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Dear People, here are extracts from a letter from the Patriarch in Syria that Bishop Malcolm has received.

To our Sons and Daughters in Syria, of the Church worldwide and to all persons of goodwill.

"Come to a common word between us and you."

(Aal 'Imran 3:64)

"Blessed are the peacemakers."

(Matthew 5: 9)

Eyes and hearts are shedding tears today because the language of violence has overwhelmed all other sorts of language. Weapons are flooding in from all sides to every area; to every hand, hearth and home...Human victims, belonging to various groups, perish, leaving behind them distress and family, social and national tragedies. May God in his mercy receive the victims and bind up the wounded, heal the sick and console the bereaved. In the face of these challenges, there are more and more obstacles in the way of finding humanitarian assistance and delivering it to the needy and homeless.

How can we move towards resolving the crisis? Through this letter we wish once more to call everyone to dialogue; for us to go beyond our injuries, sufferings and bloodshed and be numbered among those who believe in dialogue, reconciliation, and face to face encounter.

This way is the most difficult, but the only reasonable one, as it represents a pledge for the future. In any case it is inevitable, since no group can by any means completely annihilate any other. Violence breeds violence, but dialogue strengthens and fructifies dialogue. Reconciliation, for its part, prepares hearts and minds for further dialogue and reconciliation

I have every hope that we Christian and Muslim Syrians, who are all labouring under the weight of this tragic, bloody situation that has lasted for a year and a half, will together all find (imperatively!) a way other than that of violence, weapons, killings and destruction, because in the end no-one wins with violence, but everyone loses. Devastation spreads, people are killed and disasters multiply, affecting all citizens.

That is why I have headed my appeal with the venerable verse: "Come to a common word between us and you!" and with the verse from the Holy Gospel: "Blessed are the peacemakers"...That is the slogan that we are highlighting with this letter. Reconciliation is the only lifeline for Syria.

Gregorios III,

Patriarch of Antioch and All the East of Alexandria and of Jerusalem

9th September 2012 (Prayer Week 3)
"Redeemed - all colours of sinners!"

Mass Times and Intentions

23rd SUNDAY OF YEAR (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 Jose & Theodolina Fernandes, Eric & Ellen Kelvey,
Norman & Catherine Hazeldine, Gino Campana,
Ann Aston, James Sullivan, Sister Sheila Clancey*

MONDAY 10th SEPTEMBER

7.00 pm at St. Joseph's *for Old Friends*

TUESDAY 11th SEPTEMBER

10.00 am at St. Joseph's *for John & Cynthia Bunten*

WEDNESDAY 12th SEPTEMBER

10.00 am at St. Joseph's *for Jane Toon*

THURSDAY 13th SEPTEMBER

(St. John Chrysostom)

10.00 am at St. Joseph's *Service of Word & Communion*

FRIDAY 14th SEPTEMBER

(Triumph of the Cross)

10.45 am Requiem Mass for Jim Doyle

7.00 pm at St. Joseph's *for The Parsons Family*

SATURDAY 15th SEPTEMBER

(Our Lady of Sorrows)

No mass of service at the Rosary Church today

24th SUNDAY OF YEAR (B)

(Saturday) 6.00 pm at St. Joseph's

(Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament from 5.15 pm)

SUNDAY 16th SEPTEMBER

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 Phyllis Lobo, Margaret Ahern, Wendy O'Connor

CONFESSIONS EACH WEEK

SUNDAY 5.15 pm at St. Joseph's

SATURDAY 10.00 am at the Rosary Church
and 5.15 pm at St. Joseph's

BLESSED SACRAMENT CHAPEL

open every day this week from 10.30 am - 6.00 pm.

For the Patriarch's full letter see the parish website <http://www.stjoseph-leicester.btck.co.uk>

The Parish on Sundays
AT ST JOSEPH'S
 DRINKS, LIBRARY, FAIR TRADE
AT THE ROSARY CHURCH
 DRINKS, CAKE STALL, FAIR TRADE

Parish Diary This Week

Monday 10th September
QUESTION OF FAITH. Yes, let the questions roll - after evening mass, in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel.

Tuesday 11th September
CHOIR PRACTICE in the parish hall at 7.30 pm. New members welcomed.

Thursday 13th September

PARISH OPEN DAY

Hot drinks in the Coffee Shop!
 The Parish Library, Fair Trade Stall and Garden open, following the morning service at St. Joseph's. Also open in the hall is our "Home from Home" - do visit.

Questions of Faith

Slavery It is strange that we have no condemnation of slavery by the Catholic Church until the Second Vatican Council in the 1960's.

Jesus makes no reference to the horror of slavery in a world which knew so many slaves and St. Paul, equally, sees no reason to comment.

The Church accepted and defended the right to enslave and to own slaves, and even in 1866 the Holy Office in Rome spoke of Scripture and Tradition as supporting the institution of slavery.

The abolition of slave trading (1807) and slave owning (1833) in England shows a social conscience that shames the inability of the Church to recognise human rights. The enslavement of the native peoples of South America to Spain and Portugal was approved by Pope Nicholas V in 1455 - was a horrifying event. Vatican II condemned slavery. The Church always the abuse of slaves - but, sadly, not slavery itself.

Watermead shop

The "Old Stable" Centre
 (at the back of St. Joseph's Car park)

SHOP OPENING TIMES

Tues, Wed, Thur from 10.30 am-3.30 pm
 Sat 5.00-5.50 pm & Sun 11.45 am-12.45 pm
 Information from 0116 220 7881 / 0
www.watermead-apostolate.com

Prayer Box

Please pray for
Families of the parish
 and our loved ones living and dead
 especially died this week:

Jim Doyle (RIP), Edgardo Gonzaga (RIP),
 Edelina Gonzaga (RIP), Tony Joyce (RIP)

*The sick and housebound, those in hospital
 and in nursing homes - especially:*

Jack Laing, Harry Bowden, Eve Kelly,
 Mary Keenan, Ian North, Paul Pearce,
 Fabian Sweeney, Christina Flynn, Anna Nugent,
 Elizabeth Haddon, Pauline McKeever,
 Eithne McArdle, Jo Regan, Jonathan Lockwood,
 Pat Aitken, Karen Doherty

Those asking for prayers this week:
 Veronica Reilly

The McCann family and all missing children

*The peoples and countries of the world,
 especially this week IRELAND*

Please tell Fr John if you can suggest any
 improvements in the ways we pray for each other.
 If there are names missing that you would like to have
 remained in the prayer box, then do let him know.

World Youth and Age Day 2013

Dear People,

Six of our young people went to the Catholic World Youth Day in Australia in 2008. They had a wonderful time. They shared with us the excitement of the experience when they returned and they hoped to go to Madrid in 2011, but plans fell through.

Now we have news of the next WYD in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, in July 2013. Estimated cost is £900 - £1,200, to include all travel and hotel. Would you like to go? If you are aged 18 or under you qualify as Catholic youth. Imagine the parish going on pilgrimage to South America - sharing the prayer of our world's young Catholics and glimpsing something of the mission work of the Church in South America. Over 12 days what could be planned . . .

Ralph, who organised for our pilgrims in 2008, is putting together a travel plan. He laughed when I asked him. "Are you trying to arrange more marriages?" he said - because Mary and Dominic met on that WYD in 2008 and romance began . . .

Wait - how about the Canadian Rockies? Have you been? Would you like to go?

They were part of the background to the wonderful years I spent teaching in a mission school. Would you like to visit? Would you come? A parish nine-day holiday to Calgary, days in the Rockies, and fly back from Vancouver. Cost about the same, £900- £1,200, for 2014/2015.

Fr John

Dates for Diary

Seasons of Faith

led by Fr John Daley IC
 at Holy Trinity, Newark

Saturday 15th September
 or Rearsby Convent

Saturday 22nd September
 10.30 am - 4.00 pm

Cost £12 (includes light lunch)

To book a place please contact
 Monica Purdue 0115 993 9235

SPUC Midlands Pro-Life Conference

Saturday 15th September
 10.00 am - 3.30 pm

at St Mary's, Ashby Road, Loughborough
 All welcome. Details from
 arthur_clarke16@tiscali.co.uk
 or 01509 674545

Our next "Twilight" RETREAT is

Wednesday 19th September
 Theme: "Autumn Colours". All welcome. £2

Rome in November 2012

8th - 14th

£395 (which includes flight at current price,
 airport coaches and hotel Bed & Breakfast)
 Some places still available. Please book soon.

PARISH PILGRIMAGES 2013

MALTA

7th - 14th February

£395 to cover all travel and half board at a
 4-star hotel. There are 7 places available.

ROME & ASSISI

4th -13th June

6 days in Rome / 3 days in Assisi
 (B&B in Rome and half board in Assisi)
 All places booked but twin room
 has become available.

LOURDES

19th - 26th September

£495 includes travel (flights & airport
 coaches) and full board at hotel.
 36 Places already booked.

Please contact Fr John if you are interested



"OPEN HANDS" DONATION "BIN"

The black dustbin for your
 donations of non-perishable
 foodstuff is at the back of
 church under the staircase.
 (See details on bin & notices)

Last week's collection was safely
 counted and banked. **£1,061**

Thank you. Counters this week : Gloriosa & Sarah
 (Next week: TBA)

PARISH ROTA FOR NEXT WEEKEND

Sat. 6.00 pm
 Sun. 10.30 am
 6.00 pm

Readers
 Edward
 Catherine
 TBA

Eucharistic Ministers **Children's Liturgy**
 Caroline
 TBA
 Vincent