



ST. JOSEPH'S PARISH, LEICESTER

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Dear People,

Guidelines for churches suddenly changed during the week. They have not been included in government conditions because it was deemed wiser to let the churches set their own. We followed the Church. Suddenly the Church is following the government which means that the precautions we had been taking are now considered to be too strict. I don't agree - for you all to be welcome and safe were the guidelines I chose for us but we now must be ready for people to refuse. I hope they don't but there is no official backing for what we had established.

The number of families in our parish affected by Covid-19 is increasing. There were another three families this week though there is no sign that coming to church was part of the problem. Please be thoughtful for everyone. Sanitisers must still be available, masks are optional but I hope everyone will continue to wear them, the necessity for social distancing is removed, but at St Joseph's we shall have social distancing on the right hand side of the church (near Our Lady's altar) and the left (near St Joseph's) for those who don't mind. The stewards will continue their work of welcoming and guiding.

I was advised to be very careful about funerals, following hospital and funeral directors' advice of an expected increase in deaths, the need to be ready to take two or even three funerals in a day and a backlog building up. The best I could do was to celebrate mass for the departed at the Sunday mass (before and/or after the funeral day) and have the simple but beautiful funeral service on the actual day. The church needed to be thoroughly cleaned between each service and the toilets after each use. So you can see the need to be fair to everyone. Those conditions are now changed and the Requiem mass may be celebrated.

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Local social media is discussing the sale of the Rosary Church. I am grateful to people of the parish who have been explaining to local residents the process which was carefully followed - of people of the parish being consulted, their opinions being made known to the bishop, and then for the property to be put on the open market, as required by Charity law, so that all could be seen to be open and honest.

Bishop Patrick has made clear his plans for the diocese and for Leicester and it was decided that the Rosary Church would be best sold. Of course we are sad to lose it because it has been part of parish life for so many years, but we trust the people of St Joseph's understand, and have been able to explain to those asking questions as wisely and sensitively as our people have on social media.

Leicester City Council originally sold the land to us under covenant as a place for education and spiritual formation. The Muslim community will continue this ideal and I am pleased it will remain a place of prayer and education. I am very friendly with a number of that fine community and consider them my friends, and thus am happy that on the open market their offer was the one accepted. Please join me in making them feel welcome.

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Ukraine is now an essential part of our parish life. The Blessed Sacrament Chapel is open every day from late morning until dusk and is decorated in the blue and yellow of Ukraine and its brave suffering people. We shall remember them in our parish prayer each day. If anyone would like to involve the parish in support networks please tell me and we shall pass on the invitations.

God bless us, as always, Fr. John

Sunday 6th March 2022 : Prayer Week 1

"Ukraine and its welcoming neighbours"

SUNDAY READINGS REFERENCE

1st SUNDAY OF LENT (C)

The bible references are as follows:

1st reading: **Deuteronomy 26:4-10**

2nd reading: **Romans 10:8-13**

Gospel according to **Luke 4:1-13**

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 public or streamed via YouTube (indicated alongside each day)

(Church doors will open 20 minutes before each mass)

Saturday 5th March : Vigil Mass for Sunday

Public MASS at 6.00 pm

Sunday 6th March : 1st Sunday of Lent (Year C)

Streamed SUNDAY MASS at 10.30 am

Public SUNDAY MASS at 12.30 pm

Intentions to be remembered at mass this weekend

Pat Grady, Ian Easton, Bob Cave, Liam Gray, John Norwell

The people of Ukraine and those who love and support them

Tuesday 8th March

Public (also Streamed) MASS at 11.30 am

Intention to be remembered at mass today

for Matthew Concannon

Saturday 12th March : Vigil Mass for Sunday

Public MASS at 6.00 pm

Sunday 13th March : 2nd Sunday of Lent (C)

Streamed SUNDAY MASS at 10.30 am

Public SUNDAY MASS at 12.30 pm

for Vera Danaher, Noreen Merrion, Mary Quinn,

Norman Hazeldine, Bob Cave

COVID-19 PRECAUTIONS

We continue our phased lifting of precautions

New guidance was received from the Bishop this week and we are slowly incorporating this as we continue working back to full normality.

(The full guidance document is on the parish website)

THIS WEEK'S CONDITION CHANGES

Benches are now divided into social distancing and non-social distancing.

Please make the stewards aware if you are concerned about where you are to be seated and they will seat you in a safe seat area.

PRECAUTIONS THAT WILL CONTINUE

Mask-wearing, sanitising hands on arrival, ventilation, observing the one-way system, being guided to seats

PRECAUTIONS NEXT TO BE LIFTED

Singing at mass (but with masks!) will resume on

Sunday 13th March and on Saturday 19th March

(Hymn books still need to be checked and cleaned after their 2-year storage)

IT IS OUR RESPONSIBILITY TO SAFEGUARD EACH OTHER

If you do test positive, having been to a recent mass, please let us know as we are still recording and notifying through the parish website.

BLESSED SACRAMENT CHAPEL

OPEN THIS WEEK EACH DAY
from 11.00 am until dusk

The layout of chairs indicates
how many the chapel can safely
accommodate to allow for safe social
distancing of those who come to pray.



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 4.00 pm.

MEMORIAL 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)

MEMORIAL GARDEN open
12 noon to 4.00 pm.

St Joseph's Table

Soup/Hot Meals/Snacks/Cakes/puddings on
Tuesdays & Wednesdays
(open from 12 noon both days).

Although the Government has ended restrictions we shall still ask
people to wear masks when not seated at tables

Further info from telephone 07986704201

Choir Practice

WEDNESDAY 9th March

We meet in the parish hall at 7.30 pm
New members welcome.



Watermead shop

The "Old Stable" Centre

OPENING TIMES EACH WEEK

Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays
from 10.30 am until 4.30 pm

(Sunday opening to resume in a couple of weeks)

RESOURCES for LENT

We have a selection of books and items for Lent,
including 'Stations of the Cross' prayer cards
and posters - Easter cards from next weekend
NEW BOOK by Fr John 'Holy Week & Easter'
will soon be available (presently at the printers)

SHOP WEBSITE

www.watermeadshop.co.uk/

CONTACT US on 0116 2207880

Parish Finances

DONATION BOXES We shall not yet pass around the
collection baskets, respecting that many are now giving
directly through bank transfers. Instead there are boxes
at the entrance and exit of church in which to place your
contributions along with requests for mass intentions.

GIFT AID As we are soon to begin our new tax year a
reminder that, if you are a tax payer, your donation can
be gift-aided (a simple form at the back of church or
downloadable from the parish website). This allows us to
claim from the government **25p for every £1** you donate
- and it soon mounts up!

DONATION ENVELOPES There will be envelopes for
the new financial year at the beginning of April.

DONATE ONLINE The diocese has launched its new
website and also offers a facility to set up your giving. If
reading this newsletter online click here for further
details - but do remember to name "St Joseph's Parish
Leicester" as the parish to receive your donation.

Donations by BACS

can be made using the details below

Please continue to notify us (email, telephone or through the
parish website "Contact Us") of any direct payments..

Parish Bank Account BACS details are:

A/C Name: **St Joseph Leicester RCP NRCDT**

Sort Code **30-94-97** Acc.No. **51763560**

Prayer Box

This week we remember in prayer:
Families of the parish
and our loved ones living and dead.

Bob Cave (RIP),
The Victims of War in Ukraine (RIP)

Prayers for Aaron, Baby Orla, Bridget, Theresa,
Debbie, Declan, Doreen, Graham & Teresa, Harry,
Fiona, Janet, Jed, Kevin, Louise, Lucy, Margaret,
Marie, Mary, Matthew, Martha, Patrick, Paul,
Sarah and her unborn baby, Theresa, Toni, Tony,
Fr Matthew, Mons Martin
and all those who have been recently bereaved.

Kate and Gerry and all Madeleine's family.
And for all families of missing children

The peoples and countries of the world,
suffering in their many various ways especially
the migrants, the refugees, the persecuted and
UKRAINE, YEMEN, NICARAGUA, SYRIA

Prayer for Ukraine

We ask God to be close to all the people of Ukraine;
those who are afraid and anxious,
those who are separated from loved ones,
those who are protecting and defending,
the injured, suffering, dying and bereaved.
We pray that wisdom, justice and integrity
guide our world leaders to find a peaceful solution
to stop the war and end the bloodshed.

→ Parish Pilgrimages →

Proposed for 2022

The horror of this second week in Ukraine is
affecting the whole world so I understand why few
of you have made contact about our pilgrimages.

We'll make no bookings for now. Please plan
for what you believe best for yourselves and families
and we shall review the situation next week.

The details are below and places are available
for both Stresa and Rome. Fr John

5-11 August

STRESA AND LAKE MAGGIORE

6 nights at half board at our 3* Lakeside Hotel
Airport transfers from and to St Joseph's.
£695 (single supplement **£15** per night)
(3 optional excursions, not included, approx. **£75**)

12-18 November

ROME

(Note change of date from 11-17 - flight schedules)
6 nights bed and breakfast at our 4* hotel
near St Peter's and the Vatican. Airport transfers,
£695 (single supplement **£40** per night).
Evening meal at our favourite restaurant is
optional: **£20** for 3-course meal (a la carte)



Synod
2021
2023

A summary of the various reports, along with links to
various initiatives by lay organisations, can be
downloaded from our parish website (see below) and
any who would still like to contribute can do so by
emailing Fr David Cain or Joe Hopkins (see website)
who are co-ordinating our diocesan responses.

Please do take time to be involved - we are all invited.

All contact details are on our **Parish website Synod**
page but, if you cannot access the internet, please contact
the parish house and information can be made available.



Women's World Day of Prayer

Tuesday 8th March

The presenting countries this year are
England Wales & Northern Ireland and the theme is:
"I know the plans I have for you"
Visit www.wwdp.org.uk/ for more information
and to find Tuesday's nearest service to you.

DATES FOR DIARY

Women's Retreat Day

**'Make the tent you live in larger; lengthen its
ropes and strengthen the pegs!'** (Isaiah 54:2)

led by Dominican Sisters & Women of the diocese
Saturday 12th March 10.00 am - 5.00 pm
DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel in Nottingham (NG8 6AZ).
reflection, prayer, socialising, confession, mass
Cost **£20** which includes a buffet lunch.
To book your place please call 0115 9539806 or
email adult.formation@dioceseofnottingham.uk

Deanery Roadshow at St Theresa's Birstall

Monday 14th March 7.00-8.15 pm

Priests, Deacons and two People
from each parish invited to attend.
The Bishop, Vicar Generals, the Diocesan Finance
Administrator - Fr Paul Chipchase and the COO of the
diocese will meet the Deanery representatives.

Men's Retreat Day

'Friendship with Christ - Friendship in Christ'
Saturday 19th March 10.00 am

finishing with curry at **5.30 pm**
at the Briars Retreat Centre in Crich
Led by the Franciscan Friars of Renewal,
Priests & Men from the Diocese of Nottingham
Cost **£25** includes breakfast lunch and dinner.
To book your place please call 0115 9539806 or
email adult.formation@dioceseofnottingham.uk

LACY - OUTSIDE STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Leicestershire Active Catholic Youth invite
all young people, families and friends on
Sunday 3rd April, 1.30 pm
at the Rosmini Centre, Ratcliffe on the Wreake LE7 4SJ
to be followed by a *celebration of Mass*
and then *light refreshments*.

Anyone who would like to be involved in leading the
Stations, the Music and readings is welcome.
Contact paulinepayne@hotmail.com

✠ Churches Together in Lent ✠

We are invited to join with our sisters and brothers
from the local Christian Churches for this Lent course
which will be taking place via ZOOM.
Each evening's session begins at **7.30 pm** and finishes
around **8.45 pm**, to be led as follows:

Wednesday 9th March - **Who is Jesus** (Paul Savage)
Wednesday 16th March - **Miracles** (Fr John Daley)
Wednesday 23rd March - **The Psalms** (Pam Smith)
Wednesday 30th March - **The Church** (Matthew Creber)
Wednesday 6th April - **Cross Purposes** (Roy Kirk)

**All who worship at St Joseph's (at church or online) are
invited. The meeting Zoom ID is 892 152 88283. Please
telephone Fr John / the parish house for the code.**

Dear People,

In last week's newsletter I made reference to the
support given by the patriarch of Moscow and the
Russian Orthodox Church to President Putin in his
invasion of Ukraine - and made comparison with
prayers offered for Hitler in Nazi Germany but not for
the millions of Jews who suffered because of him,
nor for the thousands of Catholic priests in Dachau
concentration camp because they would not accept
the brutality of Hitler's regime. I wondered how far
Church leaders were supporters of national
governments rather than of God's laws about
conquest and killing.

A good friend asked me to check the details. I'm
glad he wrote. Please look up Konrad von Preysing
for details of an inspiring and courageous bishop of
Berlin. The cardinal I was referring to was Adolf
Bertram - but I cannot now find the book from which
I quoted. Apologies. You will see why my friend
wrote - and I'm grateful. Fr John