



# ST. JOSEPH'S PARISH, LEICESTER

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## BACKGROUND TO THE READINGS AT MASS TODAY

### First Reading : Genesis 22 : 1-18

A wonderful story, telling of God's gentleness with Abraham, of Abraham's faith, of Isaac's peaceful acceptance of his near-death and a divine promise that passes from Abraham to his descendants. Human sacrifice was part of the ancient world. Abraham is simply asked if he will do for God what others did for their cruel false gods and idols. He accepts - having already sacrificed his past by leaving his homeland to come where God has led him, and now he is willing to sacrifice his future by offering the son given him in his old age. God's strange request is softened by the blessing that follows.

Today's reading teaches that every child belongs to God as well as to the parents. Human sacrifice is not acceptable and animal sacrifice is tolerated until the time of the perfect sacrifice offered by the Lamb of God.

### Second Reading : Romans 8 : 31-34

God did not offer or kill his own son - but gave him to us as a supreme gift. Paul has been speaking of the redemption of the universe, the whole of creation which has been soiled by sin.

Paul sees that the world is not as God intended it to be, but Christian hope in the divine plan inspires him in this part of the letter. Suddenly, he breaks into this passage of rejoicing: God is with us, gives us himself completely in his son, and will refuse us nothing.

Jesus is the Father's love incarnate; he died and rose for us and pleads for us with his Father.

The passage is almost a hymn - lyrical and full of joy.

### Gospel Reading : Mark 9 : 2-10

"Six days later" tells us that this is the seventh day, the Sabbath. Matthew puts it the same way, but Luke says "about eight days later" - making it the Lord's Day, the day after the Sabbath, the day of Resurrection. The symbolism of time is clearly intended by all three evangelists.

The mountain recalls the stories of Moses and Elijah on Mount Sinai - Moses receiving the Law and Elijah receiving reassurance from God. They make their appearance to talk with Jesus, representing the Law (Moses) and the Prophets (Elijah). The cloud is the symbol of the presence of God throughout the Scriptures. In today's reading the Father speaks words in a way similar to the account of the Baptism of Jesus.

The whole story is beyond understanding - note Peter's confusion - because the apostles glimpse Jesus as he really is: something they could not understand until after the Resurrection.

**25th February 2018 (Prayer Week 2)**  
"Redemption, sacrifice - suggesting?"

## Mass Times and Intentions

### **2nd SUNDAY OF LENT (B)**

(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 May Seddon, John Fahey, Holy Souls, World Peace

### **MONDAY 26th FEBRUARY**

7.00 pm at St. Joseph's for Nick Sutton

### **TUESDAY 27th FEBRUARY**

10.00 am at St. Joseph's for Sean Leslie

### **WEDNESDAY 28th FEBRUARY**

(St Oswald)

10.00 am at St. Joseph's for Simon Gould

### **THURSDAY 1st MARCH**

(St David)

10.00 am at St. Joseph's for Family & Friends

### **FRIDAY 2nd MARCH**

7.00 pm at St. Joseph's : Stations of the Cross followed by the Mass for Thanksgiving

### **SATURDAY 3rd MARCH**

9.30 am at The Rosary Church for Thanksgiving

### **3rd SUNDAY OF LENT (B)**

(Saturday) 6.00 pm at St. Joseph's

(Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament from 5.15 pm)

### **SUNDAY 4th MARCH**

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 Peter & Jean Sage, Gil Powell, Special Intention

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

**BLESSED SACRAMENT CHAPEL**  
open every day this week from 10.30 am - Dusk.

**LENT REFLECTION** During Lent, in place of Fr John's letter, we share the weekly guide to the readings at mass that he has prepared for the Watermead publication 'The Lord's Day'.

## 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 27th February

**St JOSEPH'S TABLE** open today from 10.40 am - 3.30 pm (2.45 pm last serving of special menu of week - see details below). Warm welcome awaits all.

The Parish library, Garden, are also open.

**WATERMEAD SHOP OPEN 10.30 am-3.30 pm**

**CHOIR PRACTICE** tonight, 7.30 pm.

### Wednesday 28th February

**St JOSEPH'S TABLE** open again today

10.40am-3.30 pm (for detail see Tuesday).

**MEDITATION** in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel, 10.50 am. Quiet prayer, meditation, intercessions. All welcome.

**WATERMEAD SHOP OPEN 10.30 am-3.30 pm**

### Thursday 1st March

**PARISH OPEN DAY** - hot drinks in Coffee Shop after the morning service (library, Home from Home, Garden). All welcome.

**WATERMEAD SHOP OPEN 10.30 am-3.30 pm**

**CHURCHES TOGETHER IN LENT.** We continue our weekly discussions at Christ Church, Thurmcourt Road, 7 for 7.30 pm. (Full programme in last week's newsletter)

### Friday 2nd March

**THE MIRIAM PRAYER GROUP** meet at 6.00 pm for faith sharing and Rosary. All welcome, in church or chapel.

## St Joseph's Table

### Winter Specials Menu

**Soup** - Pea and Mint

**Lunchtime specials** - Gammon

served with potatoes, Cauliflower Cheese & veg

(Please come before 2.45 pm to avoid disappointment)

**Quiche of the week & Salad, Sandwiches, etc.**

**Dessert** - Apple Strudel

(served with custard, cream, ice-cream)

## CHURCH ROTAS FOR NEXT WEEKEND

	Readers	Eucharistic Ministers
Sat. 6.00 pm	Kate	Cecilia
Sun. 9.00 am	TBA	-
10.30 am	John	Gerry / Sr Lelia
6.00 pm	TBA	Vincent

**Our children lead the prayers**

at next weekend's 10.30 am Mass

## FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

Preparation during this Sunday's 10.30 am Mass

Last week's collection was safely counted and banked. **£1,163**

\*(Special RASH Collection £126)

Thank you. *Counters: Gail & Keith*

(Next week: Sarah & Gloriosa)

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

## CAFOD Family Fast Day Envelopes

available at the back of church. Retiring collection next weekend.

## Prayer Box

Please pray for:

**Families of the parish**

**and our loved ones living and dead**

especially for those who have recently died:

Patrick Bishop (RIP), Gil Powell (RIP),

Nick Sutton (RIP), Martin O'Halloran (RIP)

Fabian, Declan, Jenny, Jonathan,

Jennifer, Pat, Mary, Anna, Patrick, Olven

Prayers for: Kath and Fred, Bernard, Terry, Alex

The McCann family and all missing children

The peoples and countries of the world, especially NORTH & SOUTH KOREA, HAITI, SYRIA and THE CONGO

## DEMENTIA PRAYER WEEK

12th-19th March

*Loving Father, you are close to the broken hearted. Look with compassion on those whose lost memories have robbed them of home and belonging. Comfort and strengthen those who care for them. May they make their home in you.*

## POSTBAG

Dear Father,

I wanted to share our sorrow at the recent revelations in the media about the sexual misconduct of some people working in poor countries and to reassure you about CAFOD's approach to this behaviour.

Poor and vulnerable people are the centre of our work and they often live in the most difficult and violent situations. In line with the world-wide Church we take safe-guarding very seriously and share our skills with the Holy See, Bishops' Conferences and other Caritas agencies around the world, especially on child protection issues.

Can I ask you to keep in your prayers all those who have been affected by this situation, in Haiti and other countries around the world who have not been afforded the dignity and care they deserve.

Yours in Christ, Chris Bain, CAFOD director

Dear Father,

Fascinating to realise that white supremacy, justification of slavery, inferiority of women, justification of capital punishment and of killing in war are all to be found in the bible.

What dangers there are in reading the bible literally as, presumably, they do in the so-called 'Bible Belt' in the USA.

We also find bias against same sex relations and bisexual and transgender people can be traced to the bible. We Catholics have the teaching of the Church that sexual love may only be expressed in a true marriage between a man and a woman, but we have to heed Pope Francis' words, "Who am I to judge?"

We are fortunate we do not have to judge but may leave it to God who made us all in the divine image and likeness.

Yours sincerely, A. Parishioner

## VACANCIES

**St Paul's School, Leicester**, is looking to appoint a new Headteacher from September. Full details are on the church notice boards or from the school office on 0116 2414057.

**Youth Worker** in the Derby Catholic parishes. Details from Fr David Cain on 01332 672914.

## SERVICES IN LENT

Do consider coming and meeting and sharing prayer with your Catholic neighbours.

**Wednesday 7th March, 7.30 pm**

DEANERY STATION MASS  
at St Thomas More, Knighton



**Saturday 17th March, 11.00 am**

"St Patrick's Day Mass"

at St Patrick's, Beaumont Leys



**Wednesday 21st March, 7.30 pm**

DEANERY STATION MASS  
at St Peter's, Hinckley Road, Leicester



**Thursday 22nd March, 7.30 pm**

DEANERY PENITENTIAL SERVICE  
at Our Lady of Victories, Mkt Harborough



**Wednesday 28th March, 11.30 am**

CHRISM MASS at Nottingham Cathedral

(There will be confessions prior to each Station Mass)

## Dates for Diary

### LACY Leicestershire Catholic Active Youth

invite us to "Stations of the Cross"

at Mount St Bernards Abbey

**Sunday 18th March 1.30 - 5.30 pm**

A coach is being organised from Leicester. (Cost of coach is £5 person/£10 per family) For more information ask Fr John or contact paulinepayne@hotmail.com (07885187374)

## Day of Prayer for Victims and Survivors of Abuse

Friday 23rd March

Pope Francis is making this, the 5th Friday of Lent, an annual day of prayer.

## NOTTINGHAM DIOCESAN LOURDES PILGRIMAGE

Friday 16th July - Friday 20th July 2018

Travel from East Midlands Airport. Prices range from £649 - £699 depending on the hotel.

To make a booking please contact

info@joeualstours.co.uk or phone 0161 820 8790

## Parish Pilgrimages 2018

We have asked for more rooms for Stresa in August and Rome in November.

There is 1 room (single or twin) available for Padua/Venice/Assisi in May

Thursday 8 March 2018  
ROME

**International Women's Day**

VOICES OF FAITH

"Why Women Matter" - the 5th annual Voices of Faith International Women's Day event. The opening speaker is Mary McAleese, former president of Ireland.

For those interested, who cannot physically attend the event in Rome, it will be streamed live over the internet on **Thursday 8th March at 1.00 pm** (UK time) on [www.voicesoffaith.org](http://www.voicesoffaith.org). If you would like to be part of this and do not have the facilities to access live streaming contact Alison on 0116 2207881 or 2207880 for more information on a shared viewing. (More detail in last week's newsletter).

## Watermead shop

Lent books/resources. Easter Cards/Gifts.

**OPENING TIMES**

Tues, Wed, Thur from 10.30 am-3.30 pm

Sun 11.45 am-12.15 pm

Information from 0116 220 7881 / 0

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