



ST. JOSEPH'S PARISH, LEICESTER

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Dear People,

One of the lessons I've always remembered from school came from a boy. "You're a good teacher, Father," he said, "but you don't know much about real life, do you." "Meaning what?" I asked.

"Well," he said, "you are a priest, you live in a nice house, you teach at a good school and you don't have anything to worry about. But lots of us live in rough areas, we have fights because that's the life we know, we find it hard to do our homework in cramped small houses and so much noise going on around us. The streets are hard, Father, and that's where lots of us boys have to live. You don't have to know any of that."

He was right. A priest's life is comfortable. It may be busy but he does not have the heartache of being poor, of watching his child ill, of fearing to lose his job, of worrying over bills to be paid. No one is going to try him on for a fight in a pub - there's no kudos in beating up a priest. He can be mugged as easily as anyone else but is a less likely victim than many.

I've carried Martin's warning with me all my life, aware of how protected I can be against the hurts and worries of ordinary life. I've tried to understand, even when I could not fully share, the anxieties and pain of students at school, people in the parish and patients at the hospital. Sometimes I have felt so inadequate, not knowing how I could cope if I were caught up in the sorrows and difficulties I have seen others bear with courage and strength. The love that looks after a sick child or aging parent, the struggle of coping in a marriage that has become loveless, the pain of failure or feeling a failure at home or at work - I watched them, prayed for them, worried for them, but not known how I would have coped. Loneliness I have never suffered.

When I am with people who long to be forgiven and it will never happen, who waited too long to make up and then it was too late, whose lives are broken and there is no one to heal them, I remember the wise words of a teenage boy "You don't know much about real life, do you, Father."

God bless us all, Fr. John

7th April 2019 (Prayer Week 1)
"What is missing? CH CH? UR"

Mass Times and Intentions

5th 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 Patsy Hickey, Nana Brady, Vincent Anderson,
James Gillick, John & Anne Boynton (50th)

MONDAY 8th APRIL

7.00 pm at St Joseph's for The Beaumont Family

TUESDAY 9th APRIL

10.00 am at St Joseph's for Stan & Pauline James

WEDNESDAY 10th APRIL

10.00 am at St Joseph's for Jim & Kit North
7.30 pm STATION MASS at Our Lady of Victories
Market Harborough (LE16 9QQ)

THURSDAY 11th APRIL

(St Stanislaus of Krakow, Bishop)
10.00 am at St Joseph's for Win & May Casey

FRIDAY 12th APRIL

7.00 pm at St Joseph's: Stations of the Cross followed by
the mass for Family Blessing

SATURDAY 13th APRIL

(St Martin I, Pope)

PALM (PASSION) SUNDAY (C)

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

SUNDAY 14th 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 Lynn Browne

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 this weekend.

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

Monday 8th April

St JOSEPH'S SCHOOL invites us all to a family liturgy at 3.30 pm. Please come.

Tuesday 9th 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 tonight, 7.30 pm.

Wednesday 10th 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.

WATERMEAD SHOP OPEN 10.30 am-3.30 pm

STATION MASS at Mkt Harbrough, 7.30 pm.

Thursday 11th April

PARISH OPEN MORNING - hot drinks in Coffee Shop after the morning service (Library/ Garden also open). All welcome.

CHURCHES TOGETHER IN LENT is at Christchurch, Thurncourt Rd, Thurnby Lodge, 7 for 7.30 pm start.

WATERMEAD SHOP OPEN 10.30 am-3.30 pm

Friday 12th April

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

Soup - Vegetable Soup

Lunchtime specials - Beef & Ale Pie served with potatoes & fresh vegetables

(Please come before 2.45 pm to avoid disappointment)

Dessert - Fruit Crumble

(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.

CAMERAS AT ST JOSEPH'S

We have for some time been streaming the mass from inside St Joseph's Church and many people are benefitting from this service. However, recently we have been advised to increase our security around the church buildings and so have now installed surveillance cameras at vulnerable places around our buildings as an additional system. We shall be abiding by the official **GDPR** regulations regarding the use of these cameras and further information can be found by visiting the **Information Commissioners Office** website (<https://ico.org.uk/>)

Prayer Box

Please pray for:

Families of the parish and our loved ones living and dead

especially for those who have recently died:

Annie McGhee (RIP), Chris Ball (RIP),

Father Fabian Radcliffe (RIP)

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

Prayers for: John, Denis, Margaret, Bernard & Eileen, Maura

The McCann family and all missing children

The peoples and countries of the world, especially, SUDAN, LIBYA, CHINA

POSTBAG

Dear Father,

We are grateful for the way you guide our thoughts and prayers through the newsletter Prayer Box (above) and draw people and countries into our hearts. We may be curious to know the surnames of the people but surely to pray for them is what is important.

Sometimes the countries for which you ask prayer are hardly known to us, nor what is going on there. That's good reason to find out more and to care more. Thank you.

We have prayed with the parish for Madeleine McCann for many years. Why doesn't God answer our prayer - and many other prayers we make for good intentions? How the McCann family must suffer and we suffer with them, knowing how unbearable their loving pain must be. Where is God?

You have kept us aware in the Brexit negotiations. We are puzzled by our democracy and very aware that we are not a United Kingdom, which makes prayer difficult. Scotland and Northern Ireland voted clearly "Remain" and Wales was 50/50, though surveys indicate it is now in favour of remaining.

England may complain that Europe isn't listening, but the small countries of the UK can say England isn't listening. To pray is not easy because we don't know the words and therefore might not recognise the answer.

Yours sincerely, P and M

Last week's collection was safely counted and banked. **£1,226**

*(Special RASH Collection £105)

Thank you. Counters: Pauline & Christine (Next week: Tony)

*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	John	Sal
Sun. 9.00 am	TBA	-
10.30 am	Ann & Paul	Steve / Sister Lelia
6.00 pm	TBA	Vincent

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

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

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

Dates for Diary

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

Lindisfarne Pilgrimage for Young Adults 24th-28th April

An experience for men and women in their 20's & 30's Cost **£85** to cover food and accommodation. Email Lynnefcj@hotmail.com

Diocesan Pilgrimage to Beauvale Sunday 5th May

(in honour of St John Houghton and St Robert Lawrence) 3.10 pm Rosary, 3.30 pm Mass (celebrated by Fr Paul Newman) Location: NG16 2AA (15 mins off M1:J27) Further information 0791 436 1848

March for LIFE Saturday 11th May

Details on notice board. Coach will be going from Leicester. www.marchforlife.co.uk

Blessed Sacrament Procession

led by Bishop Patrick **Sunday 2nd June** 2 pm - St Mary's, Hyson Green, NG7 6FY to Nottingham Cathedral, NG1 5AE (approx. 4 pm)

Parish Pilgrimages 2019

LOURDES 10th - 16th May

Friday to Thursday, £495 approximately (price includes flights, all travel and full board at hotel) 33 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 51 people have booked to come.

£20 deposit secures place

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

OBSTACLES TO UNDERSTANDING TRUTH

1. Faulty or unworthy authority;
2. Influence of custom;
3. Popular prejudice;
4. Concealing our ignorance through a showy display of knowledge.

Roger Bacon (1220-1292)

Watermead shop

Easter Cards and Gifts

OPENING TIMES

Tues, Wed, Thur from 10.30 am-3.30 pm Sun 11.45 am-12.15 pm Information from from 0116 220 7881 / 0 www.watermead-apostolate.com