



ST. JOSEPH'S PARISH, LEICESTER

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Dear People,

Every now and then appear letters in the Catholic press complaining that not enough is said and written about hell these days. Do you miss hearing/reading about hell? Do you wish there were more pages and sermons devoted to hell and, perhaps, heaven, which doesn't often have a mention either?

What do the complainers want? An eye-witness account? A vivid imagined account? We wonder who would benefit because few people read the Catholic papers and good people go to church.

Are hell-fire sermons an answer, even regular hell-fire Sundays? Then the good people who come to church would have the pleasure of knowing what will happen to the bad people who don't.

That's what our love-to-hear-about-hell people want. Threats. They thrive on them. Fear will force people to be good, they say. Love doesn't work. Preaching God's love is not so interesting as preaching hell and damnation. A mission priest was approached by some people of a parish a few years ago who told him they did not need to be told about God's love - they wanted more hell and damnation. He knew he had failed.

Today's first reading omits three sentences. We wonder why. Here they are (over the page). They are the only sentences in the whole of the Bible to talk about a rebellion in heaven and the creation of hell. They appear in the last book of the Bible, the last one to be accepted as part of the Bible some centuries after the Gospel was written.

The Old Testament knows nothing about this hell, only about Sheol "darkness". The New Testament knew nothing about the battle for some centuries and, suddenly, there it is in the last book admitted to the Bible: just three sentences.

I don't know what you were taught at school, or what you have imagined, but there are only three sentences. The rest (like these three sentences) is imagination, just like all the vivid detail of today's reading.

People who don't believe in heaven certainly won't believe in hell. They laugh at the whole idea of life after death. People who believe in God's love find it impossible to believe in hell: "God saw all he had made and it was good" and would never have made the human race to condemn them to eternal pain. What do you believe?

God bless you, Fr. John

14th August 2016 (Prayer Week 4)
"Act justly, love tenderly, walk humbly"

Mass Times and Intentions

FEAST OF THE ASSUMPTION

(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 Dan & Annie McPhillips, Jack Laing, Terry Devlin,

Paddy Donahue, Michael Staples

MONDAY 15th AUGUST

(Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary)

7.00 pm at St. Joseph's *for Eileen Halpin*

TUESDAY 16th AUGUST

(St Stephen of Hungary)

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

WEDNESDAY 17th AUGUST

(Our Lady of Knock)

10.00 am at St. Joseph's *for Family Blessing*

THURSDAY 18th AUGUST

10.00 am at St. Joseph's *for Special Intention*

FRIDAY 19th AUGUST

(St John Eudes, Priest)

7.00 pm at St. Joseph's *for My Lovely Parents*

SATURDAY 20th AUGUST

(St Bernard)

9.30 am at The Rosary Church *for Family Blessing (C)*

21st SUNDAY OF YEAR (C)

(Saturday) 6.00 pm at St. Joseph's

(Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament from 5.15 pm)

SUNDAY 21st AUGUST

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 Sally Hiles, Sheila Jackson, Jack Laing,

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.

The Parish on Sundays



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

Parish Diary This Week

Tuesday 16th August

St JOSEPH'S TABLE open today from 10.40 am - 3.30 pm. Hot and cold drinks and food. Entrance via the wooden gates at the top of the car park. A warm welcome awaits all. No advance booking necessary. *Note that parish facilities (Library, Home from Home shop, Garden, Watermead) will also be available during opening hours.*

WATERMEAD SHOP OPEN 10.30 am-3.30 pm

CHOIR PRACTICE tonight in the parish hall at 7.30 pm. We rehearse for recording.

Wednesday 17th August

St JOSEPH'S TABLE open again today 10.40am-3.30 pm (for detail see Tuesday). **MEDITATION** in St Joseph's Pastoral Centre, 10.50 am. All welcome.

WATERMEAD SHOP OPEN 10.30 am-3.30 pm

"TWILIGHT" RETREAT Our monthly evening of prayer, talks, reflections and music led by Fr John, 7-9.00 pm in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel. (Donation £2) The theme *"The Compassion of Our lady"*.

Thursday 18th August

PARISH OPEN DAY - hot drinks in Coffee Shop after the morning service (library, Home from Home, Garden). All welcome.

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

WATERMEAD SHOP OPEN 10.30 am-3.30 pm

Friday 19th August

THE MIRIAM PRAYER GROUP meet in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel at 6.00 pm Scripture reading and Rosary. All welcome.

From over the page ...

"War broke out in heaven, when Michael with his angels attacked the dragon. The dragon fought back with his angels, but they were defeated and driven out of heaven. The great dragon, the primeval serpent, known as the devil or Satan, who had deceived all the world was hurled down to the earth and his angels were hurled down with him."

'Lucifer' occurs only once in the Bible, in the Book of Isaiah. He is the king of Assyria. 'Lucifer' has also been a Christian name - we had a Bishop Lucifer of Cagliari (Sardinia, Italy) in the early centuries.

Last week's collection was safely counted and banked. **£942**

Thank you. *Counters: Terry*
(Next week: Margaret)

Prayer Box

Please pray for:

Families of the parish

and our loved ones living and dead

especially for those who have recently died:

Sister Celestine (RIP), Sister Mary McLeoud (RIP)

Jean Phillips (RIP), Margaret Rebecca (RIP)

Fabian, Christina, Declan, Jenny, Jonathan, Jennifer, Pat, Lina, Mary, Patrick, Clare, Annette, Chris & Cliff, Donald

Prayers for: Rita, Johanna, Anna, Michael, Raffaele

The McCann family and all missing children

*The peoples and countries of the world,
especially the people of
ALEPPO, SOMALIA, ETHIOPIA*

POSTBAG

Dear Father,

Thank you very much for holding our Sea Sunday Appeal. We are very grateful for the £486 that you sent. Your support goes a long way to helping us continue our work in caring pastorally for the seafarers who come to our shores. Loneliness is a very big factor as they miss out on family life, and children, miss seeing their fathers for many months at a time.

May God bless you and the parish abundantly. Salvina (Apostleship of the Sea)

Dear Father,

I'm writing to thank you for sharing the message of Mary's Meals during this Year of Mercy. We are very grateful to you and your parish for supporting our work, especially at a time when a terrible harvest in Malawi means that vulnerable children rely on our daily meals more than ever.

Thank you and God bless you,
Magnus MacFarlane-Barrow (Founder of MM)

Dear John,

Would you please notify the brethren and the people of our parishes that all the translated works of Blessed Antonio Rosmini and some of the books about him will be available as EBOOKS on Googleplay, Amazon and Barnes & Noble at a small cost.

Many thanks, Antonio

Peaceful Prayer Vigil for the Unborn Children

BPAS, the abortion provider, operates every Monday and Tuesday at Thurmaston Health Centre. Will you pray for babies whose lives are in danger? On Tuesdays we pray for an hour for the mothers, parents and abortion workers that they will reverence the lives of the children.

Would you come to pray with us?

Contact Pat Murphy 07968336858
or pmurphy28@hotmail.co.uk

CHURCH ROTAS FOR NEXT WEEKEND

	Readers	Eucharistic Ministers
Sat. 6.00 pm	Marie	Sal
Sun. 9.00 am	Luke	-
10.30 am	Sheila	Gerry/Sister Lelia
6.00 pm	TBA	Vincent

Dates for Diary

Our next 'Twilight' RETREAT

(here at St Joseph's led by Fr John)

Wednesday 17th August, 7-9 pm

Theme: *"The Compassion of Our Lady"*

Rosary Rally

Sunday 21st August, 3.00 pm

at Grace Dieu Manor, Whitwick

Holy Mass, Procession, Blessing of the Sick

Principal celebrant: Bishop Patrick

'Conquerors' at Walsingham

25th-29th August

A festival for young adults (16-35) & families

Info@Youth2000.org

Our Lady of Peace

Pilgrimage to Walsingham

Monday 29th August

Coach from St Patrick's, 8.30 am;

Our Lady of Good Counsel, 8.45 am; St Joseph's, 9.00 am

Contact **Mary 07792162518** or **0116 2897474**

Christian Gospel Evening

with Bobby Ball

Friday 2nd September, 7.30 pm

at The All Nations Church & Conference Centre

Tickets £10 on door

'Many the Gifts'

A Jubilee Mass at Nottingham Cathedral
celebrated by Bishop Patrick

Saturday 3rd September

for chaplains, extraordinary ministers, catechists, readers, teachers, musicians & all in lay ministry
(See letter in 'Postbag' of 10th July newsletter)

SPUC 50th Anniversary Pro-Life Conference

23rd - 25th September

For information and booking form please contact Katherine Hampton on 020 7091 7091 or email katherinehampton@spuc.org.uk

Retreat for Young Adults (16-35 yrs)

28th-30th October in Yorkshire

Info@youth2000.org

YEAR OF MERCY

8th December 2015 - 20th November 2016

'MISSION TABLE'

You will notice rearrangement in the narthex at St Joseph's (no change yet at the Rosary church). The Mission Table invites us to share in the good work being done by people of the parish - Mother of Peace, MISSIO, Let the Children Live, Mary's Meals, Practical Action, Priests' Retirement Fund, Apostleship of the Sea, Open Hands, etc.



Would you like people of the parish to share in good work that you doing through the new Mission Table? Please give Fr John the information you want to share through this communication table.

Our Parish & local

Doors of Mercy

at St Joseph's:

- (1) Inner Porch Doors and
- (2) The Door of the Blessed Sacrament Chapel at The Rosary: The Inner Porch Door

The Diocesan Door in this area is
at Holy Cross, Wellington Street, Leicester