



# ST. JOSEPH'S PARISH, LEICESTER

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Dear People,

We knew what would happen on Tuesday last. Sir Graham Brady's amendment was certain to pass (uniting the Conservative Party), which meant the other amendments would be defeated, except for the safe non-binding one re our not leaving the EU without a deal. Conservative Party safe.

What happens now? Negotiations, in Brussels, and here in Parliament amongst those who saw the relative strengths of those amendments and will draw up battle-lines for decisive voting on the Brexit deal/no deal.

It has been fascinating. Democracy at work, factional fighting, banner waving, shouting voices, quiet diplomacy, intelligent discussion, opposition and enemies taken on. And everyone right. That's what surprises. There is little mind-changing, people's thinking as previously, voting again as before. They seem not to hear others' arguments. If you and I come out of a discussion thinking exactly as before we have not been listening to each other.

"Others are wrong because I am right." Suppose we always tried to share the best of all sides of our arguments. Would the political party machines allow that? Loyalty, self-serving, fear, ambition, dislike, jealousy - we can see and hear it all. Democracy is human frailty and stubbornness and idealism under the spotlight. Personal frailties in everyday life we can hide or hide from, but in public life the politicians run the risk of the mob, the angry leadership, the jealous rivals. False step, foolish word - and that's you finished.

We watch. So does Europe. What does it see? Not a United Kingdom. It sees that Scotland and Northern Ireland voted convincingly to stay in Europe, that Wales thinks the same in the latest surveys. It sees England's reaping again the consequences of dividing Ireland early in the 20th century and hears the fears of the Good Friday Agreements weakening under the strain of social and political divisions. Why should Europe and Southern Ireland solve the problems created by the British Government?

We accept the we are not a united kingdom. We are British, but our national - Irish, Scottish, Welsh, English - feelings are strong and can be divisive, as everywhere; but we have learned to live together and we don't want to be divided or separated. Humbly, we must seek to find the common good for Europe and for the United Kingdom.

God bless us to be and feel involved, Fr. John

**3rd February 2019 (Prayer Week 4)**

"British and . . . British or . . .  
Christian, Catholic, Believer . . . are you?"

## Mass Times and Intentions

### 4th 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)

for Kaylie Rodrigues, Celia Cates, Kay Fenton,  
Bridget Hickey, Eamon McAteer

### MONDAY 4th FEBRUARY

7.00 pm Mass at St Joseph's for Eileen Landers

### TUESDAY 5th FEBRUARY

(St Agatha)

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

### WEDNESDAY 6th FEBRUARY

(Ss Paul Miki & Companions)

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

### THURSDAY 7th FEBRUARY

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

### FRIDAY 8th FEBRUARY

(St Josephine Bakhita : St Jerome Emiliani)

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

### 5th SUNDAY OF YEAR (C)

(Saturday) 6.00 pm at St Joseph's

(Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament from 5.15 pm)

### SUNDAY 10th 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)

Kathleen McGettigan, Bridget Hickey, Mary O'Shea,  
Paula Jones, Family Blessing

### BLESSED SACRAMENT CHAPEL

open every day this week from 10.30 am - 4.30 pm.

### CONFESSIONS EACH WEEK

SATURDAY & SUNDAY 5.15 pm at St. Joseph's  
(in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel)

## 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 5th February

**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**

### Wednesday 6th February

**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**

### Friday 8th February

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

## St JOSEPHINE

**Friday 8th February** is the feastday of St Josephine Bakhita. She is the patron saint of victims of modern slavery and human trafficking. The Santa Marta Group asks our prayer.

## St Joseph's Table

### PLEASE NOTE CHANGE OF MENU

#### 'Special' Meal of the Day Menu

Soup - Winter Vegetable

Main - Lemon Herby Chicken Tray Bake served with potatoes & fresh vegetables

(Please come before 2.45 pm to avoid disappointment)

Dessert - Bread & Butter 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.

NB Until volunteers are found the 'Specials' meal can only be made available on Tuesday. All help is welcomed. Training given.

## 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.

Last week's collection was safely counted and banked. **£1,076**

\*(Special RASH Collection £135)

Thank you. Counters: TBA (Next week: Pauline & Christine)

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

## FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

Classes start again today **Sunday 3rd February**

## 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, Alfred

The McCann family and all missing children

The peoples and countries of the world, especially, **VENEZUELA, YEMEN**

## POSTBAG

Bishop Patrick has made a prayer appeal.

### A Prayer for Yemen

Giver of Life,

Who hears the cries from Yemen; of mothers choosing between medicine or food, of parents grieving children lost to starvation, of those who have given up everything in hunger. Hear our cries for hope, for change, for peace

In your mercy,

Break political deadlocks, soften hardened hearts, Change closed minds, open unhearing ears.

Let people come before power

Let life be holy again

Let your justice and peace

Shape the nation of Yemen and the lives of all people

Amen

So many people and countries we might include in that prayer - south Sudan, Venezuela, benefits' claimants.

## IMPORTANT LETTERS

regarding our parish streaming camera addressed to all taking an active role in our 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.

## FLAME

National Catholic Youth Event, Wembley Arena **Saturday 2nd March 2019**

**LACY** are planning to take a coach from Leicester to the Flame event and tickets are £30. Contact, tickets fDeacon Séamus on 0116 2414057 (solooskan@st-pauls.leicester.sch.uk). For more details see last week's newsletter.

**Catholic Singles** helps single Catholics meet other Catholics, either one-to-one or through social events [www.catholic singles.org.uk](http://www.catholic singles.org.uk) or Tel 0161 941 3498

## Marriage Preparation Courses 2019

The Diocese recommends that all couples preparing for marriage attend a course. Our local course is a full-day one and will be held this year: **Saturdays 9th March, 18th May, 6th July, 7th September.** Details from Fr John.

## CHURCH ROTAS FOR NEXT WEEKEND

	Readers	Eucharistic Ministers
Sat. 6.00 pm	Clare	Ann B
Sun. 9.00 am	TBA	-
10.30 am	Theresa	Steve
6.00 pm	TBA	Marie

**Children's Liturgy** at next weekend's 10.30 am Mass

## DIOCESAN MISSION

**BISHOP PATRICK'S MEETING.** Seven people will be representing our parish at the Bishop's meeting on **Discipleship and Mission** during Lent and Easter. It is being held at Sacred Heart Parish in Loughborough, on **Tuesday 5th February, 6.30 pm for refreshments to the 7.00 pm start and 9 pm finish.** Anyone else like to come?

## Dates for Diary

### ROSMINI CENTRE EVENT

**Saturday 9th February 2.00pm - 4.30pm**

"God in my life: invitation, mission, gratitude"

Talk given by Fr Frank Daly, founder of SPANNED (Supporting People with Additional Needs)

### 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**

### DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES

**14th-19th July**

By train from **£639** : By air from **£739**

Details and leaflets on notices boards

### Parish Pilgrimages 2019

**LOURDES 10th - 16th May**

Friday to Thursday, £495 approximately (price includes flights, all travel and full board at hotel) 32 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 been taken. There is a reserve list.

**ROME 8th-14th November 2019**

(Details later. 38 people already booked)

### 260 Club

**This Months Winners!**

No.85 wins £75; No.124 wins £50; No.260 wins £50; No.79 wins £50; No.37 wins £35.

### POPE IN DANGER

The international rugby season has begun. The Welsh team is strong. The British Medical Journal has pointed out that when the Welsh win a Pope dies. We pray for Popes Francis and Benedict.

### Watermead shop

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

### OPENING TIMES

Tuesday 5th and Wednesday 6th, 10.30 am-3.30 pm (Closed Thursday 7th and next weekend) Information from from 0116 220 7881 / 0