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Dear People,

The nations are united at the United Nations united by a common enemy, IS. History sadly teaches us that people are more easily brought together by a common hatred or fear than by love or humanity. Terrifying selfishness runs through our human story and appeals for any good causes are largely ignored - yet means to fight wars are always found. If only the money spent on armaments had been spent on developing our world - how much better a world we would have in terms of combating poverty, hunger, desease.

The terrorists are inspired to destroy and kill all that does not fit their image of a world for Allah, their killers unafraid to die: they have no fear and feel invincible in Allah's cause.

What inspires us in our so-called free world? Fundamentalists ridicule our selfish and self-centred ways of life and work violently towards a world united by hatred of all who do not follow their interpretation of Islam. But their hatred for us unites us. God's love for us has never shown that power. Why is that?

What happened in France last week has touched us all, a world united in sympathy for innocent lives lost in a terrifying cause. It is as though all those people belong to us and it has been inspiring to share the love and sympathy which has been echoing around the world.

The goodness, the love, the sympathy and the unwillingness to hate in return have brought us together, a union of peoples and faiths. Muslims are bravely speaking out against the terrorism done in their name. They want to belong to a world of peace and freedom - as all good people do. Will there be blessing after all this horror? We pray and ask God to help us to share fully our common humanity, living and suffering together and willing to create a world of justice and peace.

Television, especially, but all the media, draws us into the lives of our brothers and sisters around the world. God bless our famly.

22nd November 2015 (Prayer Week 2)

"Life, death, resurrection"

Mass Times and Intentions FEAST OF CHRIST THE KING

(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
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(Intentions for Sunday Mass)
for Mary Robinson, Immacolata Marino, Sean Grady,

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MONDAY 23rd NOVEMBER

(St Clement I, Pope)
7.00 pm at St. Joseph's for Maria & Anne

TUESDAY 24th NOVEMBER

(Ss Andrew Dung-lac & Companions) 10.00 am at St. Joseph's for Pat Cornelia

WEDNESDAY 25th NOVEMBER

10.00 am at St. Joseph's for Carmela Palladino

THURSDAY 26th NOVEMBER

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

FRIDAY 27th NOVEMBER

(St Catherine Laboure)
7.00 pm at St. Joseph's for A Family Blessing

SATURDAY 28th NOVEMBER

9.30 am at The Rosary Church for The Lanni & Alonzi Families

1st SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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

SUNDAY 29th NOVEMBER

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 Isma Glyn-Smith, Cynthia Bunten, Giulia Alonzi,
Edwin Aguilar, John Boyd, Joseph Thundathic

THE BLESSED SACRAMENT CHAPEL

remains closed this week, but will open again soon. Apologies.

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

The Parish on Sundays



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

Parish Diary This Week

Monday 23rd November QUESTION OF FAITH. We shall meet next week. Apologies for now.

<u>Tuesday 24th November</u> CHOIR PRACTICE in the parish hall at 7.30 pm. Get ready for Christmas . . .

Wednesday 25th November MEDITATION in St Joseph's Pastoral Centre, 10.50 am. Quiet prayer, meditation, intercessions. All welcome. 'TWILIGHT' RETREAT. We begin our Advent and Christimas retreat in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel at 7.00 pm, finishing around 9.00 pm with a hot drink. (Donation £2).

Thursday 26th November

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.

"KNITT AND KNATTER" 11.00 am - 12 noon, upstairs in the Coffee Shop. Please feel welcome to join us.

Friday 27th November
THE MIRIAM PRAYER GROUP meet in the church at 6.00 pm. All welcome.

Saturday 28th November VIOLIN LESSONS in the Children's Liturgy room, St Joseph's Pastoral Centre. Two sessions - beginners from 10.00 am and those who want to make music together (all instruments) at 11.00 am. (We are now the new home

Watermead

The "Old Stable" Centre for 2016 Religious Calendars Diaries, Christmas Cards, Cribs, Gifts.

SHOP OPEN THIS WEEK
Tues, Wed, Thur from 10.30 am-3.30 pm
Sat 5-6 pm & Sun 11.45 am-12.15 pm
Information from from 0116 220 7881 / 0

www.watermead-apostolate.com >>>>>>> "Catholic Women Speak"

The books have arrived and if you ordered a copy it has been reserved for you. Collect from the shop after mass or during the week.

There are also additional copies for those who did not have chance to order.

Last week's collection was safely counted and banked (details next week).

Thank you. Counters: John & June (Next week: Karen & Chris)

Prayer Box

Please pray for:

Families of the parish and our loved ones living and dead

especially for those who have recently died:
Jim Esposito (RIP)

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

Prayers for: George & Theodora

The McCann family and all missing children
The peoples and countries of the world,
especially FRANCE & MALI

Her journey's just begun . . .

Don't think of her as gone away,
her journeys just begun.
Life holds so many facets,
the earth is only one.
Just think of her as resting,
from the sorrows and the tears,
in a place of warmth and comfort
where there are no days and years.

Think of how she must be wishing that we could know today how nothing but our sadness can really pass away.

And think of her as living in the hearts of those she touched, for nothing ever loved is lost, and she was loved so much.

St. JOSPEH'S FLOWER DISPLAYS are donated this week in loving memory of Bruce John Curtayne.

Inter Care is developing in a fascintating way. Please visit their website and ask yourself if you would like to be involved in this fine local charity. http://intercare.org.uk/

WINTER NIGHT SHELTER

Leicester City Council Homeless Services are looking for volunteers who can help for three hours per week for this year's winter bed provision. WPB is a service provided by One Roof Leicester, the Dawn Centre, the Y Support Project, the British Red Cross and Leicester City Council.

The homeless and destitute asylum seekers are provided with a hot meal and somewhere safe to stay between 6.30 pm and 8.00 am.

From 6.30-9.30 pm volunteers will be helping to make guest feel welcome, help cook, serve food and drink. For more information and to apply visit www.oneroof.org.uk/volunteer

ROTA FOR NEXT WEEKEND

Sat. 6.00 pm Clare Ann B
Sun. 10.30 am Ann G
6.00 pm TBA Vincent

Dates for Diary

Prayers for the Climate Saturday 28th November

Details on notice boards

Churches Together in Humberstone
ADVENT EVENING AT ST MARY'S

led by Rev. Paul Savage

Tuesday 1st December, 7.00 pm

All are welcome to pray the beginning of

All are welcome to pray the beginning of Advent in union with the Churches.

Menphys Carol Concert at the De Monfort Hall, Leicester Friday 4th December. Phone Ian Knight on 0116 285 8664

IRISH SOCIETY CHRISTMAS PARTY Saturday 5 December, 8:00 pm

St Patrick's Parish Centre, Beaumont Leys Tickets in advance: £12 includes buffet. Contact Elaine on 07753 693917.

Candlelight Carols & Entertainment Wednesday 9th December

We begin at 7.15 pm in the Memorial Garden, followed by seasonal entertainment and refreshments in St Joseph's parish hall. All welcome. No charge/tickets. (Donations)

Mother of Peace Advent Project 2015 "Lion in the manger".

"The wolf will dwell with the lamb, the leopard will rest beside the kid, the calf and the lion cub will feed together and a little child will lead them".

(Isaiah 11:6)

To celebrate the coming of the Christ Child at Christmas, we look forward during Advent to a kinder, more just world, where people care for each other. The lions on our African Christmas tree remind us to love and share. They were made during our Easter visit by the children at Mother of Peace Orphanage in Zimbabwe. Each lion is named (on the back) by the child who made it. To support the children, we hope you will buy a lion or leave one in memory of a loved one on our tree for Christmas. You can give a donation to Fr. John or Lynn or place it in the box under the tree as you take your lion. If you want to leave one on the tree in memory of someone just write their name on a label from under the tree and tie it to your lion.

The children at Mother of Peace used jacaranda pods they collected during a treasure hunt to make the lions. The other decorations by them from natural materials and are also for sale. We remember the lion was the favourite African animal of Fr. David Everitt, who went to MOP and told us about the children there. He loved hearing "The Lion King"! (The tree is made from African sweeping brushes as used by the children and brought back to St. Joseph's. (The star was made by a lady who was HIV positive and came walking through the bush in the hope making a living. Thank you Kevan for the frame.)

McMillan Coffee Morning was held today - details next week of money raised. There are unclaimed raffle prizes to be taken - ticket no's.146, 177, 180, 167, 115, 169, 170