



ST. JOSEPH'S PARISH, LEICESTER

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BACKGROUND TO THE READINGS AT MASS TODAY

First Reading : *Jeremiah 31 : 31-34*

The years 640-580 B.C. are the best documented of Israel's long history. Jeremiah belongs to the sadness, unfaithfulness and defeat of those years - a voice crying out on God's behalf, pleading for belief and trust in God rather than in temporary political alliances.

The Prophet has just been speaking about God as a farmer planting seed and rearing cattle, and of a new understanding of judgment - that the people will be judged as individuals (the children will not suffer for the father's sins); and then comes this extraordinary passage: a New Covenant. There will be no need for circumcision, the Law, the Temple, priest or prophet, because God will speak directly to the human heart where the law of love is written.

Everyone will be forgiven personally, will know God and be offered personal forgiveness.

Second Reading : *Hebrews 5 : 7-9*

The Letter to the Hebrews was written towards the end of the first century by someone fearful for Jews wanting to return to Judaism. He wants to show that Christ Jesus has fulfilled all that the Old Testament was hoping for and is the long-awaited Messiah - the final revelation of God's love.

Today's reading takes a look at the personal and emotional life of Jesus, a life inspired by prayer. We remember mornings and evenings when Jesus went quietly to pray alone. We remember his suffering tears in the Garden of Gethsemane, the Passion and Death and his weeping over Jerusalem. There were tears at the death of Lazarus, there was anger at the moneychangers in the Temple, there was affection for Martha and Mary.

In his humanity Jesus became an example and inspiration in whom we can believe.

Gospel Reading : *John 12 : 20-33*

This passage follows Jesus' entry into Jerusalem. His hour has come, and we remember the Wedding Feast at Cana when he assured Mary "My hour has not yet come," when he answered her request. Jesus' lyrical words remind us of the Agony in the Garden - the prayer to the Father, acceptance of death, comfort given from heaven when the Father speaks.

The Greeks seeking to speak to him symbolise the Gentile world ready to share his redemptive death and life-giving teaching. Philip and Andrew came from Bethsaida, a town where Jews and Gentiles lived easily together.

Disciples (servants) are invited to share Jesus' suffering so that they can share his glory. Because of Jesus we, too, can hear God's voice. When Jesus is lifted up from the earth (Crucifixion and Ascension) he draws the whole world to himself. We die and ascend in union with him.

18th March 2018 (Prayer Week 1)
"God's unrequited love for the world"

Mass Times and Intentions

5th 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 Paddy & Aggie Murphy, Catherine Sellaars, Jack Laing,
Jan Butlin, Tony Tooher, Angelo Fasulo

MONDAY 19th MARCH

(St Joseph)

7.00 pm at St. Joseph's for Holy Souls

1.30 pm Mass at St Joseph's School for the Feast Day

TUESDAY 20th MARCH

10.00 am at St. Joseph's for Family Blessings

WEDNESDAY 21st MARCH

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

7.30 pm Station Mass at St Peter's, Hinckley Rd, Leicester

THURSDAY 22nd MARCH

10.00 am at St. Joseph's for Sam Cosgrove

FRIDAY 23rd MARCH

(St Turibius de Mongrovejo, bishop)

7.00 pm at St. Joseph's : Stations of the Cross

followed by the Mass for Healings

SATURDAY 24th MARCH

9.30 am at The Rosary Church for Good Friends

6th SUNDAY OF LENT (B)

(Saturday) 6.00 pm at St. Joseph's

(Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament from 5.15 pm)

SUNDAY 15th 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)

Reg & Mary Lowe, Bernadette Snow, Patrick Bishop

BLESSED SACRAMENT CHAPEL

open every day this week from 10.30 am - Dusk.

CONFESSIONS EACH WEEK

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

LENT REFLECTION from the weekly guide to the readings at mass that Fr John writes for the Watermead publication 'The Lord's Day'.

EASTER FLOWERS

There will be a retiring collection TODAY.

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

Monday 19th March

Mass at St Joseph's School in honour of St Joseph at 1.30 pm. All invited.

Tuesday 20th March

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). *The parish library, Garden, Watermead shop are also open.*

WATERMEAD SHOP OPEN 10.30 am-3.30 pm

CHOIR PRACTICE tonight, 7.30 pm.

Wednesday 21st March

St JOSEPH'S TABLE open again today 10.40 am-3.30 pm (for detail see Tuesday). **MEDITATION** in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel, 10.50 am. Quiet prayer. Welcome.

WATERMEAD SHOP OPEN 10.30 am-3.30 pm

DEANERY STATION MASS at St Peter's, Hinckley Road, Leicester, 7.30 pm. All are invited to come and meet and pray with our friends in the local Catholic Churches.

Thursday 22nd 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 - meet this week at St Mary's, Humberstone. Discussion 7.30 pm (refreshments 7.00 pm).

DEANERY PENITENTIAL SERVICE at Our Lady of Victories, Mkt Harborough, 7.30 pm.

Friday 23rd 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 - Carrot & Parsnip

Lunchtime specials - Cottage Pie

served with potatoes & fresh vegetables

(Please come before 2.45 pm to avoid disappointment)

Quiche of the week & Salad, Sandwiches, etc.

Dessert - Fruit Crumble

(served with custard, cream, ice-cream)

Last week's collection was safely counted and banked. **£1,165**
*(Special RASH Collection £116)

Thank you. *Counters: Margaret*
(Next week: John & June)

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

Prayer Box

Please pray for:

Families of the parish
and our loved ones living and dead
and especially those who have recently died:

Roger Bannister (RIP), Ken Dodd (RIP),

Stephen Hawking (RIP)

Fabian, Declan, Jenny, Jonathan,
Jennifer, Pat, Mary, Anna, Patrick, Olven

Prayers for: Ellen, Kath & Fred, Veronica

The McCann family and all missing children

The peoples and countries of the world,
especially EASTERN GHOUTA, UKRAINE,
SOUTH SUDAN, YEMEN, SYRIA

Light for the Blind is a registered charity based in the Leeds Diocese. Fr Thomas has opened hospices for the dying and destitute in India and he is being persecuted for his Christian faith and work. Thousands of people have been cared for, especially those of lower caste, and intense jealousy has been aroused. We pray for Fr Thomas, his helpers and those they help.



POSTBAG



A Parish Story

He saw her with her mother going on board the ferry to Ireland and said to his friend "That's the girl I'm going to marry." His friend laughed. "You've never seen her before. How can you say that?"

On board, he went looking for them and waited until the girl went for a walk and he (he was 21, she 17) went up to speak to her mother. They chatted pleasantly.

The girl returned and her mother introduced them. They chatted and he asked the mother if he could take her daughter for a walk around the ferry. He was from Northern Ireland, they from Liverpool.

They walked and talked and sat down. He thought "I'm going to kiss her. She will slap my face or walk away or stay put." He kissed her. She said "Do that again."

They are married 65 years now. He told me their story: he is 88 and she 84 and I was with them for Holy Communion and for the anointing of the sick. "I love her now as I always have," he said. "She was the first girl who ever attracted my attention and she has been a wonderful wife and mother."

She sat there in her little world of deep dementia, unable to speak now, but he understands each of her sounds and gestures, especially her little giggles. It was a privilege to be with them, to share the story, the love and the faith. (Their story shared with permission)

Fr John

CHURCH ROTAS FOR NEXT WEEKEND

| | Readers | Eucharistic Ministers |
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| Sat. 6.00 pm | Doreen | Susan |
| Sun. 9.00 am | Bob | - |
| 10.30 am | Gail/Paul | Gerry / Sister Lelia |
| 6.00 pm | TBA | Marie |

No Children's Liturgy next weekend

Dates for Diary

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.

ROSMINI CENTRE

"Why do innocent people suffer?"

The book of Job, talk by Fr Antonio Belsito

Saturday 24th March

Mass at 10.00 am, Talk at 11.00 am, Lunch at 1.00 pm

Our Chrim Mass at Nottingham Cathedral

Wednesday 28th March

11.30 am. We are all invited.

Divine Mercy Sunday

at Our Lady of Good Counsel, Gleneagles Ave

Sunday 8th April, 2.30 pm

Devotions, Confessions ending with Mass at 5.00 pm

WEEKEND RETREATS

at The Briars Youth Retreat Centre

Pre-exam Destresser!

A retreat for School Years 11-13

13th-15th April, Cost £45.

Teacher's Retreat 6-8th July

A weekend retreat for teachers from primary and secondary schools. Cost £70.

For more information on all the above 2 retreats
Contact bookings@ndcys.com

EASTER SERVICES

WEDNESDAY 28th MARCH

Service of Reconciliation, 7.00 pm

Easter Triduum

MAUNDY THURSDAY 29th MARCH

7.30 pm Mass of the Last Supper at St. Joseph's
(Adoration until 10.00 pm)

GOOD FRIDAY 30th MARCH

3.00 pm Liturgy at St. Joseph's
7.00 pm Rosary Church for Stations of the Cross

HOLY SATURDAY 31st MARCH

✠ **EASTER VIGIL** at 7.00 pm ✠

Easter Sunday

SUNDAY 1st APRIL

9.00 am at Rosary Church
10.30 am and 6.00 pm at St. Joseph's
(Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament from 5.15 pm)

Parish Pilgrimages 2018

We have been given more rooms for...
STRESA & ITALIAN LAKES, 16th-22nd August
and **ROME, 9th - 15th November**
See Fr John as soon as possible.



PICTURES

They hold memories.
Every time
one is taken
it counsels that spark
of a memory. (Young girl aged 9)

Watermead shop

Religious Cards and Gifts for Easter
OPENING TIMES

Tues, Wed, Thur from 10.30 am-3.30 pm

Sun 11.45 am-12.15 pm

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