

ST. JOSEPH'S PARISH, LEICESTER

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Dear People,

Our Bishops have produced a Question and Answer on Assisted Suicide. Here are extracts. The full text can be found on the parish website.

Why shouldn't it be legal to assist suicide if the person wishing to die is old or disabled or ill?

Every person's life is equally worthy of respect and protection. Even if someone loses sight of the dignity and value of their life (whether through pain, suffering or loneliness), they remain valuable in themselves and a member of the human family. They deserve care, support and sometimes medical treatment for depression, not assistance with suicide. Neither the criminal law nor the DPP guidance distinguishes between suicide of young people who are physically-well and of someone who is old, disabled or ill. Indeed, as a society we rightly go to great lengths to prevent each and every suicide. In the words of the World.Health Organisation, 'every single life lost to suicide is one too many'.

How can we stand by while people die in pain? Don't we have a duty to do something?

We do have a duty to do something. The United Kingdom was a pioneer in the hospice movement and the development of palliative care but most people do not have access to a hospice. There is need for more resources to support improved palliative and end of life care. Most hospitals focus on curing people and sometimes 'could do better' when it comes to care of the dying. Over 95% of pain can be controlled with specialist help and as a last resort a person could at least be comfortably sedated.

What does the Church say about the value and dignity of dying people?

In a message addressed to Catholics in Ireland, Scotland, England and Wales, Pope Francis said, 'Even the weakest and most vulnerable, the sick, the old, the unborn and the poor, are masterpieces of God's creation, made in his own image, destined to live for ever, and deserving of the utmost reverence and respect'. The Church teaches that life is a gift from God and supports high quality care for the dying and protection for the weak and vulnerable.

We believe in God's love for everyone, from the child in the womb to the frailest and the most elderly.

God bless us to see what we can do.

Fr. John

19th July 2015 (Prayer Week 4)

"Life is precious"

Mass Times and Intentions 16th 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 Peter Lobo, The D'Costa Family, Julia Quirke, Ann Donohue

MONDAY 20th JULY

7.00 pm at St. Joseph's Service of Word & Communion

TUESDAY 21st JULY

(St Lawrence of Brindisi, Priest) 10.00 am at St. Joseph's Service of Word & Communion

WEDNESDAY 22nd JULY

(St Mary Magdalene)

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

THURSDAY 23rd JULY

(St Bridget)

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

FRIDAY 24th JULY

(St Declan)

7.00 pm at St. Joseph's for Thanksgiving

SATURDAY 25th JULY

(St James, Apostle, St Christopher)
9.30 am at The Rosary Church *for Family & Friends*

17th SUNDAY OF YEAR (B)

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

SUNDAY 26th JULY

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 Julia Quirke, Ray Rayner, Holy Souls

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 most days 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 22nd July

MEDITATION in St Joseph's pastoral centre, 10.50 am - enter via the church after the Communion Service or through the side gates from the car park. Quiet prayer, meditation and intercessions. All welcome.

Thursday 23rd July

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

The "HOME FROM HOME" shop is closed for re-stocking but will be open again very soon and the team welcomes new items - bric-a-brac, good quality clothing, etc. (no books).

Watermead

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 **OPEN NEXT WEEKEND AS BELOW** Sat 5-6 pm & Sun 11.45 am-12.15 pm Information from 0116 220 7881 / 0 www.watermead-apostolate.com

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 interested joining in with the prayer should contact Sister Lelia.

"When on a summer's morn I wake, And open my two eyes, Out to the clear, born-singing rills My bird-like spirit flies "



Prayer Box



Please pray for: 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, Jenny Aitken, Jonathan Lockwood, Ed James, Pat Aitken, Lina Lobo, Mary Rayner, Patrick, Clare

Prayers for: Peggy Keely

The McCann family and all missing children The peoples and countries of the world, especially GREECE

Postbag

Dear Fr John,

I have received an email on behalf of supporters of Mother of Peace. Miranda Marks, holding an exhibition to raise money for MOP at the Brian Sinfield Gallery in Burford.

The exhibition features the artists who normally exhibit at the gallery and have donated their work, plus paintings the children did with me during our Easter visit to Zimbabwe. It runs for the whole of August and if you know of anyone who would want to go (and could give me a lift), I'd be very grateful. Thank you.

PS The Brian Sinfield Gallery is at 127 The Hill, Burford, OXON OX18 4RE. The website is www.briansinfield.com and the e-mail address is gallery@briansinfield.com

The telephone number is 01993 824464 should you wish to speak to Miranda direct.

Dear People,

In this month's edition of the Far East, the magazine of the Columban Missionaries, there was the following from the Catholic Near East Welfare Association.

"We need to take notice that Muslim leaders are speaking out against the so-called Islamic State. On the Sunni side, two Muslim scholars published a list of 86 organisations and individuals who have spoken out, including the Grand Muftis of Syria, Iraq and Saudi Arabia; and political leaders in Indonesia, Malaysia, Morocco, Saudi Arabia and Iran, together with numerous Isalmic universities, societies and individual scholars.

"What is important for us to note is that Western media did not pick up and give publicity to these statements, either because they do not read Arabic sources, or because they do not pay sufficient attention to them."

It is good to be reminded about news that we miss. God bless us, Fr John

Congratulations Mark and Carly

who were married at St Joseph's this weekend. We pray for them.

Dates for Diary

ZIMBABWE ASSOCIATION EXHIBITION sponsored by Leicester City of Sanctuary 4th-8th and 10th-14th August at the Methodist Church on Bishop Street near Leicester Town Hall

> Rosary Rally at Grace Dieu Manor

Sunday 23rd August

Details on notice board.

NATIONAL PILGRIMAGE TO WALSINGHAM Sunday 27th September Pilgrimage of Reparation and Prayer for the Sanctity of Life Local details of travel available later.

LET THE CHILDREN LIVE

Autumn Fayre, complete with barbeque Sunday 11th October

Details later

World Youth Day 2016 22nd July - 1st August 2016 at Krakow in Poland

The diocese is inviting young people aged 18-25 to travel together. Cost £900 to include travel, accommodation, events, meals and insurance.

>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>> Would you like to be part of a local group? Will you be 18 years old by July of 2016?

Cost: approx. £400 including travel, accommodation, all events, meals & insurance. Contact Angela (angelab1066@yahoo.ie) or Elvira (elviraveve@yahoo.co.uk)

Holy Year Pilgrimages 2016

with the parish - more details from Fr John

1. **MALTA** - (same prices as this year) 2nd-9th February at £399 or 2nd-12th February at £525

Please tell Fr John as soon as possible, if you would like to go to Malta with a deposit of £200. 50 people booked so far.

2. PADUA and VENICE

staying in Padua but visiting nearby Venice, Verona and Lake Garda (20 interested, so far) We can choose 14th - 21st July or 15th - 22nd September at £499

3. ROME

11th-17th or 18th-24th November £499 - to be confirmed when flight schedules are available.

Last week's collections were safely counted and banked. Thank you. Parish £946 APOSTLESHIP £356

Counters this week: New list coming

PARISH ROTA FOR NEXT WEEKEND

| | Readers | Eucharistic Ministers | Children's Liturgy |
|---------------|---------|------------------------------|--------------------|
| Sat. 6.00 pm | Clare | Sal | SUMMER HOLIDAY |
| Sun. 10.30 am | Paul | Anne G | |
| 6.00 pm | TBA | Vincent | BREAK |