



# ST. JOSEPH'S PARISH, LEICESTER

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Dear People,

I was asked to write the homily I gave at mass on the Feast of the Assumption, 15th August . . .

"You meet a friend on your way to church who asks where you are going. Church, you reply. On a Thursday! Yes, it's a Holy Day of Obligation. What does that mean? I'll go to hell if I don't go. I can't believe that! Neither can I, you smile, but I used to. Isn't it sad. In our Catholic schools we frightened our children that if they didn't go to mass on Sundays and Holydays they would go to hell for a mortal sin.

"How cruel such teaching. I was taught that. We don't teach or believe it now, and should never have taught like that. Fellow students for the priesthood in Rome were amazed at the teaching of fear that our Catholic schools in the English-speaking world taught. "We'd send most of our Italian people to hell every week if we taught that," said one of my Italian brethren.

"There is a ferocity in Celtic spirituality that others do not admire. Their trust in a loving merciful God they offer in contrast to our fear of God and mortal sin that seems to have been a mark of our Catholic education. Today the Church invites us to mass on Sundays and Holy Days to celebrate God's blessings and love and various themes of our faith. A Holy Day is an invitation and today we celebrate the Assumption of Our Lady into heaven.

"Would you be able to give a sensible answer to anyone who sincerely asked you to explain Mary's Assumption? If not, why not? It's worth answering that question to know what you believe.

"We celebrate her beautiful life and her offering herself to God in that wonderful final moment: completely, body and soul, we say in loving admiration. Having lived her life for God she was able and blessed to make the offering of herself in that final moment, knowing, we believe, she had lived every moment for God.

"We are not like that. We are all aware of wrong-doings, regrets. When we come before God we shall regret not having lived more sincerely in that divine love. In God's loving gaze of mercy we shall see clearly for the first time the love with which we have been loved all our lives, from the womb and before: "Before I formed you in the womb, I knew you" says the Book of Jeremiah. We have always been in the mind and love of God.

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**25th August 2019 (Prayer Week 1)**  
"Never did me any harm . . ."

## Mass Times and Intentions

### 21st SUNDAY OF YEAR (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 Anne Laing, Kathleen Kearney, Judith Neal,  
Rosalina Rebello, Pat Scanlon, Kevin Wheeler,  
Ian MacDonald Polley

### MONDAY 26th AUGUST

([E] Blessed Dominic, [S] St Ninian, [W] St David Lewis)

10.00 am Mass at St Joseph's  
for Zeferino Remedios & Maria Lourdes

### TUESDAY 27th AUGUST

(St Monica)

10.00 am Mass at St Joseph's for Thanksgiving (B)  
2.00 pm Requiem Mass for Steve Beatty

### WEDNESDAY 28th AUGUST

(St Augustine)

10.00 am Mass at St Joseph's for Family Blessing (D)

### THURSDAY 29th AUGUST

(The Beheading of St John the Baptist)

10.00 am at St Joseph's  
Requiem Mass for Maurice Worthington

### FRIDAY 30th AUGUST

(Ss Margaret Clitherow, Anne Line, Margaret Ward)

7.00 pm Mass at St Joseph's for Pat Fahey

### SATURDAY 31st AUGUST

(St Aidan)

### 22nd SUNDAY OF YEAR (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, Lucy O'Halloran, Family Blessing,  
Adam Loke, Leo Lobo

**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.

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"We have failed that love. That is our sinfulness. We know it now and we shall know it so clearly when we meet God in our final moment, life complete. *In that moment you will be the person you have allowed yourself to become down the years of your life. The choice is yours. If, today, you are bad-tempered, stubborn, selfish, cruel, prejudiced, that is what you have chosen; and you will see in God's loving gaze what you might have been.*

"Such regret. Longing to be purified. That is purgatory. Purgatory is not a place. It is a coming before God to be purified in that loving merciful gaze. Pope Benedict XVI is one of a number of writers who thus explains "purgatory": as a being purified, not a place.

"We do it with each other. The deep regret of having hurt someone who loves us. Having no adequate words to say how sorry we are, helplessly looking at the loved hurt one - and seeing in their smiling eyes that we are forgiven, they still love us, they have wanted to forgive. Without words we have said we are sorry; without words we are told we are forgiven. What blessing. Purifying, not purgatory.

"Mary did not know that moment. In her beautiful life she did not turn away from God nor from anyone, we believe. She lived a quiet perfection of love every day, so that in her final moment she was able to offer herself totally to God. And God took her, body and soul, completely, into heaven. The Assumption."

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**

**Tuesday 27th August**  
**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 28th August**  
**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**

**Thursday 29th August**  
**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 30th August**  
**THE MIRIAM PRAYER GROUP** meet at 6.30 pm. Entry via the church. All welcome.

**St Joseph's Table**  
**SUMMER MENU**  
 Soup - of the Day  
 Lunchtime - All Day Breakfast  
 Quiche, Salad, 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.*

Do not ask God to guide your footsteps if you are not willing to move your feet.

**Erin, Isabella, Liliana, Tilly**  
 Today make their First Holy Communion.  
 We pray for them and their families.

**ST PAUL'S SCHOOL VOLUNTEER** Full time/part time to work in the Chaplaincy for this academic year, 2019-20. A great training opportunity for those who would like to move into education or youth ministry. Details from Deacon Seamus - solooskan@st-pauls.leicester.sch.uk

**Prayer Box**  
 Please pray for:  
**Families of the parish and our loved ones living and dead especially for those who have recently died:**  
 Bridie O'Grady (RIP)

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 Declan, Bridie, Jonathan, John, Chris, Maria, Kath, Mary, Anna, Patrick, Olven, Sheila, Martina, Cristiano  
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 Prayers for: Aggie, Anna  
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 The McCann family and all missing children  
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 The peoples and countries of the world, especially BRAZIL, SYRIA, YEMEN

Last week's collection was safely counted and banked. **£1,173**  
\*(Special RASH Collection £105)  
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	Edward	Sal
Sun. 9.00 am	TBA	-
10.30 am	John	Gerry / Sister Lelia
6.00 pm	TBA	Vincent

Next Children's Mass is Sunday 6th October

# Dates for Diary

~~OUR NEXT "Twilight" RETREAT Wednesday 28th August, 7-9 pm here at St Joseph's: "The Prodigal Mother"~~

**TWILIGHT RETREAT: APOLOGY**  
Apologies for needing to cancel this week's retreat. We resume in October.

**LACY Sponsored Fun Day at Rufford Water**  
**Saturday 31st August, 11.15 am - 5.30 pm**  
(Picnic lunch, 3 mile sponsored walk, etc)  
More details on poster. Mass at 3.30 pm  
Contact paulinepayne@hotmail.com

**Diocesan Rosary Rally**  
**Sunday 1st September**  
Mount Saint Bernard Abbey: Mass at 2.00pm  
(See details on notice boards)

**Catholics Working in Healthcare Mass**  
**Saturday 7th September** with Bishop Patrick, St Barnabas Cathedral, Nottingham

**The 3 J's** in aid of **LOROS**  
**Sunday 8th September**  
at the Emerald Centre, Leicester  
(See notice board for full details of the day)

**AFTERNOON TEA**  
**Chat, Sing, Socialise**  
whilst raising money for the charity SPICMA (with live singer and music)  
here in St Joseph's Hall from 2 to 5.00 pm on **Saturday 28th September**  
**Tickets £10** (proceeds to SPICMA)  
Contact Sam, 07742526917, to buy/reserve tickets (Only a few tickets left)  
Donations for raffle prizes welcomed

**A DAY FOR CATHOLIC WOMEN**  
The next day here at St Joseph's will be on **Saturday 26th October** (details later)

**RCIA PROGRAMME**  
for people interested in coming into the Catholic Church.  
First meeting at St Thomas More, **Wednesday 11th September, 7.15 - 8.45 pm.**  
All interested are welcome.

→ **Parish Pilgrimages** →

**MALTA 2020**  
**4th - 13th February** (Tuesday-Thursday)  
**£625** (approx.) covers flights, airport coaches, our excellent 4 star hotel, half board. (32 booked so far)  
**£20 deposit to confirm booking.**

**LOURDES 2020**  
**8th - 14th or 15th - 21st May**  
**£520** (approx) covers flights, airport coaches, and full board at our hotel. (17 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.  
**(ONLY 4 PLACES LEFT).**  
**£20 deposit to confirm booking.**

Please note that places are not reserved until the **£20 deposit is paid.** Many people are

**Watermead shop**  
**OPENING TIMES**  
**Tues, Wed, Thur from 10.30 am-3.30 pm**  
**Sun 11.45 am-12.15 pm**  
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