



ST. JOSEPH'S PARISH, LEICESTER

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Dear People,

The diocese is developing "pastoral areas", the grouping of parishes. St Joseph's links with Sacred Heart and Our Lady's: there will be two priests for the three parishes.

In these parishes there are five churches where mass is celebrated each week: Our Lady's, Sacred Heart and St Margaret's, St Joseph's and the Rosary Church. There are nine celebrations of mass. Would you care to plan how two priests will cover five churches and nine masses in 24 hours (especially when one of them is ill)? I shall take your good suggestions to the deanery planning meeting. No decisions will be made without consulting the people.

In 1962 the diocese had 112 priests and 72,000 people regularly at mass. In 1992 there were still 112 priests (but more churches in suburbs of towns and cities had been built) but only 37,000 people at mass. In 2017 there were 90 priests and 30,000 people. We shall see a sharp fall in the number of priests (so many are near or beyond retirement age) but we hope for no fall in the number of people.

The people will be responsible for the parishes, overseeing the maintainance of property and buildings, handling the day-to-day organisation. There is no other way. How best may it be done? Bishop Patrick wants the people to feel fully involved. You are.

The so-called "good old days" are gone. Young boys brought into the junior seminary at age of 12 or 13, given good education, sent on to senior seminary at 18 and ordained at 24. A dreadful system. What would a boy of 12 know about sexuality, relationships, development and maturity? There were broken lives as the pain of difficult choices were met from age 17-23 or, worse, after ordination. There was bitterness, too, at the need to start ordinary life (education, training) for the young men and their families.

What an ugly system, playing the percentage game with young boys' lives. And we reaped the whirlwind. Sexual abuse of children and women are two of the consequences, and the startling recent book "In the Closet of the Vatican" tells us the abuse has also been on boys and young men, abused becoming abusers. A sad constant factor.

No more. The priesthood is a life of service for God. A bad priest is far worse than no priest. Studying for the priesthood must be a mature choice and can only be made by someone who is mature. A case may be made for temporary priesthood (10-20 years), as in every work way of life, but the Church sees the priesthood as a life-long commitment, just as marriage is. Is the Church right?

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31st March 2019 (Prayer Week 4)
"This takes the Brexit!" "What does?"

Mass Times and Intentions

4th 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 Sheila Cronly, Joao & Maria de Monte Nunes,
John McDonagh, Thanksgiving (G)

MONDAY 1st APRIL

7.00 pm at St Joseph's for Sue Davidson

TUESDAY 2nd APRIL

(St Francis of Paola)
10.00 am at St Joseph's for Patsy Hickey

WEDNESDAY 3rd APRIL

10.00 am at St Joseph's for James Gillick

THURSDAY 4th APRIL

10.00 am at St Joseph's for Jim & Maura Delaney (60th)

FRIDAY 5th APRIL

(St Vincent Ferrer)
7.00 pm at St Joseph's: Stations of the Cross followed by
the mass for Nana Brady

5th SUNDAY OF LENT (C)

(Saturday) 6.00 pm at St Joseph's
(Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament from 5.15 pm)

SUNDAY 7th APRIL

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 Patsy Hickey, Nana Brady, Vince Anderson,
James Gillick, John & Anne Boyton (50th)

OUR NEXT LENTEN STATION MASS

(6.55 pm Sacrament of Reconciliation) **7.30 pm** Mass

Wednesday 10th April

Our Lady of Victories, Mt Harborough LE16 9QQ

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.

Easter Flowers Retiring collection weekend of 6th/7th April. Thank you.

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

✈️ 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 40 people have booked to come.
£20 deposit secures place
(the cost is only £10 more than in 2018!)

Watermead shop
OPEN AS USUAL THIS WEEK
Tues, Wed, Thur from 10.30 am-3.30 pm

Last week's collection was safely counted and banked. **£1,187**
*(Special RASH Collection £124)
Thank you. Counters: June & John
(Next week: Pauline & Christine)
*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	Kate	Anne B
Sun. 9.00 am	TBA	-
10.30 am	Vikki	Gerry / Sister Lelia
6.00 pm	TBA	Marie

Children leading prayer at next week's 10.30 am Mass

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

The children's next session will be on
Sunday 14th April

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 2nd April

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 None tonight.

Wednesday 3rd April

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.

CHURCHES TOGETHER IN LENT meet this week at Uppingham Road Methodist Church, 7 for 7.30 pm. (Next week, Thursday 11th April, at Christchurch, Thurncourt Rd)

WATERMEAD SHOP OPEN 10.30 am-3.30 pm

Thursday 4th April

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 5th April

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

260 Club

This Months Winners!

No.215 wins £75; No.183 wins £50;
No.60 wins £50; No.107 wins £50;
No.239 wins £35.

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, John, Denis, Eddie, Thomas

The McCann family and all missing children

The peoples and countries of the world, especially,
MOZAMBIQUE, ZIMBABWE, MALAWI,
YEMEN, THAILAND, HOLY LAND

Bereavement Support

For Help and Support, call David,
a qualified and registered Counsellor.
Tel: 01163183185 Mob: 07591308287
For further information, or for an initial discussion,
to hear how he can help.

THANK YOU

Many many thanks for your continued support. It's much appreciated.
One Roof Leicester Team.

St Joseph's Table

PLEASE NOTE CHANGE OF MENU
'Special' Meal of the Day Menu

Soup - Leek & Potato

Lunchtime specials - Roast Chicken
served with potatoes & fresh vegetables

(Please come before 2.45 pm to avoid disappointment)

Dessert - Pineapple Upside Down Pudding
(served with custard, cream, ice-cream)

Snack Menu

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

ADDITIONAL VOLUNTEERS REQUIRED

TEMPORARY COOK is needed for St Joseph's Table for a period during April.
REGULAR LUNCHTIME HELP also needed on Wednesdays between 11.30 am and 2.00 pm.
Phone Chris on 07986704201.

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The English-speaking world had a great number of its priests, missionaries and diocesan priests from Ireland. Not now. The hope or expectation was a priest and/or nun in many families. How awful to load such an expectation on a young boy or girl. But it happened. The blessing is that the awful system produced so many good sisters and priests. But the shame of abuse now uncovered in the last fifty years (worldwide, where the same system was/is practised in so-called Catholic countries) is a dreadful consequence.

A priests' vocations' director told me years ago "You have to get them before they meet girls." That sickening attitude brought numbers to the seminaries but caused dreadful wounds.

God bless us all, especially the deeply hurt, Fr. John

PS The other Christian Churches show us that ordaining women and married men would probably make little difference. They are worse off for numbers than the Catholic Church. What is needed is new thinking, not patching, stretching, making do for now, nimby, etc. New thinking. Women of the Church help us look in new ways to discover the will of God.