

ST. JOSEPH'S PARISH, LEICESTER

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Dear People,

In 1963 I heard one of the most encouraging talks of my life. It was given at the headquarters of the Food and Agricultural Organisation of the United Nations (FAO) to students for the priesthood from around the city. The assembly hall was crowded.

We were told that the world had enough land and knowledge to feed everyone for the foreseeable future. Wonderful to hear! No one need ever again be hungry. Land and knowledge to feed the whole world! BUT Distribution was the problem. Parts of the world were hungry and other parts had surpluses - in food, in skills and knowledge. We lacked ships, planes, trucks, roads, access. Without capital investment, the food so easily grown, could not be distributed.

A powerful glimpse of our inter-dependent world. We all have a part to play. The road-builder, the engineer, the pilot, the driver are important in feeding the hungry. Education in its many forms is necessary to feed, nurse, develop the world. All human skills involved. The whole world involved . . .

It was a lesson in world citizenship. I had grown up in Wales aware of my Irish ancestry and sneered at for being neither Welsh nor Irish. As I continued my education in England at university I grew into an understanding of being British, which brought more sneers - how could I be Irish or Welsh if I were British. But sitting in class in Rome for the years of priestly studies I knew I was European, had so much in common with the other students in the Catholic Church and our shared history. In the many Church missions in the developing world I knew that as a Catholic and a priest I would be vividly aware of being a citizen of the world.

Each new understanding cost me. I saw prejudices in a new way and came to loathe all separation based on colour, race, religion, nationalism. One human family, one God who loves us all.

A great lesson I learned in the years in Rome, a blessing that at Easter is highlighted in the joy and promise of eternal life for us all. Christ is risen, has been raised from the dead (whichever way you prefer to say it) and in him the whole human race is redeemed. What a world for God to bless. We all need each other, no one to be excluded or devalued or exterminated.

God bless us, every one.

PARISH OPEN DAYS - PROPOSED WEEKEND 1st - 3rd May

Would you like to be involved in celebrating our church becoming a Grade II listed building as we celebrate St Joseph's feast day?

Please tell Fr John and we shall meet to plan.

12th April 2015 (Prayer Week 2)

"Easter and a new world"

Mass Times and Intentions

2nd SUNDAY OF EASTER (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 Ella D'Souza, Jim & Mary Doyle, Harry Flowers, Vincent Anderson, Sally & Ritchie Hiles

MONDAY 13th APRIL

(St Martin I, Pope)

7.00 pm at St. Joseph's for Percy & Joan Brown

TUESDAY 14th APRIL

10.00 am at St. Joseph's for Maurice Dowd

WEDNESDAY 15th APRIL

10.00 am at St. Joseph's for Francis & Sheelagh

THURSDAY 16th APRIL

(St Bernadette)

10.00 am at St. Joseph's for Thanksgiving to St Anthony

FRIDAY 17th APRIL

7.00 pm at St. Joseph's for Family Blessing

SATURDAY 18th APRIL

9.30 am at The Rosary Church for Paul & Philomena Cronin

3rd SUNDAY OF EASTER (B)

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

SUNDAY 19th APRIL

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 Leo Lobo, Family & Friends, Special Intention

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.

The Parish on Sundays



Hot (and cold) drinks after mass on Sunday mornings at both our churches. The Lourdes Garden, the library and Watermead Shop open at St Joseph's.

ON FAMILY DAY, the first Sunday of each month at St Joseph's, the "Home from Home" shop is also open - we welcome ideas to complement this regular event. Do get in touch and suggest.

Parish Diary This Week

Wednesday 15th April

MEDITATION at the Convent today. 10.45 am: Quiet prayer, meditation and intercessions. All welcome.

"TWILIGHT" RETREAT Our first retreat for 2015 begins in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel at 7.00pm - Prayer, Talks, Music as Prayer, led by Fr John on the theme "Sunrise and Sunset". We finish around 9.00 pm with a hot drink. Donation for the evening £2.

Thursday 16th April

PARISH OPEN DAY at St Joseph's ~ Hot drinks in the Coffee Shop! Parish Library, Watermead Shop, Garden are all open after mass. ("HOME FROM HOME" closed this week, re-opens next week)

PRISON FELLOWSHIP MEETING **7.30 pm** (See details in box below).

PRISON FELLOWSHIP

"Where two or three are gathered"

For the past two years we have been meeting at the Convent every 2nd Tuesday of the month to pray for prisoners. The meeting begins at 7.30 pm with hot drinks and biscuits; there is brief input and sharing on Leicester Prison, Glen Parva, and Gartree Prison, followed by prayer in the Chapel.

Anyone who would like to join us is very welcome. The next meeting is on 16th April (just this time it is on a Thursday), and subsequent meetings are back to Tuesdays 2nd and 12th May. Further details from Sister Lelia on 0116 2416255

Watermean 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 5-6 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

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The sick and housebound, those in hospital and in nursing homes - especially: Jack Laing, Declan, Fabian Sweeney, Christina Flynn, Jenny Aitken, Jonathan Lockwood, Ed James, Pat Aitken, Lina Lobo, Mary Rayner, Patrick

Prayers for: Ann Skipper, Sheila Walsh The McCann family and all missing children The peoples and countries of the world. and especially for ZIMBABWE

Holy Week & Easter

Thank you. Our ceremonies and celebrations were everything a parish would want. There were many compliments about the churches, the serving, the music. Thank you.

Our children were fascinated by the tomb and its many springtime details. Do feel invited to take a closer look after (or before) mass - there are also pictures on the parish website.

Fr John

THANK YOU!

Dear Fr John and everyone one who supported our sponsored walk.

Thank you so much for your generous donations towards the work of Medecins Sans Frontieres with Ebola victims.

Your will be pleased to know a cheque for £646 has been sent to the charity. Additional sponsorship is still arriving so this total continues to grow.

Once again thank you for your wonderful support. Stefanie.

FAIRY TALE NEWS

Three Bears were arested on suspicion they would eat Goldilocks. In their defence they claimed she was trespassing on their property. Blackbird found in chicken and mushroom pukka pie. Queen blames short-sighted cook "I told her to go to Specsavers," says Queen.

Gingerbread man runs away. Trail of crumbs being followed.

Princess Ella says "I can't wait to get married and live happily ever after.

(Fr John saw and chuckled at the stories in this magazine written for her poorly Grandma and asked if he could share in the newsletter)

Dates for Diary

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY Sunday 12th April

Our Lady of Good Counsel, Gleneagles Ave 2.30 pm Opening Prayers and finishing with mass at 5.00 pm See notice boards for fuller detail

"TWILIGHT" Retreat at St Joseph's Wednesday 15th April

(See "Parish Diary")

LEICESTER CATHOLIC ACTIVE YOUTH "VIA LUCIS"

STATIONS OF THE RESURRECTION Saturday 25th April 3.00-9.00 p.m. St Francis Primary School, Melton LE13 OBG Year 7's upwards with Friends and Families Details on notice boards: £3.00 per person There will be a coach from Leicester. Details from Pauline on 07885 187374

Annual Beauvale Pilgrimage

in honour of St John Houghton & St Robert Lawrence

Sunday 3rd May (Details on notice boards)

March for Life 2015

Saturday 16th May

begins with a talk by Archbishop Longley, in St Chad's Cathedral, Birmingham Coach from Leicester is being organised £11 return (St Joseph pick-up is at 9.30 am).

The event finishes around 3.30 pm. For further information ask Stefanie or Sr Lelia on 0116 241 6255 or ask Fr John for details of those collecting names. Further details from Francisca 07943 711 549

PILGRIMAGES 2015

Rome and Assisi 15th-23rd July We travel again with our friends from Scotland.

Cost is £525 half board plus cost of flight on day of booking Please tell Fr John if you are interested >>>>>>>

Lourdes 17th - 23rd September

We are going for a week. The cost is very good: £495 to cover all travel (and by air) and full board at the Hotel St Louis de France where we stayed in 2013

We have begun booking (27 so far) but room for more. Deposit of £160 to secure place. >>>>>

Rome in November 12th-19th

7 days £495 to include all travel and B&B We are staying at our favourite hotel, now refurbished as a 4 star hotel. but they are offering us a special price. 22 people have booked places so far.

"A contented mind is the greatest blessing one can enjoy in this world"

Last week's collections were safely counted and banked. Thank you. Parish £501 Easter £1.814

Counters this week: Gail & Keith (Next week: Tony)

PARISH ROTA FOR NEXT WEEKEND

Readers Sat. 6.00 pm Edward Sun. 10.30 am Paul 6.00 pm TBA

Eucharistic Ministers Children's Liturgy Ann

Gerry / Sister Lelia Vincent

NO LITURGY **NEXT WEEK**