



# OUR COMMUNITY NEWS

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

## Sunday 17th March 2024 ~ "Happy St Patrick's Day"



RIP to a great example to all of us Greg's kids.

Thanks for letting us know Bernie. So glad you were able to see him recently. I am sure that meant a lot to him.

RIP Father John. You were a great inspiration and a good family friend. I am sure you will still be cheering Wales on next Saturday. 🏴󠁧󠁢󠁥󠁮󠁧󠁿

RIP Fr Daley... a legend in the eyes of all who knew him

A sad day indeed. A great friend of my family and a man of principle who wasn't afraid to stand up to authority and against any kind of injustice. RiP JD.

So sorry to hear this, may he rest in peace 🙏

RIP Father John.

RIP Fr Daley x

Isn't it strange, I was only talking about him last night to my 2 teenage grandsons. RIP Fr Daley.

So sorry to hear this RIP Fr Daley 🙏❤️

Sad news. May he rest in peace

Such sad news. A great loss. RIP Fr Daley x

Very sorry to hear this. RIP Fr Daley

Rest in peace, Father.

Thanks for letting us know Bernie. He was indeed an inspirational priest and teacher. RIP Father Daley

Thanks for letting us know. Such sad news RIP Father Daley

Ah, sad to hear that, may he rest in God's peace.

### Tributes Received for Fr John (RIP)

The week has been full of messages of condolence and tributes to Fr John - so many messages that my phone had to be recharged at least three times each day - and apologies if I have not answered all of them. I thought it would be good to share the messages and decided to start with following, which were sent during the week from Bernard, a former pupil, who came to see Fr John a couple of weeks before he died. They are from the Facebook page of former pupils of St Gregory's Grammar School in Huddersfield (all now approaching their 70's) where Fr John taught as a young priest: *"I hope they give an insight into the wonderfully positive effect that Fr John had during his time at the school and how that has endured over the years."* says Bernard.

RIP Fr JJ. 🙏❤️ Of all the teachers that I had at StGreg's, Fr John Daley was the most important influence bar none. As a retired teacher of some years, if I had a fraction of his capacity for intuitively understanding the needs of each individual in his care I would feel that I had something to be proud of. A lovely, warm hearted teacher and priest. Rest in peace Fr D.

Thank you Bernie. Sad news to hear 😞

Rest in Peace Fr John Daley - a wonderful teacher and priest. 🙏

Rip Fr Daley, lovely man 😞

RIP Fr Daley... a legend in the eyes of all who knew him

RIP Fr Daley. A wonderful teacher and mentor.

Like others I am very sorry to hear this news. Fr Daley was one of the outstanding teachers I had at St Greg's. It was a privilege to have had him as a form tutor and English teacher for three years. He had the rare ability to relate to all his pupils and, as Geraldine has said, to understand their needs. Rest in Peace Fr John.

My favourite teacher bar none. RIP ❤️

Fr Daley RIP. A faithful, friendly, fun loving priest and teacher. Still with the same wisdom as I saw during a couple of on line masses during lockdown.

Rest in Peace Father John. It's wonderful to read everyone's words and know how much he inspired us. I was privileged to also know him more recently as a much loved & respected parish priest in Leicester where he continued to demonstrate the same qualities that we had seen at school. He will be missed.

Very sad to hear this, may he rest in Peace, along with several other great Welsh Rugby men recently departed. God seems to be putting together a team!

## SUNDAY READINGS REFERENCE 5TH SUNDAY OF LENT (YEAR B)

The bible references are as follows:

1st reading: **Jeremiah 31:31-34**

2nd reading: **Hebrews 5:7-9**

Gospel according to **John 12:20-33**

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>

## Regular Activities at LES 6RA

**TUESDAY & WEDNESDAY**  
**ST JOSEPH'S TABLE** open both days

11.30 to 2.30 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  
12 noon to 2.30 pm.

**ST JOSEPH'S 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)

**ST JOSEPH'S REMEMBRANCE GARDEN**  
Open 12 noon to 4.00 pm.

## St Joseph's Table

Soup/Hot Meals/Snacks/Cakes/Puddings on  
**Tuesdays & Wednesdays**  
(open from 11.30 on both days).

Further info from telephone 07986704201

## Watermead shop

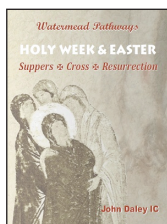
The "Old Stable" Centre,  
(top of St Joseph's car park)

### 2024 REGULAR OPENING TIMES

Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays

**10.30 am - 4.30 pm**

Welcoming customers old and new.



Easter Cards, gifts, etc.  
plus Fr John's book  
**HOLY WEEK & EASTER**  
along with many more  
resources and items

**CONTACT US**  
on **0116 2207880**

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

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

For more information and meet some involved of those  
involved over the 32 years we have been in existence . . .

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

→ **Pilgrimages** →

**ROME : ASSISI : PADUA : MALTA**

Possibilities are being explored for 2024-2025

## Feasts this Week

Monday  
**St Cyril**  
of Jerusalem

Friday  
**St Joseph**

Friday  
**Prayer for Victims**  
of Sexual Abuse

Saturday  
**St Turibius**

## Fr John (RIP) Funeral Arrangements

Fr John will be received into the church  
for his Mass of Reception on  
**Wednesday 10th April at 7.00 pm**

His Requiem Mass will be celebrated by  
**Bishop Patrick McKinney** on  
**Thursday 11th April at 11.00 am**

For those who come  
to St Joseph's  
there is a memorial  
to Fr John in the  
St Joseph's chapel.  
It is hoped his prayer  
room might be open  
for visits at certain  
times over the next  
couple of weeks  
in advance  
of his funeral.  
Phone 0116 207881  
to arrange a visit.



## POSTBAG

To the Family of Fr John Daley  
and the Parishioners of St Joseph's, Leicester

For us it was sad to learn of Fr John's passing. He  
was a priest we loved and related to like so many  
others.

During the Covid shut-down we attended his  
Sunday Mass online, enjoying his interesting  
homilies.

He was obviously a man who loved and related to  
people in a special way all over the world, and will be  
remembered for his dedication, service, and giving of  
his all.

So, thank you, Fr John, our prayers are with you,  
your family and your parishioners.

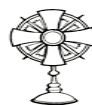
Dr Tony and Jo Jarvis

Above is just one of the many cards received from  
people who joined our online mass during Covid.

### "WhatsApp"

#### Prayer & Encouragement

If you use "WhatsApp" on your  
mobile phone and would like to join  
the group and encourage each other  
in this Year of Prayer, please send  
your mobile telephone number via the  
"Parish Contact" form on St Joseph's  
website and "ask to join to the  
group" - and you will be added.



**St Joseph's**  
**BLESSED**  
**SACRAMENT**  
**CHAPEL**  
**OPEN EACH DAY**  
**THIS WEEK**  
early morning until dusk -  
all are welcome!

## Prayer Box

This week we remember in prayer:  
**Families of the parish**

**and our loved ones living and dead especially**  
Canon Anthony Dolan (RIP)

We pray also for Pat & Michael, Casey, Harry, Toni,  
Veronica, Robert, Roy, Sister Margaret, 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

Please let us know if you would like anyone mentioned in  
our prayer box through the website contact page.

## DATES FOR DIARY

### CHURCHES TOGETHER IN HUMBERSTONE

#### Lent Course 2024

The sessions continue as follows and each is to be led by a  
different member of one of the CTH churches

**20th March: We are all 'wounded healers'**

The meetings begin at 7.30 pm and will end at 8.45 pm

Meeting ID: **87675124543** Password: **welcome**

### CHURCHES TOGETHER ON GOOD FRIDAY

All are invited to a Good Friday Service on

**Friday 29 March**

with readings, hymns and reflections at

**Abbots Road United Reformed Church**

The service begins at 5 pm

and Hot Cross buns, tea/coffee will be served from 4.15 pm

### The Sisters of St Joseph of Peace

are organising a **RETREAT DAY FOR YOUNG PEOPLE**

15-18 yrs from 9-12 noon; 19-25yrs from 2-5pm;

and 25+ from 6-8 pm on

**Saturday 27th April**

Our Lady of Perpetual Succour Parish Hall,  
Nottingham, NG6 9ES,

Time for prayer, reflection, discussion, fun and  
getting to know other young people in a relaxed  
and friendly environment. The Retreat will be led by  
the Verbum Dei Missionary Community.

More information from [maureenbrennancsjp@gmail.com](mailto:maureenbrennancsjp@gmail.com)

### Empowering Ourselves

A conference at Hinsley Hall, Leeds, LS6 2BX

**30th August - 1st September 2024**

In person (residential) and online

Opened by Sr Joan Chittister. More information from  
[www.rootandbranchsynod.org](http://www.rootandbranchsynod.org)

## ACTA (A Call To Action)

### A Synodal Church in Mission - Synthesis Report

These ACTA sessions continue on ZOOM to discuss  
some of the key issues in the Synthesis Report published  
at the end of the First Session of the Synod, held in Rome  
last October (4th-29th October). The discussions which  
will form part of the response that ACTA makes to the  
Catholic Bishops' Conference of England and Wales and  
the Vatican.

**SESSION 2 - Part 11 - 17th March at 7.30 pm**

Chap 8 Church is Mission

Chap 9 Women in the Life and Mission of the Church

**SESSION 3 - Part 111 - 24th March at 7.30 pm**

Chap 16 Towards a Listening and Accompanying Church

Chap 17 Mission in the Digital Environment

For more information contact ACTA direct

<https://acalltoaction.org.uk/contact-us>

ACTA website also includes a video talk 'Synodal Reflections'  
by Austen Ivereigh (a UK-based Roman Catholic journalist,  
author, commentator and biographer of Pope Francis and  
former deputy editor of international Catholic journal, The  
Tablet). See <https://acalltoaction.org.uk/news/austen-ivereigh-synodal-reflections>

## 2024 - A Year of Prayer

### Reflection from Pope Francis

A reflection for the fifth Sunday of the Lent: "Prayer  
is not always easy; often it demands of us a struggle  
with God and a recognition of our weakness and  
frailty before him and his will. Yet it is precisely in that  
struggle and in our woundedness that we experience  
the healing power of grace and grow in faith. Let us  
pray for the gift always to be open to this encounter  
with God, to the conversion of our hearts, and to the  
many blessings the Lord wishes to pour upon us"

Read the full reflection and find more resources at  
[dioceseofnottingham.uk/yearofprayer](http://dioceseofnottingham.uk/yearofprayer)