



# ST. JOSEPH'S PARISH, LEICESTER

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For our YouTube streamed mass - simply search **St Joseph Leicester Live** (Find us also on **Facebook**)

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Today, Sunday 28th January, our Catholic Bishops' Conference of England and Wales celebrate Racial Justice Sunday. The theme this year is 'Seeing one another in the life of the Church'.

Bishop Paul McAleenan, Lead Bishop for Racial Justice, explains theme on the Bishops' website and suggested ways of marking the day

*"Look at our 'saints of colour', men and women who made their life's work to oppose racism and to promote equality and justice."* He suggests that you explore the lives of those great men and women – those who devoted their lives to the pursuit of racial justice, those who emulated God's passion for justice, which we read about in the scriptures. *"They will inspire us, teach us, and make us sensitive to the importance of racial justice and why we work for it."*

*"In the history of the Church, there have been those who looked at the society in which they lived, and responded to what they saw. They looked, made a decision based on what they saw, and acted . . . (they) became instruments of change, agents of progress, and some are acknowledged as saints of the Church . . ."*

May we too, like them, work for racial justice in our society."

(Read Bishop Paul McAleenan's message on <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/racial-justice-sunday/>)

**FUTURE MASS TIMES** Thank you to those who have responded to the request in last week's newsletter regarding times. As notified last week we shall in future 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). It is not too late to submit your considerations and submissions so far have confirmed what was expected - reliance on public transport, personal mobility, distance travelled, family commitments, working hours (in particular hospital shifts). If you do have any suggestions or requests to add, or would be able to offer transport to those struggling with bus times, please still feel welcome to send them through in writing to the parish house or via the contact form on the parish website (<https://www.stjoseph-leicester.co.uk/>).

**Apologies** but we do not yet have times of mass arranged for next weekend (3rd/4th February). These will be confirmed on the parish website and on the parish answerphone during the coming week as soon as they have been decided. Mass intentions will be carried over if necessary (to 10th /11th February).

## ST JOSEPH'S SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION

### FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2024

The preparation will start in February and David has written to all parents/guardians to arrange a **Zoom call** with them on **Wednesday 31st January at 7.00 pm** to discuss further details.

If you have not received a message from David, or have just decided your child would like to join the programme, then please send a message to the parish website and it will be forwarded to him.

Note that there will be 3 dates only for the children's celebration of Holy Communion this year.

### CONFIRMATION 2024

Our date Bishop Patrick is coming to St Joseph's to confirm our candidates is

**Friday 20th September 2024.**

The programme of preparation will begin in mid February and will be notified through the parish newsletter - so watch this space! If you have written to Fr John asking to be confirmed, then we will also contact you direct. If any other young persons want to be confirmed then they are asked to write and request to join the programme telling a little of their faith journey so far.

**Sunday 28th January 2024 : Prayer Week 3**

*"Seeing one another in the life of the Church"*

### SUNDAY READINGS REFERENCE

#### 4th SUNDAY OF YEAR (B)

The bible references are as follows:

1st reading: **Deuteronomy 18:15-20**

2nd reading: **1 Corinthians 7: 32-35**

Gospel according to **Mark 1:21-28**

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>

For our streamed mass search '**St Joseph Leicester Live**' on YouTube (see below for times of livestreams).

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

**MASS at 6.00 pm (Streamed)**

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

*Antonio Iannucci, Chinnamma George*

**Sunday 28th January**

**SERVICE at 11.00 am (Streamed)**

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**Tuesday 30th January**

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

**Thursday 1st February**

**REQUIEM MASS FOR Sr ANNE MARIA DOYLE (Sr GEMMA)**

**11.00 am at Sacred Heart Church, Mere Road**

**Saturday 3rd February : Vigil Mass for Sunday**

**MASS OR SERVICE : Time to be advised**

**Sunday 4th February : 5th SUNDAY OF YEAR B**

**MASS OR SERVICE : Time to be advised**

*REQUESTED MASS INTENTIONS*

*Doreen Concannon, Sr Anne Maria Doyle, Noreen Toon*

**Fr John Update.** There is not really much to add to Fr John's news this week. He is still bedbound, but continuing the physio exercises hoping that he will be able to start to walk again. He has had a quiet week with just one old friend visiting him. He remains at peace about his situation and is not at all impatient about the immobility, just accepting and prayerful.

Post and messages are still arriving and they and are being passed on to him - and he really does appreciate them.

He sends his greetings and appreciation, as usual, and is continuing to hold all in this prayer.

## PRAYER FOR TODAY

Come, Holy Spirit, show us your beauty,  
reflected in all the peoples of the earth,  
so that we may discover anew  
that all are important and all are necessary,  
different faces of the one humanity  
that God so loves. Amen.

Pope Francis, taken from his encyclical letter  
Fratelli Tutti – on fraternity and social friendship:

## 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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Open 12 noon to 4.00 pm.



## Prayer Box



This week we remember in prayer:

**Families of the parish  
and our loved ones living and dead**

We pray also for Ali, Annie, David, Eden, Sister Margaret,  
Bridget, Claire, Graham, Hannah, Harry, Hayley & Baby Violet,  
Jane, Janina & Daughters, Jearl, John, Kate, Kathleen, 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 for all who are abused by racial discrimination  
and especially those 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

Wednesday

St John Bosco



Thursday

St Brigid



Friday

Presentation of the Lord  
(Candlemass Day)



Saturday

St Blaise, St Ansgar

## OUR LOURDES GARDEN ~ SAD NEWS

Our Lourdes Garden grotto has unfortunately not survived the recent storms.  
It would appear that what Storm Isha began Storm Jocelyn finished and the ivy  
bush that cocooned and protected the statue of Our Lady of Lourdes for over  
40 years was completely uprooted on Wednesday night and blown into the  
garden. Richard and David spent the day on Friday trying to rescue what they  
could but the bush is unfortunately beyond help.

Thankfully the statue of Our Lady was still encased in the bush during its  
nighttime travels and has survived the incident. A relief - as it had been a  
wonderful gift to the parish many years ago by the Murray family in memory of  
their daughter and was the inspiration for the original grotto around which the  
whole garden was designed and then redesigned and landscaped in 2001.

People will have their own memories of visiting and praying at the grotto and  
over the years many children will have enjoyed walking up and down the  
winding path past the statue of St Bernadette to say hello to Mary.

We shall look at redesigning the grotto. Ideas and help welcomed.



## 2024 - A Year of Prayer

### Reflection from Pope Francis

A reflection for the Fourth Sunday of the Year: All  
human suffering is sacred to God. So prays the  
prayer of Psalm 56: "You have kept an account of  
my wanderings; you have kept a record of my  
tears! Are they not written in your book?" (v.8).  
Before God we are not strangers, or numbers. We  
are faces and hearts, known one by one, by name.  
To read the full reflection and find more resources  
at [dioceseofnottingham.uk/yearofprayer](http://dioceseofnottingham.uk/yearofprayer)

**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](http://dioceseofnottingham.uk/yearofprayer)  
to listen.

## DIOCESAN VACANCIES

The Diocese of Nottingham is currently recruiting for  
**A LAND AND BUILDINGS OFFICER**  
and a

**COMPLIANCE AND SUPPORT  
PROPERTY OFFICER**

Details can be found at the back of church, or  
[www.dioceseofnottingham.uk/careers](http://www.dioceseofnottingham.uk/careers).  
For more information contact Rachael Oxspring  
on 0115 953 9845.

The closing date is Monday 12th February.

**ADULT FAITH FORMATION  
COORDINATOR**

Holy Family Parish, Nottingham seeks to appoint to  
this part-time role. Already an essential part of the  
leadership and ministry in the parish for the last  
6 years, due to the current post-holder's retirement  
applicants are invited for this developing role.

For information contact Diane Williams, Community

Coordinator: 0115 9118266

[ccen@dioceseofnottingham.uk](mailto:ccen@dioceseofnottingham.uk)

The closing date is Monday 26th February.

## DATES FOR DIARY

### NOTTINGHAM CATHEDRAL ILLUMINATED

Friday 2nd & Saturday 3rd February, 5.30 – 10.00 pm.

As part of Nottingham's annual Light Night trail,  
come and experience the Cathedral like never before.

Its breath-taking gothic revival architecture will be  
illuminated, there will be live choral and organ  
performances throughout the evening, and the opportunity  
for families to make lanterns thanks to a new collaboration  
with Nottingham Playhouse. All are welcome

### 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)

**Young Adults' Retreat** (for those aged 18-23)  
**23rd -25th February** organised by Jesus Youth  
at The Briars, Matlock (DE4 5BW)

Come join us for this Catholic Youth Weekend,  
where we'll explore deeper into aspects of Gender and  
Identity through the core theme for the weekend,  
the reality that we are 'Created For Love'.

To register, visit: <https://forms.gle/2JCX9JWCQRBdi21g7>

## Calling Catholic Teachers

If you are a Catholic teacher currently working  
outside of Catholic education and would like to find  
out more about the joys of working in a Catholic  
school within the Diocese of Nottingham, a virtual  
information session will take place on

**Monday 4 March from 7.00 pm – 8.00 pm.**

. For further information, please contact:  
Julie Sweeney at the Diocesan Education Service  
([julie.sweeney@nottingham-des.org.uk](mailto:julie.sweeney@nottingham-des.org.uk))

*"I want you to be concerned  
about your next-door neighbour.  
Do you know your next-door neighbour?"*

(Saint Mother Teresa)

## 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.

**CONTACT US on 0116 2207880**

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

For more information on our apostolate  
or to visit one of our online shops see

[www.watermead-apostolate.co.uk/](http://www.watermead-apostolate.co.uk/)

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

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