



ST. JOSEPH'S PARISH, LEICESTER

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Dear People,

Northern Ireland has taught us that democracy does not work but that genuine power sharing does. The world has tried to apply that lesson to the Middle East and the Muslim world but with little success. When people vote along tribal lines the results are known before the votes are cast and counted. To claim the majority then has the rights to full power is a false claim. In a true democracy the Parliament, not the Government, has supreme power.

On Wednesday last we heard Pope Francis speak about the persecution of the Muslim minority in Myanma (Burma). When we saw him break from his set speech to speak even more from the heart we understood his compassion. Why would a Pope speak in defence of a small Muslim minority when we have the two great power blocks of Shia and Sunni (some of whom hate each other more than Protestants and Catholics ever did) would not, and would even persecute such a Muslim minority?

Much as we might detest Assad in Syria we do know that as a member of a Muslim minority (the Alawites) he and his people have no place in the world of Shia and Sunni and that his protection of Christians would also draw the hatred of the power blocs of the Muslim world - including ISIS. President Assad explained his position last week was to defend or to be wiped out.

Pope Francis' vision is greater than those of political/religious blocs: he sees a world loved by God that we must love, a human family in which everyone has a place, and he wants the human dignity and freedom to be recognised in everyone. We follow him in our love for each of God's children - whatever religion, race, nationality - and pray and work for a world that gives justice and peace.

Look around our world at the good people in every society who are willing to serve, even at the cost of their lives, that vision of the human family.

God bless them and us, Fr. John

12th February 2017 (Prayer Week 2)
"God watches over our world. Do we?"

Mass Times and Intentions

6th SUNDAY OF YEAR (A)

(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 Colette & Ashley Wright, Etta Grady, Rose Schmidt,
Judy (Angelina Neal), Philomena Altobelli, Angela Payne,
Ellen Quinn, Cosy Rodrigues, David Hudson

MONDAY 13th FEBRUARY

12 noon : Requiem Mass for Roy Stuttard

7.00 pm at St. Joseph's for Deceased Family & Friends

TUESDAY 14th FEBRUARY

(Ss Cyril & Methodius, Patrons of Europe)

10.00 am at St. Joseph's for Mary Browne

WEDNESDAY 15th FEBRUARY

10.00 am at St. Joseph's for John Feeney

THURSDAY 16th FEBRUARY

10.00 am at St. Joseph's for Michael O'Sullivan

FRIDAY 17th FEBRUARY

(Seven Servite Founders)

7.00 pm at St. Joseph's for Thanksgiving

SATURDAY 18th FEBRUARY

9.30 am at The Rosary Church for Philomena Duffy

7th SUNDAY OF YEAR (A)

(Saturday) 6.00 pm at St. Joseph's

(Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament from 5.15 pm)

SUNDAY 19th FEBRUARY

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 Eileen McCarthy, Theodolinda Fernandes,
Daniel McPhilips, Judy (Angelina) Neal,
Colette & Ashley Wright

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 - 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 14th February

St JOSEPH'S TABLE open today from 10.40 am - 3.30 pm. Special menu of the week (see below), along with all the usual hot/cold food and homebakes.

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 (check with Alison).

Wednesday 15th February

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 16th February

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

"KNITT AND KNATTER" meet in the coffee shop after the service. Please feel welcome to join us.

WATERMEAD SHOP OPEN 10.30 am-3.30 pm

Friday 17th February

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

St Joseph's Table

This Week's Specials

Soup - Leek and Potatoe
served with a white or wholemeal bap

Main dish of the day - Lancashire Hot Pot
served with assorted vegetables

Pudding Choice - Treacle Tart
*served with hot custard,
ice cream or cream*

CHURCH ROTAS FOR NEXT WEEKEND

	Readers	Eucharistic Ministers
Sat. 6.00 pm	Doreen	Ann B
Sun. 9.00 am	Alan	-
10.30 am	John	Anne G / Sister Lelia
6.00 pm	TBA	Vincent

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

Thank you. *Counters: Margaret*
(Next week: John & June)

Prayer Box

Please pray for:

**Families of the parish
and our loved ones living and dead**

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

Prayers for: Fr. Dominic O'Connor

The McCann family and all missing children

*The peoples and countries of the world,
especially the people of MUSLIM COUNTRIES
and Persecuted Christians in Muslim countries*

POSTBAG

Dear People,

Anthony tells me that our latest donation from the Red Boxes to the Mill Hill Missions brings our total to £495.37. We thank Anthony and Carmen and the generous parishioners who wish to support this long-standing mission. God bless them, Fr John

Marriage Preparation in the Leicester Deanery
Engaged couples are invited to choose one of the following dates (all Saturdays):

11th March, 22nd April,

1st July, 23rd September

Each day starts at 9.30 am (coffee at 9.15 pm) and will end at about 5.30 pm.

The intention of the course to help engaged couples to appreciate the nature, importance and purpose of the sacrament of marriage and to find ways of developing their relationship that will enrich their future married life.

NEWS FROM LACY LEICESTERSHIRE ACTIVE CATHOLIC YOUTH: LACY YOUTH MASS

**Saturday 4th March, 6.00 pm,
Sacred Heart, Mere Road, Leicester**

followed by refreshments.

Bea Findlay from CAFOD will be leading a workshop for young people on developing the CAFOD Lent campaign in parishes from 4.00 - 5.45 pm.

Also anyone who plays a musical instrument please bring it along and join in the LACY band. It would be good to get at least two young people from each parish to come to the training with Bea from CAFOD. These young people will then be able to come back to parishes and schools to energise the rest of the parish to get involved. (Students working towards their Faith in Action awards can use these hours towards their overall hours).

FLAME3 - 10,000 REASONS a National Catholic Youth Event at Wembley arena Saturday 11th March 2017

Prayer, worship, music from Matt Redman, speakers and fun with 9,000 young Catholic people coming together. A coach has been organised by Leicestershire Active Catholic Youth to travel to Wembley for the day for £20, which includes Flame ticket and a Robin Hood hat for the Nottingham Diocese!

For details of the day see

www.cymfed.org.uk/flame2017.

For more information including travel details and to buy tickets please contact: Seamus O'Looskan, Chaplain at St Paul's Catholic School on 0116 241 4057 or email solooskan:st-pauls.leicester.sch.uk

Dates for Diary

ST PATRICK'S DAY MASS

All are welcome to St Patrick's, Beaumont Leys
Friday 17th March, 11.00 am
Celebrant: Right Rev Alan Williams,
Bishop of Brentwood

Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes 10th - 15th July 2017

By air: £649, by train: £569
Details on notice board

Pilgrimages to Medjugorje
11th-18 May / 14th-21st September
Contact Kath Gambin on 0116 2340103

Parish Pilgrimages 2017

Lourdes 11th - 17th May

The cost for all travel and full board at the hotel is **£495**. This is a wonderful opportunity and places are still available.

Stresa & Lake Maggiore 17th-23rd August

The hotel has given us the option on another two or three (twin/double) rooms. **£595** covers all travel and half board at the lakeside hotel. Blessed Antonio Rosmini, the founder of the religious order to which Fr John belongs, is buried at Stresa. Lake Maggiore is very beautiful and we shall be visiting Lake Como, Lugano and Locarno - a wonderful glimpse of the Italian and Swiss Alps.

Ask Fr John if interested in all above - but soon!

Malta Pilgrimage

Some years ago we talked at our committee meeting of Churches together of how many of our elderly never went on holiday now: they had no one to go with, lacked confidence in booking flights and hotels for themselves. Could we do something for them?

It would have to be low cost so that everyone might feel included, saving over the months. So it would have to be low season, winter months, but would have to be relatively warm to make a pleasant change. Malta was our choice.

I contacted the Maltese Tourist Board and told them of our plans. A week later I had a phone call from a Victor Spiteri from Malta. The Tourist Board had contacted him and asked him to help us.

He met us the morning after our late evening arrival in Malta and helped us plan a wonderful week. This was such a good start to a marvellous Churches Together programme that has now been running many years.

Victor and his family became our friends and we still do all our arranging with them. Victor died two years ago and how we miss him, as do his loving family. But Jo Spiteri still helps us in our planning the pilgrimage/holiday to Malta, Christians from our various local churches, friends together in Malta and Leicester.

We are just back from another happy stay, and already there are plans for 2018. Feel invited: it is a happy and blessed time.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

A reminder that the children will be looking at pages 38-43 of their workbook during their liturgy at next Sunday's mass (10.30 am).