



**CHRIST
IS RISEN**

ST. JOSEPH'S PARISH, LEICESTER

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Dear People,

"The Hidden 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.

