



ST. JOSEPH'S PARISH, LEICESTER

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Dear People,

Would you vote for Welsh independence if I asked you nicely? What terms would you offer? We didn't ask to be in the United Kingdom, we were forced to be. Time has passed but does that alter the truth that we were conquered and forced to submit? Justice asks the English to listen to the voices of the conquered Welsh.

Same in the Holy Land. Justice demands the conqueror listens to the defeated and the displaced, whether we return to AD1948 or 13th century BC. The same question obtains: when do the rights of the conquered peoples cease to exist?

Northern and Southern Ireland, North Korea and South Korea, Kashmir, the Crimea, Tibet, etc. pose similar and other questions. Is there a one-answer-fits-all, such as "Let the people choose" or is each to be decided according to the power of the victorious? The native peoples of North and South America have had little voice against their conquerors, enslaved peoples of the world have had limited justice in the freedoms finally granted by their conquerors and masters and empire builders, and the freedoms and conditions in former colonies is a shame in our world history.

Who will put it right? Is force the only convincing argument? Power blocs use their force and we ask if we are glad to be part of the most powerful bloc with our terrifying number of nuclear weapons. They will never be used, we are reassured, but they are a deterrent against those who would attack us. If we were attacked, then, we would have to be prepared to see our final act in life to be a revenge which would kill many millions of innocent people.

If Scotland gains its independence, strongly possible in the next ten years, we are told they would reject Trident and its deployment from their naval bases (the Scottish bishops have spoken against Trident and its implications). England would have to choose a new base. We wonder if it would choose a Welsh port, creating wonderful employment opportunities for Welsh people and immigrant workers.

Whose world do we live in - universal, nationalist, local, power-divided, divinely shaped? God bless America, we often hear, (and all who sail with her), and China and Russia and Iran and Saudi Arabia and all who sail with them.

The General Election looms. What will determine your democratic vote?

Dear God, guide us,

Fr. John

24th November 2019 (Prayer Week 2)
"Whom do I trust, dear Lord?"

Mass Times and Intentions

FEAST OF CHRIST THE KING (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 Mary Robinson, Peggy Nott, Paddy & Mary,

Joan Bradbury, Eileen Webster,

Remembered Loved Ones

MONDAY 25th NOVEMBER

7.00 pm at St Joseph's

for Julie Cooper and for Family & Friends

TUESDAY 26th NOVEMBER

10.00 am at St Joseph's

Requiem Mass for George Geraghty

WEDNESDAY 27th NOVEMBER

(St Catherine Labouré)

10.00 am at St Joseph's *for Peter Beadle*

THURSDAY 28th NOVEMBER

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

FRIDAY 29th NOVEMBER

7.00 pm at St Joseph's *for Marie Drummond*

SATURDAY 30th NOVEMBER

(St Andrew, Apostle)

1st SUNDAY OF ADVENT (A)

(Saturday) 6.00 pm at St Joseph's

(Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament from 5.15 pm)

SUNDAY 1st DECEMBER

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 Cynthia Bunten, Jack Callaghan,

Edward McComb, Brendan Vallely, Holy Souls

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 26th November

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 27th November

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 28th November

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 29th November

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.

CHRISTMAS DINNER WEDNESDAY 4TH DECEMBER

Ticket only. Places are now all taken.

More information from St Joseph's Table

Last week's collections were safely counted and banked. **£1,653**

*(Xaverian Mission Collection **£681**)

Thank you. Counters: Sarah & Peps

(Next week: Terry)

*RASH our regular giving for Leicester's Refugees, Asylum Seekers & Homeless resumes next week

CHURCH ROTAS FOR NEXT WEEKEND

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

Watermead
Christmas is coming!
Cards, Cribbs, Gifts, Books
Advent Calendars, etc.
SHOP OPENING TIMES
Tues, Wed, Thur from 10.30 am-3.30 pm
Sunday 11.45 am-12.15 pm
Information from 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:

Joan Bradbury (RIP), Muriel Drake (RIP)

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

Prayers for: Pauline, Rachel, Gerard

The McCann family and all missing children

The peoples and countries of the world, especially
UNITED KINGDOM

POSTBAG

Our Children's Advent Project

Come to the Manger St. Joseph's Stable - is almost ready and will be in place for you all to see next weekend. All we need now is for lots of people to "Come to the Manger" so please put your names of family and friends on the list which will be on the table in the narthex next week, so we can make sure all your loved ones who are not here with you at this Christmas time for whatever reason, are remembered here at St. Joseph's.

A lot of hard work has gone into this project so we would really love your help to make sure our stable is full!!

Thank You, Mags, Children's Liturgy Team

Can we help share a Message of Peace?

Pax Christi writes from *The Christian Peace Education Centre* in London to ask our support, especially on **Peace Sunday, 19th January, 2020**. With increased levels of violence and aggression between both individuals and States it is important to explore and promote Christ's messages about non-violence. Would you have a retiring collection to support out work? Thank you.

Kind regards, Joe Burns

Climate Change : From your Armchair

Carole writes that we are living in strange times. The weather is quite biblical and we have seen countries on fire and others under water.

We are seeing extremes that need strong measures and governments seem reluctant to act. So what can we do as individuals?

(1) Change your energy supplier to a clean, green renewable supplier such as *Good Energy, Octopus, Green Tarrif* and *Bulb*. They are actually cheaper than the big suppliers.

All you need is an email address (the younger relatives could help set this up) and the energy company does everything once the form is emailed to them.

Remember switching to clean, green energy is the best thing we can do that can halt the damage that fossil fuels are doing to our environment.

(2) Use energy efficient electric heating, such as Fischer or Wibo.

(3) Have solar panels fitted to your home.

(4) Join groups like Greenpeace or Friends of the Earth.

(5) Write to your MP about climate change.

(6) Re-use, recycle, save water, limit plastic.

These are Carole's suggestions. Would anyone like to make other proposals? We are all involved.

Fr John

Dates for Diary

Rosmini Centre Events

Saturday 30th November
LECTO DIVINA, 3.00 - 4.30 pm

Saturday 7th December

ADVENT RETREAT guided by Fr Tony Furlong
Mass, Meditation, Adoration, Sacrament of Reconciliation
Lunch provided. Booking essential (donation).

A SPIRITUAL WEEKEND FOR PARENTS
at Walsingham, 7th and 8th December
Full details from Francisca on 07943711549

Churches Together Advent Meditation

"The Coming of Christ"

Thursday 5th December, 7.30 pm
at St Mary's Humberstone.

Christmas at St Joseph's

(Full details later)

Wednesday 4th December, 7-9.00 pm
"Twilight" Retreat : Advent and Christmas

Wednesday 11th December, 7.15 pm
Candlelight Carols and Entertainment

Tuesday 17th December, 7.30 pm
"MOTHER MARY" the musical

Thursday 19th December, 7.00 pm
Advent Service of Reconciliation

Parish Pilgrimages

LOURDES 2020

Back to original date (7th-13th May)

£540 (approx) covers flights, airport coaches,

and full board at our hotel. (32 booked so far)

Please bring the £200 to cover air fare
and deposit at the hotel. Thank you.

Catholic Singles is an organisation which helps single Catholics of all ages, over 18, meet other single Catholics, either one-to-one or through social events. Visit www.catholicsingles.org.uk or tel. 0161 9413498

CHURCHES TOGETHER IN LEICESTERSHIRE

Christmas Appeal 2019

Shelter has been helping homeless people in our area for over 45 years. All our local church leaders are asking us to support their work over Christmas and always. Donations may be sent to The Treasurers, SHARP, 13 Welford Road, Leicester LE2 7AD

The God who Speaks

A Year of the Word 2019-2020

The whole Church is invited to share a prayerful reading of the Scriptures during the coming Church year. The year was announced by our Bishops on 30th September, the Feast of St Jerome (our most renowned Scripture scholar), and will run from Advent 2019 to Christ the King 2020.

We have wonderful resources in the Watermead Shop for the Year of the Word - *Bibles* (The Jerusalem, The Community Bible, The Good News Bible and copies of the Gospel according to Matthew, Mark Luke, John). Browse and you will find something to suit you, along with the book written by Fr John "Getting to Know the Bible" - an excellent guide to reading the Bible. Do also remember "The Lord's Day", always available at the back of church and to download (see website), which gives the background each week to the Sunday readings.

20 free copies of the Gospel according to Matthew have been sent by the diocese to each parish. Please ask in the Watermead shop (first come, first served).

The Shop also has various booklets with daily reading for Advent from The Prayer Trust, CTS, etc., along with writings from various authors.