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Dear People,

Today's readings at mass have "Prayer" as their main theme. Do you pray *for* or *about*, in praise and thanksgiving or asking, with hope or hardly thinking about what you say? The Cure of Ars (St John Vianney) said that he thought people prayed as though they were throwing a few crumbs in God's direction and thinking/saying "that should satisfy you".

Are your prayers crumbs thrown in God's direction? Did you teach your children to pray like that? Were you taught crumbly prayer?

The way we pray now is our own choice, we can't blame anyone else. It is always disheartening to hear people say "Well, that's how we were taught." The blame does not lie with poor or inadequate teaching but with our own laziness, our not thinking for ourselves, not bothering.

If we are ignorant of history, geography, politics we cannot blame school: "I wasn't taught that." We are adult now and can read for ourselves. Libraries and bookshops are wide open for us. If we settle for never reading anything serious that is our decision.

Blaming others for our inadequacies is running away. Do something about it. Blaming others is a cop-out and no one takes us seriously, just as we can easily see through the laziness and inadequacy of others when we hear them blaming others for their failures.

Do you want to pray? Do you want simply to say prayers? There are many books of beautiful prayers and I would willingly help you choose some (see our parish library). But if you want to pray you are on your own . . . you have to surrender to God. You find your own words or your own full silence.

You may feel self conscious, feel that you are just talking to yourself. How do you talk to a sleeping baby? Could you pray like that? You don't ask a baby anything but to accept your love. You could talk to God like that. Ask God to accept your love. What happens then? Find out, gently and with understanding.

God bless us, *Fr. John*

24th July 2016 (Prayer Week 1)

"Think higher, live more deeply"

(Elie Wiesel)

Mass Times and Intentions

17th SUNDAY OF YEAR (C)

(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 Jim & Bridget O'Connell, Sheila Jackson,

Jacob George, David Rogers

MONDAY 25th JULY

(St James, Apostle)

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

TUESDAY 26th JULY

(St Joachim and St Anne, parents of Our Lady)

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

WEDNESDAY 27th JULY

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

THURSDAY 28th JULY

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

FRIDAY 29th JULY

(St Martha)

7.00 pm at St. Joseph's

for Patrick Pritchard & Ray Rayner

SATURDAY 30th JULY

(St Peter Chrysologus, Bishop)

9.30 am at The Rosary Church

for Ray Rayner & Patrick Pritchard

18th SUNDAY OF YEAR (C)

(Saturday) 6.00 pm at St. Joseph's

(Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament from 5.15 pm)

SUNDAY 31st 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 Alec Hill, Jack Laing, Terry Devlin

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.

News from this Week's Press

At the crux of the House of Commons debate on the renewal of the Trident submarine fleet this week, Britain's new Prime Minister was asked: "Is she personally prepared to authorise a nuclear strike that could kill 100,000 innocent men, women and children?" Theresa May answered "Yes. The whole point of a deterrent is that our enemies need to know that we would be prepared to use it."

There was an intake of breath, for rarely has the policy of nuclear deterrents been so bluntly stated. Yet her answer was consistent with that of every prime minister since Clement Attlee. For nothing else, as she explained, made sense.

And yet in a way it does not. At the point at which she would be authorising a nuclear strike likely to kill "100,000 innocent men, women and children" deterrents would have failed. Britain itself would be under nuclear attack, or about to be. (The Tablet 24/07/2016)

Theresa May let it be known on Desert Island Discs that her father kept the Blessed Sacrament reserved at his church and they (she and her father and mother) would kneel alone in the church and sing two verses of a hymn "Therefore we before him kneeling" - our own "Tantum Ergo". (The Tablet 24/07/2016)

Elie Wiesel died last week, the most famous survivor of the Holocaust from World War II. He spoke for millions slaughtered by the Nazis and continued to speak for the bereft all over the world - from Cambodia to the inner cities of our nation. His voice was as large as history and as gentle as reaching out to a child and never forgetting him. Never forget - that was his creed. Elie Wiesel will never be forgotten. His memory will endure as a spur to our conscience to this often benighted world. (Rabbi David Wolpe in Time Magazine 25/07/2016)

There is a never-before-seen shade of blue, accidentally discovered by researchers at Oregon State University. In the heat of the furnace one mixture turned from dark brown to a vivid hue of blue - which, it turns out, was an entirely new pigment. (Time Magazine 25/07/2016)

On 6th August 2002 Pax Christi presented Tony Blair with its declaration on the morality and legality of war with Iraq which had the support of thousands: academics, Church leaders and Christians from every tradition. It said ".... an attack on Iraq would be both immoral and illegal and that eradicating the dangers posed by malevolent dictators and terrorists can be achieved only by tackling the root causes of the disputes themselves. It is deplorable that the world's most powerful nations continue to regard war and the threat of war as an acceptable instrument of foreign policy, in violation of the ethos of both the United Nations and Christian moral teaching. The way to peace does not lie through war but through the transformation of structures of injustice and of the politics of exclusion, and that is the cause to which the West should be devoting its technological, diplomatic and economic resources."

That war did not work. War does not work. (Pat Gaffney, The Universe 22/07/2016)

Prayer Box

Please pray for:
Families of the parish
and our loved ones living and dead

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

Prayers for: David, Jill, Donald, Alison

The McCann family and all missing children

The peoples and countries of the world,
especially the people of
MUNICH, GERMANY and TURKEY

POSTBAG

Dear People of the Parish,

While in Ghana we met many amazing people who inspired me in many ways. From teacher training students to parish priests to the schoolchildren themselves, it feels like a world of warmth and optimism, despite the huge difficulties these people all face. Even though they have little of material worth compared to us, everyone we met was welcoming and prepared to offer us their hospitality with true joy. I found this really incredible and humbling to contrast with my own life. I've been back in the UK for two weeks now, and being in Ghana already feels a lifetime ago!

Thank you to everybody who donated money towards the cause; I can assure you the money is being put to great use by Fr Peter and Fr John of Kumasi - two wonderful men who devote themselves to their communities.

Many thanks for your support, Billy

Pilgrimage Suggestions for 2017

These are the most popular of the suggestions.

LOURDES - mid May

7 days (approx £495) all travel, full board
(21 people so far have expressed interest)

ROME

November 7 days (approx £535)
all travel, b&b
(36 people so far have expressed interest)

STRESA / LAKE MAGGIORE

mid September - dates when decided
(approx. £595-£635 half board and all travel)
Please let Fr John know and your preference as to travel by air or by coach (22 so far interested)
If we go by coach we can choose a dawn or early afternoon crossing and stay an overnight in France.
Door to door sounds comfortable?

Last week's collections were safely counted and banked.

Parish £1,116

Apostleship of the Sea £486

Thank you. Counters: Tony
(Next week: Gail & Keith)

CHURCH ROTAS FOR NEXT WEEKEND

	Readers	Eucharistic Ministers
Sat. 6.00 pm	John	Cecilia
Sun. 9.00 am	Philip	-
10.30 am	John	Gerry / Sister Lelia
6.00 pm	TBA	Marie

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).

Dates for Diary

Mablethorpe SVP Summer Camps

6th-13th August Girls Camp

The cost is just £70 per person and includes return transport from Leicester, accommodation, all your meals and all activities.
Please phone Monica on 0116 2782375 or Aidan on 07730 555 406

Rosary Rally

Sunday 21st August, 3.00 pm

at Grace Dieu Manor, Whitwick
Holy Mass, Procession, Blessing of the Sick
Principal celebrant: Bishop Patrick

'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

HOLY LAND PILGRIMAGE

10th - 17th February 2017

£1,200 half board based on 2 sharing
For information contact Sister Susan on susanpvm@yahoo.co.uk

"You want Presidents to have sound judgement, modesty, personal self-assurance . . . as well as the ability to decide who can give them the expertise and advice they need."

Michael Beschloss (historian)

YEAR OF MERCY

8th December 2015 - 20th November 2016

'WORLD YOUTH DAY'



Pope Francis is in Poland this week to speak to the youth of the Church. He will inspire them. Sixty of our local youth are there with Fr Binu from the Rosmini Centre. We pray with them.

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

Watermead

The "Old Stable" Centre

First Holy Communion Gifts / Cards, resources, etc.

SHOP OPENING TIMES

Sat 5-6 pm & Sun 11.45 am-12.15 pm
Information from 0116 220 7881 / 0