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Dear People,

November, final part of the season of mists and mellow fruitfulness and, in our Catholic tradition, the month of the Holy Souls whom we remember each day: our families and friends who are with God in the full joy of eternal life, or are accepting God's merciful forgiveness and feeling regret for how much better a life they might have lived while here with us. We shall be the same, shan't we? We all have regrets looking back.

"It is a holy and wholesome thought to pray for the dead that they may be loosed from their sins."

Who said that? Some of you may have learnt this in the Penny Catechism or heard it at prayer at church or at school, but who said it? (See Book of Maccabees).

Do you ever read the new Catechism published in 1994. It was one of the hallmarks of St Pope John Paul II's pontificate. He wanted an up-to-date summary of the teaching of the church, and there it is, all 691 pages of it. His key adviser was Cardinal Joseph Ratzinger who became Pope Benedict XVI when Pope John Paul died.

The two men were friends and scholars and they had a powerful group of theologians to work with them so that the Catechism was as complete a statement of Church and Faith as the 20th century could produce.

If you have never read it and intend never to read it what are you missing? If you can honestly say you are satisfied with what you learnt at school about the Faith and that you have never read a book about the Faith since leaving school (nor about physics or chemistry or geography or history - "I've been too busy". But you're retired now "And I'm still too busy") people might find that sad. The riches of the teaching of the Church are awaiting our interest.

The best version of the Church's Catechism is called YouCat. It was the brainchild of Benedict XVI - a version of the full catechism for World Youth Day: **You**(th) and **Cat**(echism). It is learned, simple, amusing, and beautifully produced. Do buy or order a version. Ask me and we can order for the whole parish. Our faith is wonderful. Long to know it.

God bless you,

Fr. John

13th November 2016 (Prayer Week 1)
"Remembrance Sunday"

Mass Times and Intentions

33rd 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)

Sue Matthews, Paul & Philomena Cronin,

Mario Lanni, Jack Laing, Jim Stretton

MONDAY 14th NOVEMBER

(St Dyfrig : St Laurence O'Toole)

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

TUESDAY 15th NOVEMBER

(St Albert the Great, Bishop)

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

WEDNESDAY 16th NOVEMBER

(St Margaret of Scotland, St Gertrude,

St Edmund of Abingdon)

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

THURSDAY 17th NOVEMBER

(St Elizabeth of Hungary, St Hugh of Lincoln, St Hilda)

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

FRIDAY 18th NOVEMBER

(Dedication of the Basilica of St Peter and St Paul)

7.00 pm at St. Joseph's *for The Hulme Family*

SATURDAY 19th NOVEMBER

9.30 am at The Rosary Church *for Holy Souls*

FEAST OF CHRIST THE KING

(Saturday) 6.00 pm at St. Joseph's

(Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament from 5.15 pm)

SUNDAY 20th 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 Jack Laing, John & Kearney & DM Family,

Sue Matthews, Thanksgiving

CONFESSIONS NEXT 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 - 4.30 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 15th November

St JOSEPH'S TABLE open today from 10.40 am - 3.30 pm. The usual all day breakfasts, homebakes, soups, puddings, etc. along with winter warmer specials. A lovely place to meet and a warm welcome awaits all who come. *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

Wednesday 16th November

St JOSEPH'S TABLE open again today 10.40am-3.30 pm (for detail see Tuesday). **MEDITATION** in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel, 10.50 am. Quiet prayer, meditation, intercessions. All welcome.

WATERMEAD SHOP OPEN 10.30 am-3.30 pm

Thursday 17th November

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 18th November

THE MIRIAM PRAYER GROUP meet in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel at 6.00 pm for faith-sharing, Scripture readings and the Rosary. All welcome.

PRAYER FOR THE DYING "Go forth, Christian soul, from this world, in the name of God the almighty Father who created you, in the name of Jesus Christ, Son of the living God, who suffered for you, in the name . . ."

Watermead shop

Christmas cards now on sale ~ cribs & gifts diaries, calendars ~ plus many new items!

See opening times above in "Parish Diary"
More information from 0116 220 7881/0

CHURCH ROTAS FOR NEXT WEEKEND

	Readers	Eucharistic Ministers
Sat. 6.00 pm	Doreen	Cecelia
Sun. 9.00 am	Philip	-
10.30 am	John	Steve / Sister Lelia
6.00 pm	TBA	Marie

Last week's collection was safely counted and banked. **£917**

Thank you. Counters: TBA

(Next week: Gail & Keith)

Prayer Box

Please pray for:
Families of the parish
and our loved ones living and dead
especially for those who have recently died:

Mary Crump (RIP),

Fr Ted Cody (RIP), Fr Les Slack (RIP)

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

Prayers for: Eileen, Peggy, Peter, John, Donald

The McCann family and all missing children

The peoples and countries of the world,
especially the people of SYRIA, IRAQ, YEMEN

POSTBAG

Dear Father,

I am writing to share news about "The Art of Dying Well" - a new website that offers help and support to those grappling with issues around the meaning of dying and death. Based in the Catholic tradition but open to all, it features real-life stories about dealing with the journey through death to eternal life.

The Catholic Church has a rich treasury of resources and reflections that the Bishops of England and Wales would like to open up to everyone. To achieve this, we are developing a resource called "The Art of Dying Well" for the digital age.

Expert advice has been sort from professionals in palliative care, ethics, chaplaincy, history and media. I invite you to take a look at the www.artofdyingwell.org website.

Yours faithfully, Bishop John Sherrington

(Prayer cards are available at back of church.
The prayer begins "Go forth, Christian soul ...")

Pilgrimages 2017

Lourdes 11th - 17th May

Some people have had to drop out of our Lourdes pilgrimage so places are available. At present we can keep the cost under £500 - to include all travel and full board at our good hotel, excellent value - but we need to know and confirm numbers. If you are considering coming please tell Fr John so that he can keep the option open for us.

Stresa & Lake Maggiore 17th-23rd August

We have made our bookings. The flight price was very good so that in spite of the sharp fall in the value of the pound we can still budget at the original price: £595 includes hotel at half board, flights and airport transfers. There may be more places available. Please ask.

Rome 17th - 23rd November.

(All places taken, waiting list started).

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION A reminder that the children will be looking at pages 10-11 of their workbook during their liturgy at next Sunday's mass (10.30 am).

Dates for Diary

Students from Birmingham Conservatoire are presenting a **WINTER CONCERT** at St Patrick's Church, Beaumont Leys LE4 2BD on Friday 18th November at 7 pm (£5 at door)

CAFOD Memorial Mass

at Sacred Heart, Mere Road

Friday 25th November, 6.30 pm

in memory of all CAFOD supporters
(refreshments afterwards in the parish centre)

"TWILIGHT" RETREAT

Wednesday 30th November, 7 - 9.00 pm

Here at St Joseph's. Theme: "Reflect & Prepare"

Candlelight Carol Service

Our annual service in memory of loved ones in on **Wednesday 14th December** (7.15 pm) followed by seasonal Entertainment in the parish hall

Mass in Italian at Holy Cross

Friday 18th November, Friday 16th December

7.30 pm (each date) with Confessions at 7pm and refreshments after each mass

YEAR OF MERCY

8th December 2015 - 20th November 2016

'God's Loving Mercy'



November is a traditional time of prayer in the Catholic Church for those who have died. Other Christian Churches seem puzzled by this prayer, seeing no need - our loved ones are with God, awaiting the Resurrection.

How do Catholics explain their prayer?

"Purgatory" is the first answer - an understanding that few people die ready or worthy enough to immediately be with God. They need to be purified of their sinfulness. This purification was imagined as being in a place apart from God - we are not yet worthy to be in God's presence. We on earth pray for our departed loved ones, making up for their failures, forgiving them their sins and failings - in union with God's forgiving love. Do we need to think of Purgatory as a place? There is no such reference in the Scriptures - though there is mention of prayer for the dead. "Purification" might be a better word to use, and the image is of our coming before a loving God, longing to accept the fullness of God's love but aware of being unworthy. God's purifying love forgives and heals, and prayer (our human love) unites with God's love - telling the Holy Souls that we love them and long for them to receive and accept the fullness of God's love. Pope Benedict speaks like this of Purgatory in his beautiful book "Jesus Christ".

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