



# ST. JOSEPH'S PARISH, LEICESTER

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**Sister Anne Maria Doyle** died last Sunday, 14th January, in St Joseph of Peace Convent next to our St Joseph's church, where she had been living and being looked after by Sister Mary and the community there. Our sympathy is with her family and her religious Sisters and we thought it would be good for people in St Joseph's to know a little about her life and work.

She was born in Slieveveagh, Co Wicklow, Ireland on 12 April 1923, the eldest of nine children. She responded to God's call on 6th September 1938 when she came to Nottingham to join the Sisters of St Joseph of Peace.

Having graduated as a teacher in 1946 she spent many years of life teaching in Nottingham, Leicester as well as schools where the sisters served. One of her longest spells was at the Sacred Heart School, Leicester where she taught for 10 years from 1946.

Between 1967 and 1969 Sister Anne Maria served as Novice Mistress at the Sacred Heart Convent, Rearsby, Leicestershire. When the Novices made first profession Sister responded to the Pope Paul's request for Priests and Religious to serve on the missions and she went to Zambia. It was while she was there Anne Maria was elected Provincial of the Sacred Heart Province and she returned to Rearsby where she served as Provincial until 1979.

On completing her term of office as Provincial Anne Maria went to the newly formed House of Prayer in Grimsby and was a welcoming presence to those who came for retreat, quiet days or simply to spend time in prayer. She was very much part of the ministry of the house for several years.

In the 1990's Sister moved to Leicester and served at the Blessed Sacrament Parish, Braunstone from 1991 until her retirement in 2002. In her later years Anne Maria resided at St Joseph's Convent, Uppingham Road, Leicester where, last Sunday, after more than one hundred years of life, and over 80 years serving her God, Sister departed her earthly life peacefully.

Anne Maria will be deeply missed by the Sisters and carers in Uppingham Road, where she has been a gentle presence and shared her curious spirit each day, participating in the daily life of the community. May she rest in peace and rise in glory.

(Sr Susan Richert. pbvm Vicar for Religious, Nottingham Diocese)

**MASS TIMES** will be changing within the next couple of weeks as we will be sharing two priests with our neighbouring parishes in the Holy Family cluster parishes of Sacred Heart (Mere Road, Leicester), St Margaret Mary (Wakerley Road, Leicester) and Our Lady of Good Counsel (Gleneagles Avenue, Rushey Mead). Times have not yet been decided but will have to be after next weekend. Please write or email your considerations by Wednesday of this week - these may be reliance on public transport, personal mobility, distance travelled, family commitments, working hours (acknowledging hospital shifts), etc. Change to our praying routine is always going to be difficult, but it does have to happen and your help in the planning is essential - you may even have ideas and suggestions to offer, maybe even help with transporting some of our less mobile parishioners?

**Sunday 21st January 2024 : Prayer Week 2**

## SUNDAY READINGS REFERENCE

### 3rd SUNDAY OF YEAR (B)

The bible references are as follows:

1st reading: **Jonah 3:1-5,10**

2nd reading: **1 Corinthians 7: 29-30**

Gospel according to **Mark 1:14-20**

For a background to all the readings each week see Watermead's **The Lord's Day** newsletter from <https://www.watermead-apostolate.co.uk/the-lords-day>

## Mass Intentions & Times

Please read through carefully the following schedule and note whether mass is also streamed via YouTube (indicated alongside each day)

(Church doors will open 20 minutes before each mass)

**Saturday 20th January** : Vigil Mass for Sunday

**MASS at 6.00 pm**

The following mass intentions for this weekend will be remembered at mass on both Saturday and Sunday:

Mrs Sheila Augustine, Laurie Clarke

**Sunday 21st January**

**MASS at 11.00 am (Streamed)**

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**Tuesday 23rd January**

**Service of Word and Communion at St Joseph's, 11.30 am**

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**Saturday 27th January** : Vigil Mass for Sunday

**MASS at 6.00 pm (Streamed)**

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**Sunday 28th January** : 4th SUNDAY OF YEAR B

**SERVICE : 11.00 am (Streamed)**

**Fr John Update.** Fr John remains hopeful that he will be able to start to walk again - "even walk around the parish", he'll say. At present he is unable to get out of bed, although has been doing his exercises regularly, as instructed, hoping that he will again be able to try sitting out in his chair, continue his leg strengthening exercises and eventually walk again. He remains at peace about his situation and is not at all impatient about the immobility, just accepting and prayerful.

Fr John had quite a few visitors again this week, especially during and after Doreen's funeral reception, and he does enjoy people visiting him, but planning these are dependent on how well he feels on that particular day.

Post and messages are continuing to come and be assured these are passed on to him and when they are, he really does appreciate them.

He sends his greetings and appreciation, as

## CHRISTIAN UNITY WEEK

The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity has begun, **Thursday 18th January**, through until **Thursday 25th January** – the octave of St Peter and St Paul. The theme this year is 'You shall love the Lord your God . . . and your neighbour as yourself.'

(Luke 10:27)

We have no local details but check out the following line for more information <https://cte.org.uk/wpcu2024/>

## The Parish on Sundays



Hot (and cold) drinks available after the 11 am mass on Sunday. If you would like to join the rota please do offer.  
(Memorial Garden also open after the mass).

## Regular Parish Activities

### TUESDAY & WEDNESDAY St JOSEPH'S TABLE open both days

11.30 to 3.30 pm. (See details below).

### WATERMEAD SHOP open both days

10.30 to 4.30 pm. (See box below for details)

### HOME FROM HOME SHOP open (Wednesdays only) 12 noon to 3.30 pm.

### PARISH REMEMBRANCE GARDEN Open both days 12 noon to 4.00 pm.

### THURSDAY

### WATERMEAD SHOP open

10.30 to 4.30 pm. (See box below for details)

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## 2024 - A Year of Prayer

### Reflection from Pope Francis

A reflection for the Third Sunday of the Year: If during prayer we feel sluggish and empty, we must at that moment beg that Jesus' prayer also become our own. "I cannot pray today, I don't know what to do: I don't feel like it, I am unworthy". In this moment Jesus is before the Father, praying for us; let us trust in this! If we are trustful, we will then hear a voice from heaven, "You are God's beloved, you are a child, you are the joy of the Father in heaven".

### St Joseph's 'Year of Prayer'

A regular meeting to discuss prayer/bible study, possibly something also on ZOOM to make it easier for those who cannot get easily to St Joseph's at other times . . . Joining our 'WhatsApp Prayer Group' . . . Visiting our lovely little Blessed Sacrament Chapel, taking advantage of the exposition times (note the opening times over page) . . . Sharing our favourite or personal prayers and publishing in the parish newsletter . . . Do visit the 'Prayer Box' on the parish website and make the intentions part of your weekly prayer (repeated in the newsletter each week) . . . What else would you like to see? We shall meet to plan in a couple of weeks.

**Encounter Prayer** This month's episode of Encounter Prayer is now available. We explore a type of Lectio Divina (prayerful reading of the scriptures) with Sean Jinks and Sophie Rimac of the Seven Steps Scripture Sharing Group in Leicester. Please search Diocese of Nottingham on any podcast provider (Google, Apple, Amazon, Spotify) see [dioceseofnottingham.uk/yearofprayer](https://dioceseofnottingham.uk/yearofprayer) to listen.

## Prayer Box

This week we remember in prayer:

### Families of the parish

and our loved ones living and dead, especially

Sister Anne Maria Doyle (RIP), Teresa Hurley RIP

We pray also for Ali, Annie, Sister Anne-Maria, David, Eden, Sister Margaret, Baby Orla, Bridget, Claire, Graham, Hannah, Harry, Hayley & Baby Violet, Jane, Janina & Daughters, Jearl, John, John S, Kate, Kathleen, Krzysztof, Leanne, Lorette, Marg, Mark O'H, Mary B, Norman, Paddy, Patrick, Pat, Rose, Roy, Rutendo, Sophia, Susan, Toni, Tony, Veronica, Winefride, Sister Anna Pat, Fr John, Fr John Joe and all those who have been recently bereaved.

Kate and Gerry and all Madeleine's family.

And for all families of missing children

We pray also for all that are suffering the conflicts of our world,



## BLESSED SACRAMENT CHAPEL

OPEN EACH DAY THIS WEEK

early morning until dusk -  
all are welcome!

## Feasts this Week

Monday	
St Vincent	Friday
	Ss Timothy & Titus
Wednesday	Saturday
St Francis de Sales	St Angela Merici
	Holocaust Memorial Day
Thursday	
Conversion of St Paul	

## Lord, help us

"Lord, give us the strength and courage to confront the important issues of our day and age. Our lives are so busy we forget, we ignore, we overlook, we reject - always at others' expense. Lord, we are sorry."

(A bidding prayer composed 50 years ago - probably for a union of Catholic students' mass)

**Do Justice: For Parishes** is an opportunity, ideal for Lent, to take up Pope Francis' invitation to become "a more synodal and missionary Church, a Church that adores God and serves the women and men of our time, going forth to bring everyone the consoling joy of the Gospel". Published by Caritas Social Action Network, it comprises three sessions with suggested follow-up, either as a 'top up' or review of mission for existing parish groups, or perhaps to set the ball rolling on work for social justice.

To find out more about running **Do Justice** locally visit [bit.ly/dojusticenottingham](http://bit.ly/dojusticenottingham)

## VACANCY

### TEACHER OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

English Martyrs, Anstey Lane, Leicester, is hiring a Teacher of Religious Education, here is the link: [Teacher of Religious Education | St Thomas Aquinas Catholic Multi-Academy Trust \(aquinas-cmat.org\)](https://www.catholicmultiacademytrust.org/)

If you have any questions or would like a visit our school, please contact Mrs O'Connor, The Principal's PA at the school on 0116 242 8880 to arrange.

## DATES FOR DIARY

### "GO MAKE DISCIPLES"

### CATECHIST FORMATION AND TRAINING PATHWAYS

Diocese of Nottingham online courses to help build catechists' confidence and knowledge continues as below for those interested in living this ministry.

### DISCIPLESHIP CATECHESIS

Examining core Church teachings & how to pass them on 6 sessions beginning 24th January 2024

### MISSIONARY CATECHESIS

Discover how parish can go beyond sacramental preparation

4 sessions beginning 17th April 2024

Leaflets at the back of church with more information.

### A HEALING RETREAT DAY AND EVENING Saturday 27th January, 9.30 am to 9.30 pm

with Father Gladson Dabre OSA

at Our Lady of Lincoln Catholic Church,  
Laughton Way, Lincoln LN2 2HE.

There will be Mass, engaging talks on healing a Healing Service, praise and worship, Adoration, Reconciliation, testimonies, times for sharing and opportunities for individual prayer ministry.

This is a free event and all are welcome.

Please bring a packed lunch. For more information contact Susan Walsh on 07818 805847.

### Homes for Ukraine Gathering

on **Friday 2nd February, 2.30 - 4.00 pm**  
at Frassati Centre, Holy Cross, Leicester LE1 6HW.

Nearly two years on from the full-scale invasion of Ukraine, the need for refuge in the UK is still high. Join this afternoon hosted by **Caritas Social Action Network** and **Saint John of God Hospitaller Services**, where you can find out about the current situation, eligibility for sponsoring refugees, and key considerations for hosting. Visit [bit.ly/ukraine2feb](http://bit.ly/ukraine2feb) for more detail

### Leicester Council of Faiths

is holding a series of Conversations About Cancer events where we can come together, in an informal and supportive environment, to talk about cancer, and help Macmillan Cancer Support to work with people affected by cancer.

For the first Conversations about Cancer event members from the Christian faith are invited to

**Sacred Heart Guild Hall,**

**25 Mere Road, Leicester, LE5 3HS on**

**Tuesday 6th February**

from 5.30pm for a 6pm start.

Bookings are via

[projectofficer@leicestercounciloffaiths.org.uk](mailto:projectofficer@leicestercounciloffaiths.org.uk)

## Watermead shop

The "Old Stable" Centre,  
(top of St Joseph's car park)

### 2024 REGULAR OPENING TIMES

Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays

**10.30 am - 4.30 pm**

Welcoming customers old and new.

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Note that our online Giftshop now stocks most of the items in our centre shop (nearly 3,000)

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[www.watermeadshop.co.uk/](http://www.watermeadshop.co.uk/)

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