



ST. JOSEPH'S PARISH, LEICESTER

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Dear People,

In 2021 the Catholic Church in Leicester will look different as we catch up on the way other parishes in the diocese have been planning.

From 16 parishes, 22 churches and 15 priests we shall become 6 pastoral areas with 22 churches and 12 priests. Here at St Joseph's (and the Rosary Church) we shall link with Sacred Heart (and St Margaret Mary's) and Our Lady of Good Counsel. It is probable there will be 2 priests for these 3 parishes and 5 churches. Please consider how you would plan for mass on Sundays and Holy Days for the 2 priests.

Considerations: (1) The number of celebrations of mass must be reduced. (2) One of the presbyteries would sensibly be closed, to be rented or sold. (3) One or more of the churches might be closed. A serious offer to buy St Joseph's was made recently. (4) Car parking is always a problem. St Joseph's has the least car-parking space (see "A Concrete Proposal" over the page). (5) Very few people walk to church. Extra distances for cars are not big. (6) Suggest arrangements for those who have to walk. (7) England is better off than most countries in numbers of priests. We must not think selfishly. This is our problem, not to be solved by wanting to cause greater problems elsewhere. (8) Married priests, women priests, is not relevant. Those are very different issues. This is not a numbers game. The other Christian Churches have greater problems than we have in finding ministers and they have women and men who all may marry. (9) The Church as we have know it is dying/changing and has been for a while. Criticising and grouching is as sensible as grumbling about growing old. (10) Change and the new must be accepted. "It shouldn't have happened" is no answer: "What can we best do?" is the question.

There will be meetings, parish and area. In the meantime I shall not discuss these issues outside the newsletter and open parish meetings. I dislike and distrust pressure groups and factions. We are linked with the people of the two other parishes. We decide together.

The Elephant in the room is the costs of maintaining three presbyteries and five churches: rates, gas, electricity, insurance, buildings, repairs, etc. No doubt, St Joseph's is the most expensive to run. Can the people of Sacred Heart and Our Lady's be asked to subsidise St Joseph's higher costs when common sense tells us we are planning long term?

St Joseph's is the junior parish, founded in 1938. Our Lady's was formed in 1845 and Sacred Heart in 1883.

God bless our pastoral area, Fr. J O'Brien

26th January 2020 (Prayer Week 3)
"Proclaim the Word of God"

Mass Times and Intentions

3rd SUNDAY OF YEAR (A)

(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 Pedro Rodrigues, Thanksgiving, Lillian,
Innocent Victims, Holy Souls*

MONDAY 27th JANUARY

(St Angela Merici : Holocaust Memorial Day)
7.00 pm Mass at St Joseph's *for Family & Friends*

TUESDAY 28th JANUARY

(St Thomas Aquinas)
10.00 am at St Joseph's Service of Word & Communion

WEDNESDAY 29th JANUARY

10.00 am Mass at St Joseph's *for Family Blessing*

THURSDAY 30th JANUARY

(St Aidan)
10.00 am Mass at St Joseph's *for A Special Intention*
12.30 pm Funeral Service for Louise Lloyd

FRIDAY 31st JANUARY

(St John Bosco)
1.30 pm Requiem Mass for Noreen Merriman
7.00 pm Mass at St Joseph's *for Kathleen Commins*

PRESENTATION OF THE LORD

(Saturday) 6.00 pm at St Joseph's
(Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament from 5.15 pm)

SUNDAY 2nd FEBRUARY

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 Teresa & Terry Devlin, Jack Laing, Thanksgiving,
Ellie Quinn, Kaylie Rodrigues*

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 - dusk.

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).

St Joseph's Table

resumes its service this Tuesday

WINTER MENU

Soup - Meals - Desserts - Snacks

To be announced on the 'Specials' board

(see times below in "Parish Diary")

Parish Diary This Week

Tuesday 28th January

St JOSEPH'S TABLE open today from 10.45 am - 3.30 pm. (See details above). 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 29th January

St JOSEPH'S TABLE open today from 10.45 am - 3.30 pm. (See details above). **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 30th January

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 31st January

THE MIRIAM PRAYER GROUP meet at 6.30 pm for faith sharing and Rosary. Please note - Enter via the Blessed Sacrament Chapel. All welcome.

A Concrete Proposal

A parishioner has suggested we ask the council to allow the concreting of the grass verges around the church, at parish expense, to allow more parking spaces. If you like the idea and would be willing to contribute to the whole cost of the project, please inform Fr John. There will be a meeting for those willing to be involved and to arrange a delegation to speak to Leicester City Council.

Watermead

The "Old Stable" Centre
SHOP OPENING THIS WEEK

Tues, Wed, Thur from 10.30 am to 3.30 pm
Sun 11.45 am to 12.15 pm

Information from 0116 220 7881 / 0

www.watermead-apostolate.co.uk

Last week's collection was safely counted and banked. **£1,071**

*(Pax Christi Collection £191)

Thank you. Counters: Karen & Chris
(Next week: TBA)

*RASH resumes today - our regular giving for Leicester's Refugees, Asylum Seekers, Homeless.

Prayer Box

Please pray for:

Families of the parish

and our loved ones living and dead

especially for those who have recently died:

Josie Sewell (RIP)

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

Prayers for: Joan, Peter, Philip

The McCann family and all missing children

The peoples and countries of the world, especially
HOLY LAND, PALESTINE, ISRAEL

POSTBAG

Dear Readers at Mass,

Welcome to the surprise of being commissioned by the diocese. Thank you for being willing to proclaim the Word of God.

Suggestions from the people: (1) Please do not simply read. Proclaim - raise your voice. It is not easy to hear someone who is only reading. (2) Read slowly. The ear is slower than the eye. Give us time to take it in. Don't rush. We're not going anywhere. (3) People's voices and accents are very different. Give us time to adjust to your voice. (4) Please don't stumble. Prepare the reading. Know where long sentences are going. You have the words, we don't. (5) Thank you for reading. We'd like to hear every word just as you see every word. (6) Please proclaim, don't just read.

The above is based on comments that have been made to me over the years. We know it is not easy to read or speak in public and we are grateful for your willingness to do so, but please accept the responsibility of careful preparation.

The Watermead shop has leaflets on reading in church, practical and spiritual advice. You may find those useful.

Thank you, Fr John.

World Church News

Cameroon - Innocent people are being killed, entire villages are being destroyed in arson attacks. Fear and anguish prevail in Cameroon. (from *MISSIO*, asking our prayer)

Asylum Seekers and Trafficked Migrants are amongst the most marginalised in Britain, often regarded as scroungers, stealers of local jobs, dishonest. (*Columban Far East Magazine*)

Churches Together - People seem unable to disagree or differ in a polite or agreeable manner, respecting the rights of others to hold different points of view. We pray for Gospel meekness and grace in listening to others. (*Churches Together*)

Mongolia is a tiny country sandwiched between China and Russia. The first Catholic missionaries entered the country in 1992. There are now nine small parishes and several hundred Catholics. (*MISSIO*)

Dates for Diary

**World Day of Prayer for Consecrated Life
Sunday 2nd February**

**World Day of Prayer for the Sick
Tuesday 11th February**

"Resonations" at St Cecilia's Auditorium
English Martyrs School, Anstey Lane, LE4 0FJ
Perform **"Four Seasons"** by Piazzolla on
Wednesday 5th February, 6.15 pm
and **Piano Quintet** by Dvořák on
Friday 28th February, 7.00 pm
FREE ENTRY : Donations (see leaflets)

Year of The Word: National Scripture Tour
arrives in the Diocese of Nottingham on
Saturday 22nd February
at Holy Trinity Parish Centre Newark NG24 4AU
between 10 am and 4.30 pm. See notice boards.

A Day for Catholic Women

Another date is planned here at St Joseph's
"ONE FAITH : DIFFERENT CULTURES"
Saturday 29th February

10.30 am - 4.00 pm

If anyone would be willing to share their faith experience and be interviewed for this event, please contact Alison on 0116 2207881

**WALSINGHAM : Rededication
of England as the Dowry of Mary
Sunday 29th March**

Parish Pilgrimages

MALTA 2020

4th - 13th February (Tuesday-Thursday)

LOURDES 2020

7th-13th May (Thursday - Wednesday)
£540 (approx) covers flights, airport coaches,
and full board at our hotel. (34 booked so far)
Please book a place with £200 deposit.

STRESA & LAKE MAGGIORE 2020

13th - 19th and 20th - 26th August
Full cost. **£675** (approx.) covers flights, airport
coaches, our excellent lakeside hotel, half board.
RESERVE LIST ONLY AS ALL PLACES TAKEN

ROME 2020

6th - 12th November

The price is the same as last year! **£685** (approx.)
to include all travel, our excellent 4-star hotel (B&B)
and expenses (tips, buses, coach) in Rome.

Nearly full - only 4 places remain
Please confirm your place with Fr John.

Albanian Speaker. We have been contacted by Maxine (Leicester City Council) who is supporting an Albanian lady who would like to attend a Catholic Church but needs help with language. If there is anyone attending either of our churches who speaks Albanian, and is willing to help, Maxine can be contacted on 01162254780 or Maxine.law@leicester.gov.uk.

CHURCH ROTAS FOR NEXT WEEKEND

	Readers	Eucharistic Ministers
Sat. 6.00 pm	Paula	Cecilia
Sun. 9.00 am	TBA	-
10.30 am	Children	Steve / Sister Lelia
6.00 pm	TBA	Vincent

Children lead the prayers at next weekend's 10.30 am Mass