



ST. JOSEPH'S PARISH, LEICESTER

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Dear People,

Look out for a new book about Christianity by Tom Holland, "Dominion: the Making of the Western Mind". He traces the power of Christian thought and teaching down the ages and argues how powerful Christianity has been in forming societies and radically protecting the weak, the powerless, the poor.

He calls it the "greatest revolutionary movement the Western world has seen" and indicates two deeply subversive ideas at its centre: all people are equal, the weak are God's chosen people.

He quotes the opening chapter of the Book of Genesis where, in the final act of the poem of creation God creates humankind - "male and female God made them and told them to increase, multiply and fill the earth". It is a wonderful poetic image of the equality of woman and man, co-creators in God's world, echoed later in the Book of Exodus where the commandment reads "Honour your father and your mother." She is his equal! How many brutal and ignorant societies have not yet recognised that truth: woman is man's equal.

If that truth were recognised as it should be what a world (of difference) we would see in church, religion, government, society. It's at the centre of Christianity which is always, sadly, of its own time, though its prophetic voices are ahead of the times, yearning for eternal truth against the man-shaped truths of government, society and religion.

The other central truth, says Holland, is equally radical: the weak are God's chosen ones, "the anawim" Isaiah and Jesus called them. Their supreme champion is Jesus, crucified as a criminal, "the excruciating death of the lowest of the low" - and we wonder at the truth that the criminal, the beggar, might be closer to God than the king, the emperor, the pope.

God's little ones and woman the equal of man - two Christian ideals; see what they lead to: human rights, no racial supremacy, dignity of human persons, sexual love and not sexual experiences which the man demands of women. The Puritans were right: sex is beautiful within marriage but it is male power, world wide, outside of marriage.

I feel good about being a radical Christian. I hope you do.

God bless us all, Fr. John

1st September 2019 (Prayer Week 2)
"I believe in God. I think."

Mass Times and Intentions

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 Aggie Callan, Anne Laing, Lucy O'Halloran, Patricia Moore, Judith Neal, Family Blessing (D), Steve Beatty, Larry Jordan, Maurice Worthington, Adam Loke, Orianna & Xander

MONDAY 2nd SEPTEMBER

7.00 pm at St Joseph's for Valentino & Siondia and for Kizito & Cecilia

TUESDAY 3rd SEPTEMBER

(St Gregory the Great, Pope)

10.00 am at St Joseph's for Mariam Devasia

WEDNESDAY 4th SEPTEMBER

(St Cuthbert)

10.00 am at St Joseph's for Sr John-Maria

THURSDAY 5th SEPTEMBER

10.00 am at St Joseph's for Ann Jobil

FRIDAY 6th SEPTEMBER

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

23rd SUNDAY OF YEAR (C)

(Saturday) 6.00 pm at St Joseph's

(Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament from 5.15 pm)

SUNDAY 8TH SEPTEMBER

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 Kathleen Leddy, Lucy O'Halloran, Leo Lobo, Steve Beatty, Thanksgiving, Rita & Visu, Virithik

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.

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 2nd September

QUESTION OF FAITH. We meet in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel at 7.45 pm, following the evening mass. Bring your questions (and answers). All welcome.

Tuesday 3rd September

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 4th September

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 5th September

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 6th September

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.

Last week's collection was safely counted and banked. **£1073**

*(Special RASH Collection **£125**)

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

*RASH stands for our regular giving for Leicester's Refugees, Asylum Seekers, Homeless.

260 Club

This Months Winners!

No.115 wins £75; No.19 wins £50; No.154 wins £50; No.204 wins £50; No.232 wins £35.

CHURCH ROTAS FOR NEXT WEEKEND

	Readers	Eucharistic Ministers
Sat. 6.00 pm	Clare	Susan
Sun. 9.00 am	TBA	-
10.30 am		Steve / Sister Lelia
6.00 pm	TBA	Marie

Watermead shop

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.co.uk

Prayer Box

Please pray for:

Families of the parish

and our loved ones living and dead

especially for those who have recently died:

Aggie Callan (RIP)

Declan, Bridie, Jonathan, John, Chris, Maria, Kath, Mary, Anna, Patrick, Olven, Sheila, Martina, Cristiano

Prayers for: Angela, Colette, Stuart

The McCann family and all missing children

The peoples and countries of the world, especially
HONG KONG, KASHMIR, BAHAMAS,
THE AMAZON COUNTRIES

POSTBAG

Dear Fr John,

Thank you for your homily on the Feast of the Assumption. You did not tell us if Our Lady died or why there are tombs for her in Jerusalem and Ephesus. Was she alone or did people witness what happened? If no one was there we are celebrating someone's imagination, rather than a reality.

If her body is in heaven, does she need food? Shall we need food? If not, what sort of body is it after the resurrection? Jesus ate fish twice after his resurrection, we read in the Gospel, to reassure the apostles he was real. Shall we be eating fish?

Sorry to pester you but you encourage us to think. I'm thinking, and I'm thinking I'm not understanding. There must be many like me but who are too shy to ask you.

Please don't fob me off. I'm not impressed with the Church's "teaching" and then being told "to have faith" when it seems to be nonsense the Church is teaching - Limbo, Indulgences, Sins mortal and venial, Capital punishment, Papal infallibility (it is Church infallibility), Inspiration in the Bible when biblical books are contradictory.

I'd never heard of Giovanni Bugatti. What a horror. The popes allowed a monster like him to execute prisoners in Rome in whatever way he chose. A boy of seventeen and the Pope employed him to become a monster. Over 600 victims! No wonder the Italians hated the Papacy: no democracy when the popes ruled Rome and the Papal states; Pius IX employing French soldiers to defend the city against the Italian patriots; forbidding Catholics to stand for the new Italian parliament, etc. The Institutional Church creates its own enemies. Thank God for the Mystical Body. That's where Jesus is, with us. Good men in authority know that and speak for us: time-servers and ambitious 'yes' men speak for themselves. Like our politicians.

Thanks for listening, Pew Edwards

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.

Dates for Diary

Education Sunday

Next Week - 8th September

We pray for our schools

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

More details next week. Meantime visit the webpage <https://catholicwomenspeak.com/find-a-group/east-midlands-group-leicester-uk/>

Democracy, Parliament & Government

The battle is on. Please follow it all with your interest and your prayer. We need to be aware of the "Pyrrhic" victory - when the battle is won but all is lost. We are involved in the life of our country and want the best for everyone, not for powerful invested interests. We are citizens with all our rights, not simply subjects.

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. (20 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

Creation - our Gift to Treasure

God of love,

show us our place in this world you created
and help us be channels of your love
to all creation and creatures of this earth,
for all are important in your sight.
Touch hearts and enlighten us,
especially those who possess power and money,
to responsibility for our actions
that we may love the common good,
advance the weak and care for this world
which we share and in which we live.
The poor and the earth are crying out.
May their pleas be heard.

(Prayer based on the words of Pope Francis in 'Laudato Si')