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Dear People,

There is terrible pain in the background of the letter below. I asked if I might use it in our parish newsletter. You will glimpse, perhaps understand, the pain. Please pray for those who do know and do understand. God bless us with sympathy and understanding for one another.

Fr. John

"If people could see me the way I see myself - if they could live my memories - would anyone love me?" (John Green).

This is the eternal question of humanity. Maybe we don't fully understand others because we can't live their memories nor can we see what they see in the mirror. We can only imagine more often than not and we often forget this. We tell people to move on and let the past rest in peace but do we ever stop to think how one incident can change a person entirely? Do we ever stop to think that the person in front of us has actually lived through the trauma which we are merely imagining? Maybe this is the biggest flaw of humanity: we think we know how others feel because we can imagine. How wrong are we? Imagination is far from reality. Imagination is a flawless land of beauty and hope whereas reality is like the abandoned house that no one dares to enter. Yet we force others to live our reality.

The body is superficial, the memory isn't, and that's what matters. I can only imagine what it's like to be the victim watch the very human that destroyed you having the time of his life. I can only imagine the pain, the pressure and the slight envy. I can only imagine what it's like to have pain because a part of you with every move your body cries a little louder. I can only imagine the torture, the helplessness and the little bit of hope. I can only imagine what it's like to work endless hours with sleepless nights. I can imagine the exhaustion, the worry and the need for a little break from reality. I can imagine. I cannot say I truly understand what it's like to be in any of those situations for that is not my reality. Likewise, you can only imagine what it is like to be me and sometimes I wonder if you saw me how I see me how would you feel?

Maybe if we used all the time we spend imagining to listen to the person we may actually be able to glimpse at their reality.

12th March 2017 (Prayer Week 2)
"Does anyone know the real you?"

Mass Times and Intentions

2nd SUNDAY OF LENT (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 Cynthia Buntin, Norah Devine, Winifred McDonagh,
Judy (A) Neal, Jack Laing, Liam Doherty, Special Intention,
Mick Walkerdine, Colette & Ashley Wright

MONDAY 13th MARCH

7.00 pm at St. Joseph's for Peter Wood

TUESDAY 14th MARCH

10.00 am at St. Joseph's for Peter & Julie Anzani

WEDNESDAY 15th MARCH

(St Louise)

10.00 am at St. Joseph's for Frank & Mary Whelton

THURSDAY 16th MARCH

10.00 am at St. Joseph's for The O'Connell Family

FRIDAY 17th MARCH

(St Patrick)

(11.00 am St Patrick's Day Mass at St Patrick's Church)

7.00 pm Stations of the Cross at St. Joseph's

leading into our parish Mass for Nursing Home Friends

SATURDAY 18th MARCH

(St Cyril of Jerusalem)

9.30 am at The Rosary Church for Family Blessing

3rd SUNDAY OF LENT (A)

(Saturday) 6.00 pm at St. Joseph's

(Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament from 5.15 pm)

SUNDAY 19th MARCH

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 Peggy Nott, Catherine Seallears, Sheila Phelan,
Mary Ellen Hudson, William Jarrett

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

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. A warm welcome awaits all.

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, 7.30 pm.

Wednesday 8th March

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. All welcome.

WATERMEAD SHOP OPEN 10.30 am-3.30 pm

Thursday 9th March

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

WATERMEAD SHOP OPEN 10.30 am-3.30 pm

CHURCHES TOGETHER IN LENT Our second meeting is at St Mary's in Humberstone. 7.00 pm with refreshments, followed at 7.30 pm with discussions.

Friday 10th March

THE MIRIAM PRAYER GROUP meet in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel at 6.00 pm. **STATIONS OF THE CROSS** 7.00 pm.

St Joseph's Table

This Week's Specials

Soup - Seasonal
served with a white or wholemeal bap

Main dish of the day - Chicken Casserole
served with assorted vegetables

Pudding Choice - Fruit Crumble
served with hot custard,
ice cream or cream

This Week's Thought for Lent

I shall pass through this world but once.
Any good that I can do or kindness
that I can show to any human being,
let me do it now:
let me not defer nor neglect it,
for I shall not pass this way again.

Last week's collection was safely counted and banked. **£1,347**
*(Special RASH Collection £160)

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

*RASH stands for our regular giving for Leicester's Refugees, Asylum Seekers, Homeless.

Prayer Box

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

Fabian, Declan, Jenny, Jonathan,
Jennifer, Pat, Mary, Patrick

Prayers for: Katy
The McCann family and all missing children

The peoples and countries of the world,
especially the people of
THE YAZIDIS
and THE PERSECUTED MUSLIMS IN BURMA

MOTHER OF PEACE, ZIMBABWE

Suggested contributions for the Easter holiday playscheme at the orphanage we support in Zimbabwe include: tubes of acrylic paint, unbreakable mirrors, board games, wind-up torches, watches, small metal toy cars, teen fiction, joke books (appropriate!), teenage girl's bras and three King James Bibles.

In the past families who write regularly to the orphans have sent small gifts to the pen friends but this has meant many are left out, so we are asking for small financial donations so that we can provide ALL the children with a little treat. Last year we bought emergency food for the children, a new tyre for the one and only vehicle, a solar panel for our half-way house, so you can see any money you give will be deeply appreciated. We continue to help feed and educate the children. If you feel able to help please contact Fr John or Lynn.

Many thanks to those who supported our Advent project which raised £220.

POSTBAG

Dear Father,

Thank you for agreeing to promote Age UK's Leicestershire and Rutland's 'Men in Sheds' project. In all my years with the charity it is probably the most successful project we have been involved with and any support you can give in promoting it within your own local area would be much appreciated

Copies of the rest of this letter from Tony Donovan are available at the back of church. Well worth reading for all men looking for new activities. Fr John

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

A reminder that the children will be looking at pages 53-55 of their workbook during their liturgy at next Sunday's mass (10.30 am).

CHURCH ROTAS FOR NEXT WEEKEND

	Readers	Eucharistic Ministers
Sat. 6.00 pm	John	Sal
Sun. 9.00 am	Alan	-
10.30 am	TBA	Gerry / Sister Lelia
6.00 pm	TBA	Vincent

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

ST PATRICK'S PARISH DANCE

Saturday 18th March
7.30 pm - midnight, dancing to "The Claddagh"
Tickets £8 from 0116 2353329

STATION MASS

here at St Joseph's for the Leicester parishes
Wednesday 5th April, 7.30 pm

"Twilight" Retreats

Evenings of talks, prayer & music at St Joseph's.
We begin the programme again on
Wednesday 19th April (Easter Week)

The Miraculous Relic Image of Our Lady of Guadalupe

at St Barnabas Cathedral, Nottingham, on
Friday 21st - Wednesday 26th April
Details www.relicourladyofguadalupe.co.uk

March for Life

Saturday 20th May

A peaceful, prayerful pro-life rally in Birmingham
Details: contact Zica on 07943 711 549
or email francisca@sicamartinez.plus.com

Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes

10th - 15th July 2017

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

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 (32 so far have booked).

Stresa & Lake Maggiore (August),
Rome (November) are both fully booked

Age Concerns

Today, dear Lord, I'm 80 and there's much I haven't done.

I hope, dear Lord, you let me live until I'm 81.

But then, if I haven't finished all I want to do,

Would you please let me stay awhile, until I'm 82?

So many places I want to go, so very much to see,

Do you think that You could manage to make it 83?

The world is changing very fast, there is so much in store,

I'd like it very much to live until I'm 84.

And if by then I were still alive, I'd like to stay 'til 85!

More plans will be up in the air, so I'd really like to stick

And see what happens to the world when I turn 86.

I know, dear Lord, it's much to ask,

(and it must be nice in heaven)

But I'd really like to stay, until I'm 87.

I know by then I won't be fast, and sometimes will be late,

But it would be pleasant to be around at 88.

I will have seen so many things, and had a wonderful time,

So I'm sure that I'll be willing to leave at the age of 89...maybe.

Just one more thing I'd like to say, dear Lord, I thank you kindly,

But if it's okay with You, I'd love to live past 90. (Author Unknown)

Watermead shop

Lent resources, Easter cards, etc.

OPENING TIMES

Tues, Wed, Thur from 10.30 am-3.30 pm
Sat 5.15 - 6.00 pm & Sun 11.45 am-12.15 pm
Information from 0116 220 7881 / 0
www.watermead-apostolate.com