

Dear People,

The visit to South Korea by Pope Francis receives good coverage in the Catholic Press this week. He was wonderfully welcomed in the country which is showing the greatest increase in Catholic population in the world. He urged the young people to share their faith with the whole of the continent, always respecting others' religious and national sentiments, but living the Faith which they loved.

He made comments on the situations of conflict in our world. He always speaks pastorally, caring for people and wanting to defend the weak and protect the defenceless. He speaks from the heart and how effective we hope his words will be in the hearts of the powerful who hear him.

But there was another item of news in the interviews he gave to the press on the return journey from South Korea. He was asked if would consider retiring, as Pope Benedict had done, if he found the burden of office too great. He reminded the press that he had previously spoken of a readiness to resign if he knew it was the right thing to do - but now added that he thought he probably had only two or three more years and then "I shall go to the Father."

It was an extraordinarily open statement. He sees his life drawing to an end (he is 78) and he already has a vision of coming to God. So beautifully simple. What a way to sum up our final years. No sense that he wants to slow down - he has said how much he would like still to do for God - but he is realistic that he is frail. The impact on the press, we are told, was great. So open.

We know he will not change his way of life from what it has been for so long - loving God, serving the poor, speaking for justice, spreading the Gospel - he is a witness of what we all might be in our quieter ways and what he was quietly for so long: but now God has placed him on the world stage and he is astonishing us. God bless him and us as we accept his inspiration.

Fr. John

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

24th August 2014 (Prayer Week 1) "How do we understand?"

Mass Times and Intentions

21st SUNDAY OF YEAR 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 Patricia Lovett, Karolinka Wieczorek, Holy Souls, Nicolau & Mario Rodrigues, Frank & Ursula Evans, Rosalina Rebello, Joseph Pereira, Winnie Janse Van Rensburg

<u>MONDAY 25th AUGUST</u> (St Louis : St Josephs Calasanz, Priest) <u>10.00 am at St. Joseph's</u> for The Horan Family

<u>TUESDAY 26th AUGUST</u> (St Blessed Dominic) 10.00 am at St. Joseph's *for Thanksgiving (W)*

<u>WEDNESDAY 27th AUGUST</u> (St Monica) 10.00 am at St. Joseph's *for Tom Concannon*

THURSDAY 28th AUGUST (St Augustine, Bishop) 10.00 am at St. Joseph's *for Mary McDonagh*

FRIDAY 29th AUGUST (The Beheading of John the Baptist) 7.00 pm at St. Joseph's *for Sabrina & Jaymin*

SATURDAY 30th AUGUST (Ss Margaret Clitherow, Anne Line & Margaret Ward) 10.30 am at St Joseph's REQUIEM MASS for Michael Keaveny

22nd SUNDAY OF YEAR A

(Saturday) 6.00 pm at St. Joseph's (Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament from 5.15 pm)

SUNDAY 31st AUGUST 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 Frank Gallagher, Kizito Pedersen, Maud Pallack Derek & Monica & Philip Mobbs

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

The Parish on Sundays at st Juseph's

DRINKS, LIBRARY, FAIR TRADE

Parish Diary This Week

Monday 25th August BANK HOLIDAY MASS at 10.00 am

Tuesday 26th August CHOIR PRACTICE in the parish hall at 7.30 pm. New members welcome.

Wednesday 27th August NO MEDITATION at the Convent today. We shall be having a summer break and resume our sessions on Wednesday 3rd September.

Thursday 28th August

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

Watermeao 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 - 5.55 pm : Sun 11.45 am-12.45 pm Information from from 0116 220 7881 / 0

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Confirmation

Thursday 23rd October 2014 Twenty-seven of our young people have now said they would like to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation. We shall follow a programme of preparation beginning at the end of August.

Postbag

Dear People,

I don't have all the addresses of the people of the parish. Please take one of the forms from the back of church and return it to me so that I can call in to home any time I am you rway. We have about 800 families in the parish and I like to go parish visiting whenever possible. Thank you, Fr John.

Last week's collection was safely counted and banked. £1,010 Thank you. *Counters this week : Gloriosa & Sarah (Next week : Margaret)*



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Families of the parish and our loved ones living and dead

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

Jack Laing, Declan, Fabian Sweeney, Christina Flynn, Ed James, Pat Aitken, Jenny Aitken,

Kath Collins, Jonathan Lockwood, Lucia & Lina Lobo

Prayers for: Fr John Doman

The McCann family and all missing children

The peoples and countries of the world, especially THE WAR-TORN COUNTRIES

PILGRIMAGES 2014

LOURDES with the Parish 12th - 18th September

Some are still plannning to go to Lourdes, so please let Fr John know if you are interested and he will give you the details.

ROME / ASSISI with the Parish 6th - 14th November (B&B) £398 + cost of flight on day of booking We now have 2 days in Assisi and 6 in Rome <u>8 places left.</u> Contact Fr John

Malta Pilgrimage 2015

17th-24th February (8 days) £399 All places have gone, there is now a waiting list 17th-28th February (12 days) £560 There are 7 places left Malta price covers flights, airport transfers (East Midlands and Malta) half board at the 4 star Preluna hotel.

Please tell Fr John if interested. £25 deposit secures place.

Malta "Drop-In"

Tuesday 2nd September, 7-8.30 pm Jo, who looks after us so well in Malta, is coming to England for a short holiday. On Tuesday 2nd September we shall have an evening to welcome her, and all pilgrims who have been to Malta, or are planning to join us next year, are welcome to come to say "hello". Jo will be delighted to see you. Please bring photographs from our pilgrimage holidays to share and we shall make it a real Malta evening.

Papa

My lovely Papa. I adored this man, to the point that I would just pull up a little footstool and sit beside him and simply watch him watching the rugby/snooker/horse-racing. I see a whole array of current generation faces in his photograph.

Dates for Diary

Annual Rosary Rally at Grace Dieu Manor Sunday 24th August

to pray for world peace & young people Mass at 3.00 pm, followed by picnic, Rosary & Benediction at 5.00 pm See poster in church porch.

Our Lady Queen of Peace Annual Pilgrimage to Walsingham Monday 25th August

led by Fr Stanko Cosic from Medjugorje Telephone Mary on 07792162518 or Kath on 0116 2340103

LET THE CHILDREN LIVE ANNUAL GARDEN PARTY/BBQ

Sunday 7th September

We would appreciate bottles for a bottle stall, cakes and lots of HELP on the day please! We would welcome craft stalls

if anyone has a craft they wish to promote. Stalls will be £10 to hire. Contact Theresa on 0116 2416317

MEETING FOR PRIESTS AND PEOPLE AT HOTHORPE HALL, LEICESTERSHIRE Thursday 4th September

The diocese is holding an open meeting for all the parishes. The day will cost £35 per person. Anyone who is interested please tell Fr John and we shall have a draw for places. The parish could not afford to pay for everybody who might like to go, but a good representation would be welcome.

Pope Francis

In an interview for an Argentinian magazine the Pope offered ten tips for happiness, "for bringing greater joy to one's life":

- 1. Live and let live. Leave others free.
- 2. Proceed calmly with kindness and humility
- 3. Give of yourself to others and avoid being self-centred.
- 4. Have a healthy sense of leisure time for art, literature, music.
- 5. Sundays should be holidays. Sunday is for family.
- 6. Find innovative ways to create dignified jobs for young people.
- 7. Respect and take care of nature.
- Stop being negative. Needing to talk badly about others indicates your own low selfesteem.
- 9. Don't preach, respect others' beliefs. 10.Work for peace.

PARISH ROTA FOR NEXT WEEKEND

Sat. 6.00 pm Sun. 10.30 am 6.00 pm **Readers** Marie TBA TBA