



ST. JOSEPH'S PARISH, LEICESTER

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Dear People,

You will be pleased to hear praise of the Church in this week's Catholic press. A former director at the World Bank says: "As a result of its work in basic health and education in the last fifty years the Catholic Church has probably lifted more people out of poverty than any other civic institution in history.

"In some African countries, as much as half of basic education and health services are provided by the Church. Catholic hospitals and clinics around the world distribute about a third of all the antiretroviral drugs received by people living with HIV and AIDS; and in India, where Catholic are no more than 2% of the population, the Church is the second-largest care provider in this area after the government . . .

"Many of the Pope's statements have been highly arresting: he has attacked the idolatry of money and called unchecked capitalism 'a new tyranny.' His trenchant critique of trickle-down economics has earned the anger of conservative commentators.

"Pope Francis has stressed that serving the poor and promoting social justice are central to the Church's identity and mission. He has renewed the hope of Catholic activists that faith and charity can go hand in hand." (Robert Calderisi)

In another article about 'Modern Slavery' Pope Francis is praised as the strongest voice in our world in speaking out for the human dignity of every person. How good to have the Pope and the Church recognised for their voices for the world.

In our children's liturgy, the prayers the children bring us often carry the theme of concern for others - family, friends, children and their families around the world. How good to hear our children growing in awareness of the world in which they are growing up, their hearts being opened to seeing everyone as brother and sister in God's human family. We are grateful for such guidance.

God bless us all,

Fr. John

12th January 2013 (Prayer Week 3)
"Matthew, Mark, Luke and John . . ."

Mass Times and Intentions

BAPTISM OF THE LORD (A)

(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 Bill & Mary and Catherine Murray, Anne Mullins,

Rita & Visu and Virithik, Cath Clooney, Tim Collins,

Jim Doyle, John & Cynthia Bunten

MONDAY 13th JANUARY (White)

(St. Hilary, Bishop)

7.00 pm at St. Joseph's for Lawrence Doyle

TUESDAY 14th JANUARY (White)

10.00 am Mass at St. Joseph's for Ann Ball

1.30 pm Requiem Mass at St. Joseph's for Derek Mobbs

WEDNESDAY 15th JANUARY (White)

10.00 am at St. Joseph's for Martin Cummins

THURSDAY 16th JANUARY (White)

10.00 am at St. Joseph's for Mary Richardson

FRIDAY 17th JANUARY (White)

(St. Anthony, Abbot)

7.00 pm at St. Joseph's for The Reilly Family

SATURDAY 18th JANUARY

9.30 am at The Rosary Church for The Shinkwin Family

2nd SUNDAY OF YEAR (A)

(Saturday) 6.00 pm at St. Joseph's

(Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament from 5.15 pm)

SUNDAY 19th JANUARY

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 Margaret Bailey, Margaret Bradley, Mary Robinson.

Angela McKeever, Patrick O'Halloran

BLESSED SACRAMENT CHAPEL

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

CONFESSIONS EACH WEEK SUNDAY 5.15 pm: St. Joseph's SATURDAY 10.00 am: the Rosary Church and 5.15 pm at St. Joseph's

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 13th January

QUESTION OF FAITH. The new year begins with questions about Rome and the Vatican, based upon the books about Pope Francis. All welcome to the Blessed Sacrament Chapel after evening mass.

Tuesday 14th January

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION. The parents meet at 7.00 pm in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel. Please bring the children's books and mass attendance cards.

Wednesday 15th January

MEDITATION SESSIONS RESUME

at the Convent, 10.45 am for prompt start, at 11.00 am. *Quiet music, Prayer, Scripture Reading, Pause, Meditation Theme, Silent Meditation, Final Prayer - followed by tea/coffee & biscuits.* All welcome. Details from Sister Lelia.

Thursday 16th January

PARISH OPEN DAY at St Joseph's
 ~ Hot drinks in the Coffee Shop!
 Parish Library, Fair Trade Stall,
 Garden all open
 after the morning Service.

"HOME FROM HOME" will be closed for the next couple of weeks for stock-taking - opening soon.

WATERMEAD SHOP open as usual.

MALTA PILGRIMAGE/HOLIDAY.
 Meeting at 7.00 pm to discuss details of our days in Malta this February. Please note the meeting is tonight, Thursday.

Postbag

Dear Everyone,

Advent donations and the "In the Beak Midwinter" project raised the wonderful sum of £733.43! Thank you, thank you from the Children in Zimbabwe at Mother of Peace Community.

Some of the money was given to provide items for our Easter visit holiday playscheme. They will be so appreciated, as little things go a very long way with our friends there. I am about to bank the £700. We have also ordered a 16 handled parachute and book of games, for non-competitive fun.

Whilst I was there last year, a number of the boys asked whether I could bring shoes for them. (Evans, for example, told me he was size 4 and would be size 5 this year!) So, in all, if anyone has spare adult sizes 5,6 or 7 of boys' shoes, school shoes or trainers, in very good condition, I'd be extremely grateful if you would hand them in to me or Fr. John, or put them in our Children's Liturgy Room.

Thank you once again for your extreme and faithful generosity. If you haven't collected your hen, they await you in St. Joseph's chapel. Hope you enjoyed them. Lynn (CL)

Dear Friends,

A Happy New Year to you all! Just a short note for information and an invitation to all leaders of our various youth from our parishes, and those who have a keen interest to support our young people, to our next meeting of "Active Youth" which will take place on **Wednesday 22nd January 2014 at The Sacred Heart Church**, 25 Mere Road, Leicester, LE5 3HS.

After a lovely celebration for Advent at Holy Cross Church at the beginning of December we hope now to move into a Lenten experience with our young people. It will also be a good opportunity to discuss the pros and cons of what worked well before Christmas and what didn't work so well with our planning for our last celebration and activity. Please advise as to whether or not you will be able to be with us. If anyone has any problems with transport, etc., please also be in touch and perhaps we can team up with one another. I look forward to hearing from you.

Best wishes, Pauline Payne (07885 187374)

Prayer Box

Please pray for:

Families of the parish

and our loved ones living and dead
 especially for those who have recently died:
 Norman Dilkes (RIP), Henry Jacobson (RIP)

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

Jack Laing, Declan, Theresa Woolford, Mary Keenan, Fabian Sweeney, Christina Flynn, Anna Nugent, Pat Aitken, Mary Eaton, Jenny Aitken, Rhonda Jones, Jonathan Lockwood, Callum Mahes,

Prayers for: Allen & Maire Jackson

The McCann family and all missing children especially during this Christmas season

The peoples and countries of the world, especially CENTRAL AFRICAN REPUBLIC

Dates for Diary

Santo Nino (Divine Infant) Novena

10th -18th January, 7.00 pm

at Blessed Sacrament Church, Braunstone.

Details on church notice boards

PEACE VIGIL

Organised by the Justice & Peace Group at St Edward's Parish, Aylestone

Saturday 25th January, 11.00 am,

to mark the 100th anniversary of the start of World War One. The Vigil will take the form of prayer and reflection and will include Bible readings, music and quotations from famous personalities. It will last approximately 100 minutes with opportunities for private prayer.

WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY

19th - 26th January

We begin with the Unity Service at 4.00 pm here in St Joseph's church
 Do come, all welcome.

'Active Youth'

The next meeting for all interested is **Wednesday 22nd January** at Sacred Heart Church, Mere Road
 Further details from Pauline on 07885 187374
 (See letter in "Postbag")

CHILDREN'S LITURGY We are reorganising our liturgies for the children. The **first Sunday of each month** the children will lead the prayer and music at the 10.30 am mass. On the **2nd and 4th** Sundays the children will go to their liturgy and return for the Offertory procession. On the **3rd (& 5th)** Sundays the children will stay with their families for the full mass.



Our excellent team plans to let the children making their First Holy Communion lead some of the prayer and invites the parents to play an active part.

Please note that children who have not yet started school are not ready for the children's liturgy. The liturgy leaders cannot cope with needs of pre-school children.

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
 (Closed Saturdays). Sun 11.45 am-12.45 pm
 Information from 0116 220 7881 / 0
www.watermead-apostolate.com

Last week's collection was safely counted and banked. **£901**

Thank you. *Counters this week : Margaret*
(Next week: Karen & Chris)

PARISH ROTA FOR NEXT WEEKEND

	Readers	Eucharistic Ministers	Children's Liturgy
Sat. 6.00 pm	Clare	Sal	As decided at
Sun. 10.30 am	John	Sister Kathleen / Mary	Tuesday's meeting
6.00 pm	TBA	Marie	