



ST. JOSEPH'S PARISH, LEICESTER

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Dear People,

I have never been invited to a stag or hen party. I keep missing out on life - but I have seen two wedding days ruined by stag parties. In one, the bride-to-be heard what had happened at her fiance's party and knew that she had a filthy father-in-law, with the fear of "like father, like son".

In the other, the oaf of a bridegroom turned up looking a total mess, to the anger of the bride and her family and the disgust of the guests. Some unpromising starts to married life, weren't they.

I worked in the railway goods' yard after leaving school to earn money to pay for my leaving home and joining our religious congregation. We had to come with enough clothing, etc. for two years - a fair condition. At the yard was a man of our parish whom I knew well by sight. It was an unpleasant surprise to hear his vile language. It was charade-macho, a pretence of being tough by his strong language. It was hard not to dispise him.

Have you ever been a pretender, putting on the style - tough man about town, brazenly one of the girls - when anyone knowing you would see the pretence. You saw it. You knew you were hollow. Why pretend what you are not? Why an image instead of the real? Macho man, Party girl, whom are you trying to kid?

If your children discover you are hollow, who made you hollow? God could have filled that emptiness that you fill with pretence and affectation that others see through easily. Why not see daily life as this anonymous author saw it?

I got up early one morning and rushed right into the day;
I had so much to accomplish that I didn't have time to pray.
Problems just tumbled about me, and heavier came each task.

"Why doesn't God help me?" I wondered.

He answered, "You didn't ask."

I wanted to see joy and beauty, but the day toiled on, gray and bleak;

I wondered why God didn't show me.

He said, "But you didn't seek."

I tried to come into God's presence; I used all my keys at the lock.

God gently and lovingly chided,

"My child, you didn't knock."

I woke up early this morning, and paused before entering the day;

I had so much to accomplish that I had to take time to pray.

Author unknown

2nd June 2019 (Prayer Week 3)

"Love is more important than life.
I would die for love, but not for life"

Mass Times and Intentions

7th 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 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 Anne Laing, John McDonagh,

Family & Friends, Special Intention

MONDAY 3rd JUNE

7.00 pm at St Joseph's for Private Intention

TUESDAY 4th JUNE

10.00 am at St Joseph's for Fr Philip Scanlan (50th)

WEDNESDAY 5th JUNE

(St Boniface)

10.00 am at St Joseph's for Alec Hill

THURSDAY 6th JUNE

(St Norbert, Bishop)

10.00 am at St Joseph's for Mamie Stewart

FRIDAY 7th JUNE

7.00 pm at St Joseph's for Peter Broadbent

PENTECOST SUNDAY

(Saturday) 6.00 pm at St Joseph's

(Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament from 5.15 pm)

SUNDAY 9th JUNE

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 Anne Laing, June Kennedy, Patrick Bishop

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.

God bless us to be true to ourselves, to each other and to God.

Fr. John

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 3rd June

QUESTION OF FAITH. We meet in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel, looking at the Gospel according to St Matthew.

Tuesday 4th June

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 5th June

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. All welcome.

WATERMEAD SHOP OPEN 10.30 am-3.30 pm

CHILDREN'S FIRST CONFESSIONS - 7.15 - 8.00 pm in St Joseph's church.

Thursday 6th June

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 7th June

THE MIRIAM PRAYER GROUP meet at 6.30 pm. Entry via the church. All welcome.

Saturday 8th June

MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION are having one of their annual renewal days here at St Joseph's today. We shall be hosting about 200 ministers from around the Leicestershire parishes. We welcome them.

St Joseph's Table SPRING MENU

Soup - Of the Day

Lunchtime - All Day Breakfast

Jacket Potatoes with assorted toppings

(Please come before 2.45 pm to avoid disappointment)

Dessert - will be announced on 'Specials' board

ALSO MANY OTHER OPTIONS

Assorted Sandwiches, Salads, Toasties,
Hot Sweet & Assorted Cakes, etc.

NB All help welcomed. Training given.

Last week's collection was safely counted and banked. **£861**

*(Special RASH Collection £75)

Thank you. *Counters: Tony*

(Next week: *Gail & Keith*)

*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	Doreen	Sal
Sun. 9.00 am	TBA	-
10.30 am	John	Gerry / Sister
6.00 pm	TBA	Vincent

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**

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

Prayers for: Chris, Doreen, Eddie

The McCann family and all missing children

The peoples and countries of the world, especially
SYRIA

POSTBAG

Dear Father John,

Thank you for being honest about racial and colour prejudice even in our parish. We had noticed but didn't want to say anything. We are glad you have noticed for yourself. We think that some people may have mentioned it to you? We are glad they had the courage.

Yours sincerely, Some Parishioners.

PARISH READERS

Dear Readers

Please read a little more slowly and with a louder voice. People need to hear the rhythm of your voice. You can see the words but the people have to hear the words and interpret them and that is a slower process. Think of the listeners.

Our microphone is good but will not compensate for your not reading loudly enough. The Church speaks of "Proclaiming the Word of God" not simply "reading". Please "proclaim" the reading in church, do not read as if you were in your kitchen or living room.

Stand close to the microphone. It does not pick you up if you don't and people won't hear you. Read only five or six words before a slight pause. You can't read well at a good level of voice if you try more than a few words because your voice will drop and your words are lost. Keep your voice steady and full. Too much "up" and "down" in pitch is distracting and hard to listen to.

Please prepare carefully. Full stops, commas, etc. are for people who are reading for themselves: but reading aloud is a different skill and requires more pauses, sensibly and sensitively chosen.

The only point of reading aloud is that the listeners hear and understand every word. Just reading the words is not good enough: you are reading ideas, emotions, story, changes of voice, etc.

People tell me how disappointed they feel to have heard and understood very little of a reading. That's our fault. We proclaim the Word of God, you and I. We must do it well. It is a privilege.

Today is World Communications Day. There is no communication if people are not listening, can't hear. Communication is people speaking clearly and listening carefully. We are in this together.

Do you think coming together to discuss public reading would be worthwhile? Perhaps even run a short course and help each other? Edward has offered to help guide readers when he requested more for the Saturday rota.

Your sincerely, Fr John

Today is the Churches "World communications Day"

There will be a retiring collection.

Dates for Diary

**A Renewal Day for Leicestershire
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion**
is here at St Joseph's on
Saturday 8th June, 10.30 am - 3.30 pm

175th Anniversary Mass, St Barnabas Cathedral, Nottingham Tuesday 11th June

Cardinal Vincent Nichols will preside and Bishop Patrick will concelebrate with him, along with bishops from around the dioceses of England and Wales.

Archbishop Malcolm McMahon OP will preach
(Admission by ticket only)

Diocesan Pilgrimage to Walsingham Saturday 15th June

Begins with Mass at 12 pm at the Catholic Shrine. Transport details from Deacon Seamus O'Looskan
Tel. 0116 2624645 or

soloskan@st-pauls.leicester.sch.uk

Launde Abbey celebrates 900 Years PRAISE, PLAY AND PARTY Saturday 22nd June

begins 10.30 am Service of Praise & Thanksgiving
See notices at back of church

THE BRIARS YOUTH CENTRE

is celebrating 50 years on the weekend of
29th/30th June.

Full details on the notice boards and copies of Bishop Patrick's letter, inviting us to be involved, are at the back of church.

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!"

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

First Confessions

Wednesday 5th June 7.15pm - 8.00pm

We pray for the children.

→ Parish Pilgrimages 2019 →

ROME 8th-14th November 2019

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)
£665 (approx.) covers flights, airport coaches, our excellent 4 star hotel, half board. (24 booked so far)
£20 deposit to confirm booking.

STRESA & LAKE MAGGIORE 2020

13th - 19th and 20th - 26th August
Full cost. **£645** (approx.) covers flights, airport coaches, our excellent lakeside hotel, half board.
(68 booked so far).
£20 deposit to confirm booking.

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
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