



ST. JOSEPH'S PARISH, LEICESTER

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Dear People,

Do you remember the word "very"? We were taught it was an adverb to give force to an adjective: "difficult" would become "very difficult", "complicated", "very complicated". "Very" is hardly used now, its place taken by "incredibly" as in "incredibly difficult"/"incredibly complicated". "Very" is now a stop-gap word whilst we look for another word, as in "it's very sort-of . . ."

Does it matter, you snort. Do you snort? You are right. Nothing matters, really, except love, money, power and heaven: but everything else is interesting, more or less, very or incredibly, sort of thing, like, I mean, you know, in 'it?

Do you enjoy our limp link words? I do. We don't write them but we do speak them. Our favourites are *em* or *ur* as in "Today *em* I want to *ur* speak about inter-governmental ballistic missals" (cough nervously after long words). "*Em*, as you know, *ur* in a manner of speaking *em*, please don't interrupt."

Do you talk to talk to God like that? I hope you do, truly; stumbling to find the right words, pausing to shape the prayers of praise, love, request, longing. If we only deliver speeches to God, learned by heart, known since childhood - are we thinking, praying or only reciting?

Prayer is from the heart and needs time and effort or the silence of quiet understanding. None of us minds if the person we love is stuck for words. We wait, especially for children, until they find those words while they say *em* and *ur* and *um*, *um*. It is genuine conversation. We are not tape recorders, words every ready: we speak and we pray from the heart, the mind translating the heart into words. Not always easy, sometimes very difficult. Right? Absolutely - sorry, I mean yes.

Praying from the heart, stumbling over words, filling familiar words and phrases with love - that's prayer. In the presence of God we speak or are still. It is the silence of eternity and we are lost in time. *You know what I mean?*

Today is Education Sunday. We celebrate the gift of our wonderful minds, capable of knowing and understanding so much, and the work of our schools in guiding our pupils, students, to the fullness of their places in the university of life. May our Divine Chancellor bless us with wisdom and give us all a First class Honours Degree.

Fr. John

8th September 2019 (Prayer Week 3)

"Education Sunday - we thank God for reading, writing, thinking, wisdom"

Mass Times and Intentions

23rd 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 Lucy O'Halloran, Jane Martin, Celia Cates, Patrick Bishop, Steve Beatty, Leo Lobo, Thanksgiving, Larry Jordon, Private Intention, Rita & Visu & Virithik

MONDAY 9th SEPTEMBER

1.30 pm REQUIEM MASS for Aggie Callan

7.00 pm Mass at St Joseph's for Tiago Pereira & Perpet

TUESDAY 10th SEPTEMBER

10.00 am at St Joseph's for Thanksgiving (Knutte Wesergren)

WEDNESDAY 11th SEPTEMBER

10.00 am at St Joseph's School for Jose P Fernandes

THURSDAY 12th SEPTEMBER

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

FRIDAY 13th SEPTEMBER

(St John Chrysostom)

7.00 pm at St Joseph's for Richie Hiles

SATURDAY 14th SEPTEMBER

(Exaltation of the Holy Cross)

24th SUNDAY OF YEAR (C)

(Saturday) 6.00 pm at St Joseph's

(Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament from 5.15 pm)

SUNDAY 15th 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)

Cesidio Vitti, Maurice Worthington, Kerel & family,

Miranda Family, Noronha Family,

Piedade Rebello, Francisco & Martha Rozario,

David & Mary Ellen Hudson

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

Tuesday 10th 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

ASSISI / PISA / FLORENCE PILGRIMAGE

We meet at 7.00 pm in the parish hall to make final arrangements.

Wednesday 11th 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. Quiet prayer, meditation, intercessions. All welcome.

WATERMEAD SHOP OPEN 10.30 am-3.30 pm

Thursday 12th 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 13th September

THE MIRIAM PRAYER GROUP meet at 6.30 pm for faith sharing and Rosary. Entry via the church. All welcome.

St Joseph's Table

AUTUMN 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. **£1,007**

*(Special RASH Collection £97)

Thank you. *Counters: Tony*

(Next week: *Gail & Keith*)

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

Watermead shop

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.co.uk

The Watermead Centre also offers the following:

REFLEXOLOGY

If you would like to know more or make an appointment contact our therapist, Sharon, on 0116 2120719 (Mon-Fri). Sample sessions, also.

Prayer Box

Please pray for:

**Families of the parish
and our loved ones living and dead**

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

Prayers for: *Jane, 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, ZIMBABWE**

POSTBAG

Dear People,

You will notice some days that there are two intentions for mass - and on Saturday/Sunday there might be more than four.

I like to celebrate mass for when it is best for the family - anniversaries, family able to come, special occasion, etc. We all have a number of intentions when we come to mass but we know that God's love is like sunshine: we all receive the same warmth and light no matter how many or few there are of us. God hears all prayer.

The mass is for all our intentions. The Church allows people to request a particular intention, for which they may make an offering (there is no obligation - it is an offering), but forbids the priest to accept more than one offering per mass. So as not to disappoint those who ask, I may offer mass for several intentions and then at another time or in another place (eg in the Church's missions) those same intentions are remembered and the offerings are shared.

This weekend we have ten intentions, all remembered/ included with love, and there will be six celebrations for those same intentions later or in another place.

Feel free about making your offering. Never hesitate if you know making the offering would be difficult. As a small boy I heard an old lady tell my mother she would love to have a mass offered but could not afford it. "That's wrong," I thought (I guess I was about 8) "people should always be able to ask." I haven't changed.

God bless you, Fr John

Diocesan Catholic Certificate in Religious Studies

Full details on <http://www.brs-ccrs.org.uk/> or from ccrsmentor@dioceseofnottigham.uk

ST PAUL'S CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Open Evening for admissions into Year 7 for 2020
Thursday 19th September, 5.30pm - 7.30pm.

A great opportunity to see the school, meet the staff and pupils. Presentations in the theatre at 6.00 and 7.00 pm. The admissions team will also be available to answer questions. We look forward to seeing you.

CHURCH ROTAS FOR NEXT WEEKEND

	Readers	Eucharistic Ministers
Sat. 6.00 pm	John	Cecilia
Sun. 9.00 am	TBA	-
10.30 am	Ann	Anne G / Sister Lelia
6.00 pm	TBA	Vincent

TODAY 8th September is Education Sunday



"Let us teach our children virtue and love of God and all else follows"
(St John Chrysostom)

Dates for Diary

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)

ONLY A HANDFULL OF TICKETS LEFT.

Don't miss out on a fun afternoon & a chance to meet up with old and new parishioners!

We'd love to see you.

Call Sam on 07742526917

Can those who have tickets please let Sam know if you are vegetarian, have any food allergies or special dietary requirements. Thank you.

Diocesan Catechists Training Day

Tuesday 1st October, 6.30 - 9.00 pm

at Divine Infant of Prague Syston

(Fr John John hopes may will come to hear

David Wells, his friend, speak

about bringing our faith to others. David is brilliant)

A DAY FOR CATHOLIC WOMEN

The next day here at St Joseph's will be on **Saturday 26th October, 10.30 am - 4.00 pm**

The theme of our next day is

"What is your Calling? What are your Gifts?"

Our interviewees are women working to make a social difference in their communities and in our society.

For more information and to book a place see <https://catholicwomenspeak.com/find-a-group/east-midlands-group-leicester-uk/>

or contact Alison on 0116 2207881

(There is no charge for the day : lunch to order is £3.50)

Annual Justice and Peace Assembly

"Rebuilding the Common Good Together"

This year takes place at St Thomas More, Knighton

Saturday 2nd November

(Please let Fr John know if you would like to go)

Parish Pilgrimages

MALTA 2020

4th - 13th February (Tuesday-Thursday)
£625 (approx.) covers flights, airport coaches, our excellent 4 star hotel, half board. (36 booked so far)
£200 to make our booking this week.

LOURDES 2020

8th - 14th or 15th - 21st May
£520 (approx) covers flights, airport coaches, and full board at our hotel. (26 booked so far)
£20 deposit to confirm booking.

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

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 2 PLACES LEFT).
£200 to make our booking this week