



# ST. JOSEPH'S PARISH, LEICESTER

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Dear People,

Can you imagine yourself rejoicing that someone is in hell? A living hell now or an eternal hell after death, as some religions and churches teach. Where is God if you rejoice like that? You must be sick and sickening if the thought of people in hell pleases, even delights, you.

No, you say calmly, this is the justice of God. They are suffering because they deserve to. They missed mass on Sunday and committed a mortal sin so they deserve hell. I was taught like that at school and I know how deeply those teachers must now regret having taught the Catholic Faith in that way. Poor, pathetic, loathsome teaching - teachers, priests, grandparents, parents - who believed love of God should be taught through frightening fear (\*).

Sinners have offended God, you say, still calm, and thus they must suffer the consequences. We should rejoice at the justice of God that punishes in hell fire.

Hell for eternity? There is no justice in that. Even if you chose to destroy the inhabited world by exploding all the nuclear bombs we have (people are poor, hungry, homeless, suffer, and we have enough nuclear bombs, including Trident, to destroy the world - what madness!) would that be enough to justify your being condemned for all eternity? That makes the punishment greater than the crime. Would God punish more than the sin deserved? Of course not. There can be no eternal punishment for any temporal wrong. There would be no justice there.

Cec Denahy was a New Zealand priest famous for his parish missions and hell-fire sermons. Suddenly he changed. I preached a retreat at his monastery and was able to have a long conversation with him. Why had he changed so completely? "There is only one message, John," he said, "God's love. I regret all those hell-fire and damnation sermons now. I want only to preach God's love, God's understanding and forgiving love."

God's love is the message. Ignore the ignorant preachers who trade on fear and sin and damnation and the people who like to be excited at the pretend fear and an emotional high. God is love. That's the Gospel. Hell is people's imagination.

God bless us, Fr. John

\* Our Italian brethren and professors in Rome were amazed at the teaching we received in British and Irish schools on missing mass - mortal sin - danger of hell. "We'd be sending most of Italy to hell every week" they said!

**24th March 2019 (Prayer Week 3)**

"God's love is the message . . ."

## Mass Times and Intentions

### 3rd SUNDAY OF LENT (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 and 6.00 pm at St Joseph's

(Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament from 5.15 pm)

(Intentions for Sunday Mass)

for Sue Davidson, Paddy & Aggie Murphy, Ron Parkin,

William Jarrot, Anthony Cates

### MONDAY 25th MARCH

(The Feast of the Annunciation)

7.00 pm at St Joseph's for Chris Bean

### TUESDAY 26th MARCH

10.00 am at St Joseph's for Sr Catherine McCormack

### WEDNESDAY 27th MARCH

10.00 am at St Joseph's for Pat & Colette Callaghan

7.30 pm STATION MASS at St Peter's, Hinckley

### THURSDAY 28th MARCH

10.00 am at St Joseph's for Thanksgiving

### FRIDAY 29th MARCH

7.00 pm at St Joseph's: Stations of the Cross followed by  
the mass for Jim O'Shea

### 4th SUNDAY OF LENT (C)

(Saturday) 6.00 pm at St Joseph's

(Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament from 5.15 pm)

### SUNDAY 31st MARCH

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 Joao & Maria de Monte Nunes

### 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 - 6.00 pm.

### Wednesday LENTEN STATION MASS

(6.55 pm Sacrament of Reconciliation) 7.30 pm Mass

**27th March**

St Peter's,  
Hinckley LE10 1LW

**10th April**

Our Lady of Victories,  
Mt Harborough LE16 9QQ

## 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 26th March

**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**

**CHOIR PRACTICE** tonight, 7.30 pm.

### Wednesday 27th March

**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**

**STATION MASS** - at St Peter's, Hinckley, LE10 1LW, 7.30 pm (confessions 7.00 pm).

### Thursday 28th March

**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**

**CHURCHES TOGETHER LENT COURSE**

at Abbots Road URC, 7 for 7.30 pm.

### Friday 29th March

**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

**'Special' Meal of the Day Menu (Tuesday)**

**Soup** - Butternut Squash

**Lunchtime specials** - Baked Gammon and **Lent option** - Vegetable Casserole 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.

## 260 Club

**Our new year begins next week!**

New members and members' renewal welcome. Cards available at back of church (Apologies for mistake in year date)

## ADDITIONAL VOLUNTEERS REQUIRED

**TEMPORARY COOK** is needed to assist with St Joseph's Table for a temporary period.

**LUNCHTIME HELP** needed on Wednesdays between 11.30 am and 2.00 pm. Light duties consist of greeting customers, taking orders and serving lunches. Phone Chris on 07986704201.

## Prayer Box

Please pray for:

**Families of the parish  
and our loved ones living and dead**

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

Prayers for: Maura, Cristiano, Eddie

The McCann family and all missing children

The peoples and countries of the world, especially, MOZAMBIQUE, ZIMBABWE, MALAWI

## POSTBAG

Dear Parishioners,

The Missio monies (RED BOXES) are due for banking. Could you please bring the Red Boxes to the parish.

Thank you for your continued support.

God bless you, Anthony and Carmen

Dear Father,

A while ago you ran reflections from the British Medical Journal that indicated a connection between Wales doing well at rugby and the death of a pope. 1978 was highlighted when Wales was really good - and two popes died that year, Paul VI and John Paul I.

Wales has just won the Grand Slam yet again and are second favourites to win the Rugby World Cup in Japan later this year. It is your bounden duty to order prayers against Wales winning the Cup. Grand Slam and World Cup in the same year is a frightening thought for all good Catholics and Englishmen.

Do something about it.

Yours truly, St Patrick

Dear Father,

May I suggest a peaceful solution to BREXIT. The arguments on both sides are the same as ever, convincing, whichever we are listening to, just as at the time of the Referendum. The UK voted approximately 52%/48%, for "Leave", though Northern Ireland and Scotland showed a clear preference for "Remain" and Wales was 50/50. United Kingdom? England and DUP forcing will, more honestly. But that's UK politics.

If I could have split my vote I would have given just over half and just under half, but I had only one vote. I agonised. But now a solution in Parliament, reflecting 52%/48% is clearly within reach and Europe is astounded we don't take it. So am I and the thousands like me who live in my imagination.

Yours sincerely, B. Will Derd IC

## Watermead shop

**Lent books and resources, Easter cards  
OPENING TIMES**

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

Information from from 0116 220 7881 / 0

## CHURCH ROTAS FOR NEXT WEEKEND

	Readers	Eucharistic Ministers
Sat. 6.00 pm	Edward	Cecilia
Sun. 9.00 am	TBA	-
10.30 am	Theresa	Anne G / Sister Lelia
6.00 pm	TBA	Vincent

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

## Dates for Diary

**LACY** Leicestershire Active Catholic Youth  
**Countryside Stations of the Cross**

**Sunday 7th April** at Mount St. Bernard Abbey  
If you would like more information or book travel on the coach from Leicester please phone Pauline on 07885 187374 by 2nd April.

**Details** 12 noon from St. Mary's South Wigston, 12.20 pm from St. Thomas More Knighton and 12.40 from Sacred Heart Leicester.

Departing the Abbey at 6.00 pm and dropping off in reverse order. We look forward to seeing you!

## FAURE'S REQUIEM : COME AND SING!

**Sunday 14th April**

at St Mary's Church, Humberstone  
Workshop 2-5 pm followed by concert  
Details from dp.cant@btopenworld.com

## Our Diocesan Chrism Mass

at St Barnabas Cathedral, Nottingham

**Wednesday 17th April**, 11.30 am

All welcome to represent our parish

## March for LIFE

**Saturday 11th May**

Details on notice board.

Coach will be going from Leicester.

www.marchforlife.co.uk

## CHURCHES TOGETHER IN LENT

Meetings continue on:

**Thursday 28th March**

at Abbots Road United Reformed Church

**Wednesday 3rd April**

at Uppingham Road Methodist Church

**Thursday 11th April**

Christ Church, Thurncourt Road

## Parish Pilgrimages 2019

**LOURDES 10th - 16th May**

Friday to Thursday, £495 approximately  
(price includes flights, all travel and full board at hotel)  
32 have booked. Places are still available.

**ROME 8th-14th November 2019**

We can now book flights.  
£300 for flight and hotel deposit to  
"Fr John Daley Pilgrimage A/C"  
Full cost £675 covers flights, airport coaches,  
excellent 4 star hotel B&B (43 people already booked)

**STRESA & LAKE MAGGIORE 2020**

**13th - 19th and 20th - 26th August**

We have been offered 2 weeks because  
already 30 people have booked to come.

**£20 deposit secures place**

(the cost is only £10 more than in 2018!)

## FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

A reminder that there will be no Holy Communion class this Sunday or next. Our next session will be **Sunday 14th April**.

There will also be a parents meeting in the next couple of weeks. Please watch for further information in the news letter.

Last week's collection was safely counted and banked. **£1,089**  
(CAFOD Collection £662)

Thank you. Counters: Terry

(Next week: John & June)

\* RASH collection resumes this week