



**CHRIST
IS RISEN**

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Dear People,

Are you enjoying the election campaign? Are you praying for the wisdom to use your vote well, encouraging others to pray before they use their votes? An election in which everyone voted selfishly would be an exercise of power, not democracy.

Before we vote we know that most of our votes have no value. The majority of places in our parliament are already settled. The so-called "safe" seats will return the same party that they always do. Even if the candidates swapped sides people would vote for the party, not for the candidate. Do you vote party or candidate? Do you know the names of the candidates who will be on your ballot paper?

A small number of voters make all the difference. They are in the "swing" seats, where margins are small. A strange democracy we have. The real power is with the local party which chooses the candidate we vote for. The local parties, thus, choose most of our members of parliament. We simply vote "party" and we choose those already chosen by the local (under orders from the national) party. The value of our vote depends upon where we live. A majority of 20,000 says much about the political party and nothing about the local candidate. A donkey would be elected on that system, and sometimes is.

The child in the womb has no vote. Which candidates speak for children in the womb? Would you stand for parliament on moral issues? (1) No child in the womb be killed by abortion. (2) No indiscriminate killings by nuclear weapons, Trident or any other. (3) More generous aid to poorer countries. Which party would select you on those stands? Who would vote for you?

Would you vote for a religious party if you could - Catholic, Christian, Hindu, Muslim, etc? Would you like to see a government like the Vatican in Rome or as in Iran? Religious men ruling the country and, if possible, the world? There would be no women. There is nothing in the history of the powerful Catholic Church to want us to be ruled by such absolute power, nor in the present regimes in the Islamic countries. There are butchers in the dictatorships of other countries. No votes there.

How good is our democracy, yet only about 60%-65% of the electorate will bother to vote. Millions won't, they never do. The number of non-voters is depressingly high at every election, and especially at local elections.

Are all our candidates the same - idealistic, hard-working, approachable, people of integrity - or are they self-seeking, corrupt, greedy, ambitious and immoral? That's what the parties say about themselves and their opponents. Why is there so much unpleasantness in election campaigns? How do you react?

God bless us. Fr. John

19th April 2015 (Prayer Week 3)

"My political views are in the Our Father"

Mass Times and Intentions

3rd 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 Leo Lobo, John & Sarah Kearney,
Family & Friends, Special Intention (H)

MONDAY 20th APRIL

7.00 pm at St. Joseph's for William & Mary Thompson

TUESDAY 21st APRIL

(St Anselm, Bishop)

10.00 am at St. Joseph's for The Hennessy Family

WEDNESDAY 22nd APRIL

10.00 am at St. Joseph's for The McCormack Family

THURSDAY 23rd APRIL

(St George of England : St Adalbert of Prague)

10.00 am at St. Joseph's

for Maria D'Souza and for Veronica Fernandes

FRIDAY 24th APRIL

(St Fidelis of Sigmaringen, Priest)

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

SATURDAY 25th APRIL

(St Mark, Evangelist)

9.30 am at The Rosary Church for Petal O'Hea

4th SUNDAY OF EASTER (B)

(Saturday) 6.00 pm at St. Joseph's

(Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament from 5.15 pm)

SUNDAY 26th 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)

The Kearney Family, Sheila Walsh, The Hamlin Family

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 - 7.00 pm.

