



# ST. JOSEPH'S PARISH, LEICESTER

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Dear People,

A research chemist had built up a huge backlog of studies. He handed the papers to his secretary with a sincere apology for the amount of work he was giving her. "That's all right" she said, pleasantly.

"How will you manage it all?" he asked. She smiled sweetly "One at a time."

That is one of the best life lessons I have learned. One at a time.

A word I remember reading only once in my studies is "Abulia", a condition which prevents our moving in any direction because we don't know the best first step. The image given was of someone standing in the middle of a room, not knowing where to start and paralysed, unable to move.

It is a medical condition, how painful it must be. The mess, the chaos, knowing all that needs to be done and not knowing how or where to start.

Our parliament has been suffering a form of abulia for a long time. The division within our coalition Conservative and Labour parties, so many factions within each, have produced our present state of paralysis.

The two main parties struggle to hold together the various elements within each of them. Because they cannot resolve those issues they are incapable of resolving the great issue facing our country in its relationship with the EU. Many MPs are closer people in other parties than they are to members of their own.

In the country at large the situation is similar. England seems to be dominating the smaller countries which did not vote to leave the EU and will not allow those other democratic voices a decisive word.

Every day, Brexit is in my prayer but I know God must answer that prayer through the factions, confusions, ambitions, jealousies within parliament. Poor God, as the old lady said to me years ago, poor God, trying to answer our selfish and good prayers at the same time.

Good God, bless us

Fr. John

**BLESSED SACRAMENT CHAPEL**

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

**12th May 2019 (Prayer Week 4)**

**"We pray for you in Lourdes"**

## Mass Times and Intentions

### 4th SUNDAY OF EASTER (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 Simon Lake, Elizabeth Brand, Family Blessing,  
Family & Friends*

### MONDAY 13th MAY

(Our Lady of Fatima)

7.00 pm, Service of Word & Communion at St Joseph's

### TUESDAY 14th MAY

(St Matthias, Apostle)

10.00 am, Service of Word & Communion at St Joseph's

### WEDNESDAY 15th MAY

10.00 am, Service of Word & Communion at St Joseph's

### THURSDAY 16th MAY

10.00 am, Service of Word & Communion at St Joseph's

### FRIDAY 17th MAY

(St Paschal)

7.00 pm at St Joseph's *for Thanksgiving*

### SATURDAY 18th MAY

(St John I, Pope)

### 5th SUNDAY OF EASTER (C)

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

### SUNDAY 19th MAY

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 Family Blessing, Private Intention*

## EXPLORING OUR FAITH TOGETHER

### "TWILIGHT" RETREATS

Our first evening **Wednesday 22nd May**, 7-9 pm). Talks, prayer, reflection and music in the Blessed Chapel, led by Fr John.

### QUESTIONS OF FAITH

We resume our discussions on the Word of God, the Teaching of the Church and our lives in God's world, following the evening mass (about 7.45 pm) on **Monday 20th May**.

## 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 14th May

**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**

### Wednesday 15th May

**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**

### Thursday 16th May

**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 17th May

**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** - Potato & Bean

**Lunchtime specials** - Baked Gammon & Pineapple served with potatoes & fresh vegetables  
(Please come before 2.45 pm to avoid disappointment)

**Dessert** - Fruit Sponge

(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.

*NB All help welcomed. Training given.*

## Watermead shop

**Communion Gifts & much more!**

### OPENING TIMES

Tues, Wed, Thur from 10.30 am-3.30 pm

Sun 11.45 am-12.15 pm

Information from 0116 220 7881 / 0  
[www.watermead-apostolate.com](http://www.watermead-apostolate.com)

Last week's collection was safely counted and banked. **£1,147**  
\*(Special RASH Collection £128)

Thank you. *Counters: Terry*  
(Next week: John & June)

\*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	Susan
Sun. 9.00 am	TBA	-
10.30 am	Ann	Gerry / Sister Lelia
6.00 pm	TBA	Marie

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

## Prayer Box

Please pray for:

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

Geraldine Burrows (RIP)

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

Prayers for: Eddie, Geraldine, Pat, William, All students who begin their exams this week

The McCann family and all missing children

The peoples and countries of the world, especially, VENEZUELA, MYANMAR, PANAMA, INDIA, SRI LANKA, SOUTH AFRICA

## POSTBAG

Dear People,

Are there members of the parish, especially new members, who would like to read at mass on Saturday evenings?

Please speak to Edward or Fr John.

### SAINTS ALERT

Someone asked me if I knew we had two saints in the parish. We have a number of saints, I said, and was pleased that one of those I was told about was already one of mine.

In last week's parish newsletter I wrote of the quiet goodness and saintliness that I have seen throughout my life, and guessed you have experienced the joy of seeing similar goodness and sanctity.

Would you tell me whom you know? Would you let me tell them, quietly?

A few years ago at our confirmation programme the girls and boys were discussing saints. One of the girls said "A saint is someone who gives God to other people. My grandmother does that. She is a saint."

I knew the grandmother well. I told her what her granddaughter had said. There were tears in her eyes. "Would you write that down for me?" she asked. I did. A happy grandmother.

May I tell a saint you have told me?

God bless us, Fr John

## Discovering the Bible

This is a most remarkable puzzle. It was found by a gentleman in a flight from Los Angeles to Honolulu, keeping him well occupied. One friend worked on it while fishing from his John-boat and another while playing his banjo. Elaine Taylor, another friend, mentioned it in her newspaper.

The Chronicle surveyed over 50 people about this puzzle. Daniel Humana humbly puts it "The books are right here in plain view, hidden from sight." Those able to find all of them will hear great lamentations from those who have to be shown. One revelation that may help is that the books Timothy and Samuel appear without their numbers. We hope you compete really well against those who think they know the answers. Before an exodus - there are really 17 books of the bible lurking somewhere in these two paragraphs.

## Dates for Diary

### LEICESTER DIALOGUE SOCIETY

invites us to their annual **"Iftar Dinner"**  
(See full details in our Easter newsletter)

**Wednesday 22nd May, 8.00 pm**  
at Devonshire Place, 78 London Rd, LE2 0RA  
[leicester@dialoguesociety.org](mailto:leicester@dialoguesociety.org)

### 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)

### THE ANNUAL DAY WITH MARY

at Walsingham **Sunday 2nd June**  
11.40 am - 5.30 pm. Details on notice board.

### A DAY FOR CATHOLIC WOMEN

Following the success of our CWS day at St Joseph's (in February) we shall have another on **Saturday 6th July** - "Save the date!"

### DIOCESAN CATECHISTS

Would you like to be a catechist, sharing your faith? We have very good teams for Children's Liturgy, First Holy Communion, Confirmation, we share with other parishes RCIA and Marriage Preparation, but we don't have catechists for Baptism. Would you like to be involved? Bishop Patrick is inviting all parish (and would-be catechists) to a day in Nottingham, Saturday 13th July, 10.00 am - 1.30 pm. Feel invited. We shall organise a coach or bus.

### Parish Pilgrimages 2019

#### 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** (approx.) covers flights, airport coaches, our excellent 4 star hotel B&B (All places taken)

#### MALTA 2020

**4th - 13th February** (Tuesday-Thursday)

Full cost. **£665** (approx.) covers flights, airport coaches, our excellent 4 star hotel, half board. (12 booked so far)  
**£20 deposit to confirm booking.**

#### STRESA & LAKE MAGGIORE 2020

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

W. **£645** (approx.) covers flights, airport coaches, our excellent lakeside hotel, half board. (60 booked so far).  
**£20 deposit to confirm booking.**

... **30 this year** (continued from last week)

And if by then I'm still alive,

I'd like to stay 'til 85.

There's more air travel -

can you fix for me to last 'til 86?

I know, dear Lord, it's much to ask

(And it must be nice in heaven)

but I would like to stay until I'm 87.

I know by then I won't move fast

and sometimes will be late,

But it would be so pleasant to be around at 88.

I will have seen so many things

and had a lovely time,

So I'm sure that I'll be willing to leave at 89.

(I wouldn't bet on it)