the Archbishop of Canterbury who are offering a moral lead that is being followed by Cardinal Nichols and important political figures in this country.

We can always be grateful for the goodness and strength of people unafraid to tackle the most difficult problems, knowing that unless someone takes the responsibility then evil will conquer. Our world needs moral, political and social leadership and we pray for and with those willing to take those responsibilities.

Our Christmas prayer is for our families, our society, our world. What a gift peace is

May God bless us,

Fr. John

7th December 2014 (Prayer Week 2)

"Christ is coming. We rejoice!"

Mass Times and Intentions

2nd SUNDAY OF ADVENT (Year B)

(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 Riomelda Ireland, Robert D'Souza,

For World Peace, Family Blessings

MONDAY 8th DECEMBER

(Feast of the Immaculate Conception)

7.00 pm at St. Joseph's for Frank & Pat Duggan

TUESDAY 9th DECEMBER

10.00 am at St. Joseph's for Family Blessing

WEDNESDAY 10th DECEMBER

10.00 am at St. Joseph's for Phyllis Lobo

THURSDAY 11th DECEMBER

(St Damasus, Pope)

10.00 am: St. Joseph's Requiem Mass for Mary Robinson

FRIDAY 12th DECEMBER

(St Jane Frances de Chantal : Our Lady of Guadalupe)

7.00 pm at St. Joseph's for Robert Milton

SATURDAY 13th DECEMBER

(St Lucy)

9.30 am at The Rosary Church for Tim & Winifred Dwyer

3rd SUNDAY OF YADVENT (Year B)

(Saturday) 6.00 pm at St. Joseph's

(Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament from 5.15 pm)

SUNDAY 14th 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 May Seddon, Eveline Kate Cox,

Kathleen Collins, Frank Gallagher

OUR ADVENT SERVICE OF RECONCILIATION

is on **Monday 22nd December** at 7.00 pm. Save the date.

BLESSED SACRAMENT CHAPEL

open every day this week from 10.30 am - 6.00 pm.

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

There is a retiring collection this weekend for our Christmas flowers. Thank you.

The Parish on Sundays



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

ON FAMILY DAY, the first Sunday of each month at St Joseph's, the "Home from Home" shop is also open - we welcome ideas to complement this regular event. Do get in touch and suggest.

Parish Diary This Week

Monday 8th December

QUESTION OF FAITH. We continue our meetings in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel after mass.

Tuesday 9th December

CHOIR PRACTICE in the parish hall at 7.30 pm. We continue our Advent and Christmas preparation. Welcome.

Wednesday 10th December

MEDITATION at the Convent today. 10.45 am: Quiet prayer, meditation and intercessions. All welcome.

CANDLELIGHT CAROL SERVICE begins at 7.15 pm (side gates will be open so people can wait in church). See details in "Christmas dates".

Thursday 11th December

PARISH OPEN DAY at St Joseph's
~ Hot drinks in the Coffee Shop!
Parish Library, "HOME FROM HOME"
Garden and Watermead Shop are all open after the morning Service.

Watermead shop



The "Old Stable" Centre

SHOP OPENING TIMES

Tues, Wed, Thur from 10.30 am-3.30 pm
Sat 5.00 - 5.55 pm & Sun 11.45 am-12.45 pm
Information from 0116 220 7881 / 0
www.watermead-apostolate.com

Pope Blessings - A large display of Christmas: Cards, Cribbs, Gifts, etc. & our FREE "X"MAS ENVELOPE STICKERS

Prayer Box

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

The sick and housebound, those in hospital and in nursing homes - especially:

Jack Laing, Declan, Fabian Sweeney, Christina Flynn, Jenny Aitken, Jonathan Lockwood, Ed James, Pat Aitken, Lucia & Lina Lobo

Prayers for: Josie Sewell, Tony Pinchbeck

The McCann family and all missing children

The peoples and countries of the world, especially AFGHANISTAN

Postbag

Dear Fr John and Parishioners,

Thank you so much for all the love and caring shown to me when I was taken ill in church recently. I do hope I didn't disrupt things too much. Am much better now.

St Joseph's is a truly loving caring church.

With much love and thanks. Sheila

Dear Fr John,

I wish to thank my many friends at St Joseph's for all their good wishes of support and cards, following my recent operation.

I am making a satisfactory recovery and very much appreciate all their kindness and love to both June and me.

God bless you all. John

Dear People,

Thank you for supporting Bob in his half-marathon run for LOROS. He raised over £700 in total, and we at St Joseph's donated £180.

We congratulate Bob on his run. Fr John

THE DEATH ROW LETTERS

Could you offer the gift of friendship to a man or woman awaiting execution on Death Row in the USA? Come to Angela Bailey's presentation on **Wednesday 10 December 6:30 to 8:30pm at St Clement's Hall, Holy Cross Priory, Wellington Street.** Refreshments. Free admission.

Christmas Dates for Diary

Wednesday 10th December CANDLELIGHT CAROL SERVICE and Entertainment Evening



begins in the Watermead Courtyard, 7.15 pm, followed by Fr John's Welsh Pwnc and mincepies in the parish hall. No charge - donations

CHRISTMAS CANNONS! Aged 14-18?

'Cannons' is an open event for 14-18 years, taking place from 7-9pm on

Friday 12th December

at St Barnabas Cathedral, Nottingham.

Led by the Briars team, the evening focuses on the true meaning of Christmas - festive fun, food, music and prayer. For more information please visit www.ndcys.com

ROSMINI CENTRE RATCLIFFE

Saturday 13th December.

"A prophet for today" OSCAR ROMERO

presented by Fr Ted Mullen

11 am to 2 pm (Mass at 10 am). Shared lunch;

Please telephone 01509 813078 or email rosminicentreinfo@gmail.com. Donations. appreciated to cover costs and stipends.

Friday 19th December CROFT SILVER BAND CAROL CONCERT

"Christmas Silver Bells at St Joseph's"

7.30pm: Tickets £5 (under 16's free) includes Tea/Coffee/Mince Pies. Bring your own drink.

From Kerry or Mags 07419129178

FLAME 2

A National Youth Event at Wembley Arena on **Saturday 7th March 2015**

A gathering of thousands of young Catholics, aged 14-21, from around the country will gather for prayer, music and nationally known speakers.

LEICESTERSHIRE CATHOLIC ACTIVE YOUTH are booking coaches and £20 covers the travel, the Flame 2 ticket and the Robin Hood hat (for the Nottingham Diocese). The Catenians have helped with the costs and so will the parishes. Any youngsters from St Joseph's who wishes to go will be supported by the parish's paying £10 towards their costs.

Children's Liturgy

ADVENT PROJECT "Deer Me!"

For Mother of Peace Community Aids Orphans Sponsor us to make a deer for you or in memory of a loved one - to hang on the tree, or a puppet. See details in last week's newsletter



Just write your request on a paper from the narthex and give to Lynn, or a liturgy leader.

Mobile Phone Masts . . . Over 10 years ago a mobile phone company approached the parish to site masts on our church roof. We refused, as diocesan policy did not allow this because of safety issues. The company then erected the mast just outside our perimeter wall. A few years later a second mast was erected outside the presbytery with Leicester City Council planning permission (local residents, supported by the parish, had fought the planning application and won, but a second identical application went through quietly whilst we were all petitioning against the first). Then another mast appeared outside the entrance to our car park - this again was challenged by residents - but with no success. Now the mast outside the presbytery is to be developed further with worrying implications. Please read the letter at the back of church and see Fr John or Alison if you feel you can sign your name to the petition or can offer any advice. Thank you.

Last week's collection was safely counted and banked. **£1,194**

Thank you. *Counters this week: Gail & Keith*
(Next week: Tony)

PARISH ROTA FOR NEXT WEEKEND

	Readers	Eucharistic Ministers
Sat. 6.00 pm	John	Sal
Sun. 10.30 am	Paul	Sister Kathleen / Mary
6.00 pm	TBA	Vincent

Two 'seeming' engagement rings have been found in the church - one last week and the other some months ago. Please claim