



ST. JOSEPH'S PARISH, LEICESTER

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Dear People,

People don't like going out in the evenings. We must accept that. Maybe for a meal, for a drink, to play bingo, to watch a football or rugby match, to go shopping, to go to the cinema or theatre, visit family or friends, to go for a walk or run or a cycle ride. But that's all. Church and church meetings - people don't going out in the evenings.

People make time for what interests them. We don't find time to do things, we make time to do them. "I'm sorry I couldn't visit you (in hospital, home, nursing or care home) but I've been so busy! You've no idea. I'm as busy as when I was working. I even wonder how I found time to go to work, ha, ha!" Not convincing, is it. How can the ten hours that work entailed, including going and coming home, disappear? 10 hours!

Everyone throughout history has been given the same amount of time each day - 24 hours. Hours of daylight and darkness may vary, but the time is the same. People have composed music, written books, walked the earth, organised great charitable works, explored and discovered new worlds, developed businesses, and other people have told them how they should have done it, how they themselves would have done it better if they had only had enough time. All those wonderful people who would have done so much more if only they had a 48 hour day. Two days gives them 48 hours.

The secret of time is eternity. When you are lost in time, lost in what you are doing, you are in eternity. Shakespeare wrote "King Lear" - do we ask how long it took? Beethoven composed the "Pastoral Symphony", Leonardo painted "The Last Supper", Michelangelo sculptured "The Pieta", George Eliott, our greatest English novelist, wrote her books in beautiful neat handwriting. Such works of art are forever. Do we ask how long they took? Acts and words of kindness are also forever. Do we ask how long they took?

Say you can't do it, say you are not interested, but don't pretend to yourself you don't have time. You make time for what matters to you. Make time for God. Prayer is easy. Just being with God. You don't even have to move - out of bed, your chair, your house. Make time for God and you are in eternity. You can pray anywhere, any time. "No, I'm too busy." No, you're not interested, sadly. Do you believe in God?

Loving God, and in prayer with God, we take time into "the silence of eternity". Without love and prayer we only have religion, empty religion. But with love we pray.

Dear God, bless us to be real and bring your love and ours through time into eternity.

Fr. John

27th January 2019 (Prayer Week 3)
"Holocaust Day - 6,000,000 Jews . . ."

Mass Times and Intentions

3rd 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)

Judy Neal, Lina & Lucy Lobo, Leo Lobo,

Mary Burns, Jack Laing, John Sellaars, Patrick Bishop

MONDAY 28th JANUARY

(St Thomas Aquinas)

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

TUESDAY 29th JANUARY

10.00 am at St Joseph's *for Family & Friends*

WEDNESDAY 30th JANUARY

(St Aidan)

10.00 am at St Joseph's *for The Morgan Family*

THURSDAY 31st JANUARY

(St John Bosco)

10.00 am at St Joseph's *for Kathleen Commins*

FRIDAY 1st FEBRUARY

(St Brigid)

7.00 pm at St Joseph's *for*

SATURDAY 2nd FEBRUARY

(Presentation of the Lord : Candlemass Day)

4th SUNDAY OF YEAR (C)

(Saturday) 6.00 pm at St Joseph's

(Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament from 5.15 pm)

SUNDAY 3rd 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 Celia Cates, Kay Fenton, Kaylie Rodrigues,

Eamon McAteer, Troy Fernandes

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 - 4.30 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 29th January

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 30th January

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 31st 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 1st February

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

St Joseph's Table

PLEASE NOTE CHANGE OF MENU

Tuesday 'Special' Meal of the Day Menu

Soup - Leek & Potatoe

Lunchtime specials - Steak & Ale Pie served with potatoes & fresh vegetables

(Please come before 2.45 pm to avoid disappointment)

Dessert - Chocolate Pudding

(served with custard, cream, ice-cream)

Tuesday & Wednesday Snack Menu

Soup, Quiche (with new potatoes), Salads, Jacket Potatoes, Sandwiches, Toasties, Hot Sweet & Assorted Cakes, etc.

Watermead shop

Mass & Greeting Cards, Books, Religious DVDs, CDs, Gifts/Resources

OPENING TIMES

Tues, Weds, Thurs from 10.30 am to 3.30 pm
Sun 11.45 am-12.15 pm

Information from from 0116 220 7881 / 0

Bereavement Support

For Help and Support, call David, a qualified and registered counsellor.
Tel: 01163183185 Mob: 07591308287
For further information, or for an initial discussion, to hear how he can help.

PARISH NEWSLETTER

Thank you for your very positive comments on our parish newsletter. We have had compliments from outside the parish, too. Fr John.

If anyone else would like to receive this letter each week by email, please send your request to stjoseph-parish@outlook.com.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

There will be no Holy Communion class this Sunday 27th January. Classes will start again on Sunday 3rd February as usual. My Sincere apologies to children and parents. David

Prayer Box

Please pray for:

Families of the parish

and our loved ones living and dead

Declan, Bridie, Jonathan, Chris, Maria, Jennifer, Mary, Anna, Patrick, Olven, Sheila

Prayers for: Clare, Chris, Vincent

The McCann family and all missing children

The peoples and countries of the world, especially SOUTH AFRICA, ZIMBABWE, CAMEROON, VENEZUELA, D.R. CONGO

POSTBAG

Dear People,

A priest must celebrate mass for the people on Sunday. He may celebrate as many as three times if there is pastoral need. During the week it is his privilege (not his duty) to celebrate mass but only once, unless there is a clear pastoral need (eg at school).

When I came to the parish there was a Saturday morning mass at the Rosary church. Quite a number came, a good regular community. so I continued to celebrate as well as the 6.00 pm St Joseph's mass - the first mass of Sunday.

The diocese asked me to celebrate a mass on Sunday evening as there was no evening mass this side of the city. Willingly, I agreed. This was a diocesan mass, not a parish mass; but it meant I was celebrating Sunday mass four times. I was criticised for celebrating mass too much but I was in the guidelines: 3 parish masses (2 at St Joseph's, 1 at the Rosary) and the diocesan mass. But I did feel awkward about Saturday morning in recent times because the numbers had faded away and a few weeks ago there were just five people, including two good friends from another parish and Pauline and Christine who set up the church for Saturday.

It seemed time had come. We discussed it and decided there will be no Saturday morning mass in future.
Fr John

Holocaust Memorial Day

Do buy or borrow the book "The Boy who Followed his Father to Auschwitz". It is a moving story of love between father and son, brothers, neighbours. A story for our Jewish brothers and sisters to be proud of. Sad to know that such hatred as Nazi Germany showed the Jews still exists between various peoples, tribes and race.

ECUMENISM

Last Sunday at St Mary's Christian Unity Service there were 10 people from 5 churches. Does anyone know why there should be so few?

Last week's collection was safely counted and banked. **£1,044**

*(Special RASH Collection £145)

Thank you. Counters: Terry

(Next week: TBA)

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

CHURCH ROTAS FOR NEXT WEEKEND

| | Readers | Eucharistic Ministers |
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| Sat. 6.00 pm | Doreen | Cecilia |
| Sun. 9.00 am | TBA | - |
| 10.30 am | Children | Gerry / Sister Lelia |
| 6.00 pm | TBA | Vincent |

Dates for Diary

Monthly Devotions to St Peregrine (Patron Saint of Cancer Sufferers) at St Peter's, Hinckley Road, Leicester LE3 0TA Starts **31st January**, after 6.35 pm mass (See posters on notice boards)

Annual "Valentine" Marriage Mass

Sunday 10th February, 3.00 pm at St Barnabas Cathedral, Nottingham
All married couples are invited and the renewal of vows will take place before Bishop Patrick.

Please come, but for more information contact Fr David Palmer catholicdavid@mac.com
Tel. 0115 9786236

Sharing our Stories of Faith

A DAY FOR CATHOLIC WOMEN

(practising & non-practising)

at St Joseph's, Leicester, on

Saturday 23rd February

10.00 am - 4.30 pm. More details from Alison on 0116 220 7881 (or in the Watermead Shop) and see poster on notice board

LACY Leicestershire Active Catholic Youth

Dates for Diary - more information later

Next Working Group : Thursday 14th March

at the Franciscan Convent, Melton Mowbray

Countryside Stations of the Cross

Sunday 7th April at Mount St. Bernard Abbey

FLAME

National Catholic Youth Event, Wembley Arena

Saturday 2nd March 2019

A mix of prayer, worship, music, speakers & fun with 9,000 young people coming together.

LACY are planning to take a coach from Leicester to the Flame event and tickets are £30, which includes Flame ticket and a Robin Hood hat for Nottingham Diocese! You can find details of the day at www.cymfed.org.uk/flame2019. For information and tickets, contact, tickets from Deacon Séamus on 0116 2414057 (solooskan@st-pauls.leicester.sch.uk).

DIOCESAN MISSION

BISHOP PATRICK asked us to look at our diocesan themes of **Discipleship** and **Mission** during Lent and Easter with four county meetings.

7 people will be representing the parish at the Bishop's meeting on **Tuesday 5th February, 6.30 pm refreshments for 7.00 pm start for 9 pm finish**. The organisers are delighted at our interest. Anyone else like to come?

Parish Pilgrimages 2019

LOURDES 10th - 16th May

Friday to Thursday, £495 approximately (price includes flights, all travel and full board at hotel) 29 have booked. Places are still available.

ASSISI with visits to FLORENCE, PISA, SIENA

September 17th-27th

We shall be making this pilgrimage in 2 overlapping groups

All places have now been taken. There is a reserve list.

ROME 8th-14th November 2019

(Details later. 35 people already booked)

IMPORTANT LETTERS regarding our parish streaming camera addressed to all taking an active role in our daily celebration of the Mass at St Joseph's Church (**Altar Servers, Eucharistic Ministers, Reader, Liturgy Leaders, Singers and Musicians**) are awaiting collection in the sacristy. Please collect your named letter. A copy for all parishioners to see is on the notice boards.

The children are leading the prayers at next weekend's 10.30 am mass at St Joseph's