

ST. JOSEPH'S PARISH, LEICESTER

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Dear People,

"The Hiden Persuaders" by Vance Packard was a best-seller some years ago. Its theme was the styles of advertising that go unnoticed. 'Subliminal advertising' was the phrase used for pushing products, activities, etc., hoping people would not notice the push. They were being persuaded but would believe they were deciding for themselves. Market research indicated the powerful influence of being persuaded and not being aware of it.

I was teaching Economics at the time and marketing policies were part of our study. Since then I've always been more aware of the power to sell when no one knows or notices.

On Vocations Sunday I asked you to imagine being a priest, living your day based upon regular times of prayer. Several times I mentioned the devout Muslim who is expected to pray five times each day. The priest is simply expected to pray as every devout Muslim does! And how often does a devout Catholic pray? That was the message! You are not going to be priests but are considered devout Catholics, coming to mass, and if the devout Muslim prays five times a day, why not the devout Catholic?

Some of you heard the 'subliminal' message, making the comparison I hoped you all would, asking yourselves how sincere and faithful your prayer is.

The simple structure of our prayer - morning, mid-day, evening, night - is for everyone. It is a Christian day not just a priest's day. His wonderful privilege is that the Church insists he sets times of prayer each day, remembering that if he is not faithful to God in his times of prayer he would have to seriously consider how faithful he would be to anyone and about anything.

We are all priests. The Church teaches that by our baptism we share in the priesthood of Christ. Some are then called to the ministerial priesthood. 'Vocation' was the theme of last Sunday - everyone of us on our path of life, called by a loving God.

Prayer leads to action. St James writes that faith without good works is empty. We live our faith and if we pray sincerely we trust God will guide us how to live and act sincerely. Plenty of action waiting for us to engage in - CAFOD, SPICMA, LOROS, SVP, Mother of Peace, Let the Children Live, the world.

God bless us in our many vocations.

Fr. John

3rd May 2015 (Prayer Week 1) "Still being called . . . Vocation"

Mass Times and Intentions 5th 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 and 6.00 pm at St. Joseph's (Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament from 5.15 pm) (Intentions for Sunday Mass)

for Adele Ferns, Austin & Sheila McDade, Donald Pratt, Michael Grady, Paul Kaminski

MONDAY 4th MAY

(The English Martyrs) **10.00 am** at St. Joseph's *for Thanksgiving*

TUESDAY 5th MAY

10.00 am at St. Joseph's for Special Intention (S)

WEDNESDAY 6th MAY

10.00 am at St. Joseph's for Family & Friends

THURSDAY 7th MAY

10.00 am at St. Joseph's for Family & Friends

FRIDAY 8th MAY

7.00 pm at St. Joseph's for Departed Loved Ones

SATURDAY 9th MAY

No Service at The Rosary Church today

6th SUNDAY OF EASTER (B)

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

SUNDAY 10th MAY

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 Alison Ecob, Patrick Kearney, Michael Grady, Peter Brennan, The Smith & Rocha Families

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.

Service of Hope on Sunday 3rd May Remembering Madeleine and all Missing Children

Rothley Churches Together have organised short Service at 7.45 pm on Cross Green, Rothley, and all are welcome. Your support over the years has been much appreciated.

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

Monday 4th May

QUESTION OF FAITH. We had a good meeting last week and decided on a pattern of three weeks on and one/two weeks off. Do come to our next sessions beginning on 11th May.

Wednesday 6th May

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

Thursday 7th May

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.

GENERAL ELECTION DAY Our rooms are being used but our normal activities continue. Access the Coffee Shop and hall via the side gates at the back of the car park.

Heel-to-Toe Footcare Service

Julie, a foot care specialist, will be holding her foot care TODAY Thursday in the Watermead Centre. Contact Julie on 0116 3678480 for an appointment.

Watermeao shop SHOP OPENING TIMES

Tues, Wed, Thur from 10.30 am-3.30 pm Sun 11.45-12.15 pm (CLOSED Saturday this week) Information from from 0116 220 7881 / 0 www.watermead-apostolate.com



A man went out on a starry night and shook his fist at the heavens, yelling "O, God, what a lousy rotten world you've made. I could have done much better." A voice boomed from the clouds "That's why I put you there. Get busy.

Stefanie's Walk Thank you for sponsoring

Stefanie's walk. She has raised over £800. Just a

Last week's collection was safely

Thank you. Counters this week: Gloriosa & (Next week: Margaret)

few need to pay. Please see Fr John.



Families of the parish and our loved ones living and dead

especially for those who have recently died: Wasyl Inicki (RIP)

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: Molly Cornelia

The McCann family and all missing children The peoples and countries of the world. especially for NEPAL, TIBET

CAFOD Nepal Earthquake Appeal

CAFOD has launched a £3m emergency appeal following the earthquake in Nepal. Thousands of people in this already impoverished country have been killed and many thousands more are in urgent need of food, water, shelter and emergency supplies. 8 million people are affected. CAFOD is responding with Church partners and has deployed a team to provide specialist support.

(Envelopes available at the back of church).

Postbag

Dear Parishioners,

Do try a copy of 'The Word for Today'. It's only 50p and is now on sale at the back of both our churches. Many thanks, Clare.

Dear People,

Some religious orders are offering the opportunity to live a few days in the convents or monasteries to gain a glimpse of religous life. If you are interested, please ask me and I will put vou in contact. Fr John

Parish Questionnaire

Thank you for your repsonse. Forms are still available after mass and on the parish website www.stjoseph-leicester.btck.co.uk.

DATES AT THE ROSMINI CENTRE

"The vow of poverty in the world today" presented by Fr. Ted Mullen Saturday 9th May 11.00 am to 2.00 pm Shared lunch; Mass at 10.00am

Pentecost Charismatic Vigil Saturday 23rd May from 10.00 pm through to 5.00 am on Sunday 24th May

Healing of Family Tree'

Day of Prayer for Intergenerational Healing **Saturday 30 May** 10.30 (11.00) - 4.00 pm More details from 01509 813078 or email

260 Club

No.81 wins £35.

No.**231** wins £75; No.**163**wins £50; No.2 wins £50; No.222 wins £50;

This Months Winners!

PARISH ROTA FOR NEXT WEEKEND

counted and banked. £1,172	0 4 000	Readers	Eucharistic Ministers	Children's Liturgy
ank you. Counters this week: Gloriosa & Sarah	Sat. 6.00 pm Sun. 10.30 am 6.00 pm	Marie Gail ⊤R∆	Cecilia Gerry Marie	Mags & Debbie
(Next week: Margaret)				

Prayer Box Please pray for:

Dates for Diary

Our next "Twilight" Refreat Wednesday 13th May, 7.00 pm

All are welcome for talks, prayer, music St Joseph's Blessed Sacrament Chapel

March for Life 2015 Saturday 16th May

begins at St Chad's Cathedral, Birmingham Coach from Leicester, £11 return (9.30 am from St Joseph's). Contact Sr Lelia on 0116 241 6255

SINGING FOR FUN CHOIR (HCTP 125) Friday 22nd May, 7.30 pm

St Patrick's, Beaumont Leys, Leicester Details from Sharon at smariac@sky.com

Pildrimade to Lourdes & Nevers 6th-13th June 2015 : £470

Overnight in Orleans and Nevers (both ways) Full board at Hotel Irlande in Lourdes. Contact Fr John McCay on 0115 9810320

Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes

Fr Gregory Tobin (Lourdes Pilgrimage Director) writes: Why not come this year on the Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes?

By coach, (12-19 July) from £485 By air (13-18 July) from £599 Contact Joe Walsh Tours 0161 8208790

BUILDING CHRISTIAN CONFIDENCE in a multi-faith society 16th & 17th June

at St Philip's Centre (Details 0116 2733459)

Vocations Sunday

Copies of Monsignor McGovern's pastoral letter and the Vocations prayer cards are still available at the back of church. Thank you for your appreciative comments

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

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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 (28 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.

28 people have booked places so far.