



# ST. JOSEPH'S PARISH, LEICESTER

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Dear People,

On the wall of one of our primary school classrooms was a large map of the world. The teacher would say proudly "Look, children, all the red is ours." There was a lot of red – Canada, Australia, parts of Africa and Asia. It was our empire, she told us.

Living in Wales, a country conquered by the English many centuries before, living in an Irish Catholic community, the red hardly impressed us. We were aware of Irish and Welsh and glimpses of tensions in the community where being Irish could count against you in various ways but young as we were, we knew that the red on the map wasn't ours.

Years passed. Great Britain did not seem so great when I learned it was achieved by conquest, and I disliked our island's history of the invasion of Wales, Ireland, Scotland by the English. It was forced union. The red on our primary school map faded as empire became commonwealth and I now knew that empire had been established by conquest. I disliked empire. So does the bible, I came to discover. It is arrogance and power, dominating other peoples, using and abusing them for the enrichment of the conquering powers.

The horrors of slavery opened up in our history studies, the vile traders, especially from England and the United States, the pride of Spain and Portugal in South America, the penal settlements in Australia, and I came to loathe the conquerors of whatever nation, but especially of the country where I now lived. Social history taught us the horrors of the industrial revolution, the working conditions in factories and coal mines, and I marvelled at the cruelty of wealth and power and establishment, and the poverty and misery of the masses of the people.

I saw the Church and the churches were part of the problem. They weren't the solution. Men of the church in league with the rich and the powerful, benefitting from their wealth (the poor didn't build those churches), and subservient to that wealth almost everywhere.

In Rome I discovered how corrupt the church had been. Our history professors told us we had to know. The world knew. So should we. Good men and saints stood out, we admired their courage and goodness, but the power and wealth of the church attracted the wrong men to want to use and control it.

Constantly I had to free myself from prejudice and even loathing – the English, Spanish, Portuguese, American, Germans, Russians, Popes and religious rulers (and I didn't know a single one of them, I only knew Welsh and Irish

**9th February 2020 (Prayer Week 1)**  
"Racial Justice Sunday". We pray . . .

## Mass Times and Intentions

### 5th 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 Mary Ellen Burns, Angela McKeever, M.K. George,  
Nicolau & Nacementa, Anthony, Mario Rodrigues

### MONDAY 10th FEBRUARY

(St Scholastica)

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

### TUESDAY 11th FEBRUARY

(Our Lady of Lourdes : World Day of Prayer for the Sick)

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

### WEDNESDAY 12th FEBRUARY

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

### THURSDAY 13th FEBRUARY

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

### FRIDAY 14th FEBRUARY

(St Cyril and St Methodius, Patrons of Europe)

7.00 pm at St Joseph's for *Family Blessing*

### 6th SUNDAY OF YEAR (A)

(Saturday) 6.00 pm at St Joseph's

(Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament from 5.15 pm)

### SUNDAY 16th 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)

Rosalina Rebello, Lazarinha & Mariarola Fernandes,  
Cosy Rodrigues, Chris Bean

people. That's how prejudice works – not knowing people, seeing only "them"). Please God, I am free of prejudice now, but the fight has been hard. On Racial Justice Sunday I join my prayer and life with all those suffering prejudice because of their race, colour, religion, nationality, any.

God bless us all,

Fr. John

## 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

continues its service this week

### WINTER MENU

Soup - Meals - Desserts - Snacks

To be announced on the 'Specials' board

(see times below in "Parish Diary")

## Parish Diary This Week

### Tuesday 11th February

**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**

### Wednesday 12th February

**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 13th February

**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 14th February

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

### CHURCH ROTAS FOR NEXT WEEKEND

	Readers	Eucharistic Ministers
Sat. 6.00 pm	Kate	Sal
Sun. 9.00 am	TBA	-
10.30 am	John	Gerry / Sister Lelia
6.00 pm	TBA	Vincent

## 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 from 0116 220 7881 / 0

The Watermead Centre also offers other facilities and more information is given on their website. along with the story of the apostolate. Do visit - [www.watermead-apostolate.co.uk](http://www.watermead-apostolate.co.uk)

### Prayer to St Anthony

Oh God, good and merciful, you have chosen St Anthony as a witness of the Gospel and messenger of peace. Hear our prayer and his intercession. Through Christ Our Lord. Amen.

## Prayer Box

Please pray for:

**Families of the parish**  
and our loved ones living and dead  
especially for those who have recently died:

Veronica Jackson (RIP)

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

Prayers for: Peter, Christine

The McCann family and all missing children

The peoples and countries of the world, especially  
**UNITED KINGDOM,**  
**THE EUROPEAN UNION, YEMEN**

## POSTBAG

Dear Father,

Your sermon this week cheered me. I liked your "Winner takes all" take in a democratic referendum, and I liked your reminding us of how the young people voted in the referendum - to stay in Europe, a voting pattern clear throughout the UK. The young and Scotland and N. Ireland will take us back to where we belong.

Yours sincerely, David L

Dear Father,

I have hardly noticed Greta Thunberg. Seen her on the news, of course, and was vaguely aware of what she's on about. But for her at Davos - what a picture you gave us: "You know what is wrong, you know the reasons, you know what needs to be done, you lack the courage to do it." An invited guest, a little girl, could speak to some of the most powerful and wealthy of our world. That old man, seemingly the most powerful in the world, had only power when he spoke, his words uninspiring.

No contest, really. "And the winner was" as they say at the Oscars. Thank God for our young people and their promise of making a better world.

God bless you, Father, from Mary D

## → Parish Pilgrimages →

### LOURDES 2020

**7th-13th May** (Thursday - Wednesday)  
**£540** (approx) covers flights, airport coaches, and full board at our hotel. (35 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.  
**RESERVE LIST ONLY AS ALL PLACES TAKEN**

## Dates for Diary

Weekend Dates at the Rosmini Centre

### HEALING MASS

**Friday 7th February, 7-9.00 pm**

**ST JOHN HENRY NEWMAN**

A talk by Rev Bill Myers on

**Saturday 8th February, 2-4.30 pm**

### Annual (Valentine) Marriage Mass

at Nottingham Cathedral. All couples are invited to renew their vows before Bishop Patrick  
**Sunday 16th February, 3.00 pm**

### 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.

### "Resonations" at St Cecilia's Auditorium

English Martyrs School, Anstey Lane, LE4 0FJ

**Piano Quintet** by Dvořák on

**Friday 28th February, 7.00 pm**

FREE ENTRY : Donations (see leaflets)

### 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

### God's Plan For You: It's Wild and Precious

**'Come and Ask afternoon'**

**Saturday 14th March, 2.30 - 4.00 pm.**

Wondering about becoming a Religious Sister or Brother?

Come and ask at Our Lady & St Edwards Gordon Road,

St. Ann's, Notts, NG3 2LG

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## LOURDES with the Diocese,

**12th-17th July 2020,**

5 nights: by train, from £655;

by air from £755.

Fr John has the booking forms.

## DIVINE PRAISES

Diocesan Prayer for Vocations

Blessed be God.

Blessed be His Holy Name.

Blessed be Jesus Christ,

true God and true Man.

Blessed be the Name of Jesus.

Blessed be His Most Sacred Heart.

Blessed be His Most Precious Blood.

Blessed be Jesus

in the Most Holy Sacrament of the Altar.

Blessed be the Holy Spirit, the Paraclete.

Blessed be the great Mother of God,

Mary most Holy.

Blessed be her Holy and Immaculate Conception.

Blessed be her Glorious Assumption.

Blessed be the Name of Mary,

Virgin and Mother.

Blessed be St. Joseph, her spouse most chaste.

Blessed be God in His Angels and in His Saints