

ST. JOSEPH'S PARISH, LEICESTER

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The richest 85 people in the world - who could squeeze into one double-decker bus - are as wealthy as the poorest half of the world's population. This shocking statistic was presented by Oxfam ahead of last January's World Economic Forum meeting in Davos, Switzerland.

The people classed as super-rich have a combined worth of £1trillion, the same amount owned by the poorest 3.5 billion. And the growing inequality has been driven by a "power grab" by wealthy elites around the world.

This is what structural sin is all about: identifying social inequalities and injustices as sinful and then tackling them. Economic injustice and the grab not only for power, but for natural resources, by wealthy elites, particularly corporations, must be challenged by people of faith who look more to the common good. This will mean working for justice and peace, and reflecting on our own life styles.

(from "Vocation for Justice")

Dear People,

The above quotation comes from the latest edition of "The Far East", the Columban Missionary magazine. Our friend, Fr Pat Sayles, who has inspired the "Prayer Trust", that magnificent range of little books of prayer and bookmarks that we carry in our Watermead Shop, was editor of this magazine when we first met him. The Columbans have a wonderfully open spirit, longing to bring the Gospel Good News and social justice wherever they go. You may recognise the name of Fr Shay Cullen, a Columban, who has several times been nominated for the Nobel Peace price for his work in rescuing children from slavery in its various forms in the Philippines.

Pope Francis is inspiring people to speak out even more strongly about social justice, peace, against slavery, and the governments of the world are listening to him.

As a Church it is our vocation to bring God's love to the world, and justice and peace are two great signs of the Gospel. We pray and we act.

God bless our world,

Fr. John

18th May 2014 (Prayer Week 1) "Your address in Heaven?"

Mass Times and Intentions 5th SUNDAY OF EASTER (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 Patrick O'Halloran, Anthony Hoyte, Don Pratt, Anne McGuire, Mary Robinson, Alison Ecob, Alice (MOP)

MONDAY 19th MAY

(St Dunstan)

7.00 pm at St. Joseph's for Paul Kaminski

TUESDAY 20th MAY

(St Bernardine of Siena, Priest)
10.00 am at St. Joseph's for Anne Mullins

WEDNESDAY 21st MAY

10.00 am at St. Joseph's for Holy Souls

THURSDAY 22nd MAY

(St Rita)

10.00 am at St. Joseph's *for Adele Fearns* 1.00 pm Funeral Service for Mervyn Bunney

FRIDAY 23rd MAY

7.00 pm at St. Joseph's for Carmen Smith

SATURDAY 24th MAY

(Our Lady Help of Christians - Australia & New Zealand) 9.30 am at The Rosary Church for Paul & Philomena Cronin

6th SUNDAY OF EASTER (A)

(Saturday) 6.00 pm at St. Joseph's (Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament from 5.15 pm)

SUNDAY 25th MAY

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)

(Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament from 5.15 pm)
(Intentions for Sunday Mass)

for Paul Kaminski, Mervyn Bunney, Thanksgiving (E)

BLESSED SACRAMENT CHAPEL

open every day this week from 10.30 am - 7.00 pm.

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

The Parish on Sundays
OT ST SUBSECTS
DRINKS, LIBRARY, FAIR TRADE

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Parish Diary This Week

Monday 19th May

QUESTION OF FAITH. We resume normal service with prayers of thanksgiving and new questions in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel after evening mass. All welcome.

Tuesday 20th May CHILDREN'S FIRST CONFESSIONS 7.00 pm in the church.

CHOIR PRACTICE. Practice tonight in the parish hall at 7.30 pm. New singers always welcome (you don't have to read music, just enjoy singing hymns).

Wednesday 21st May

MEDITATION at the Convent today: 10.45 am, Exposition, Adoration, quiet prayer, meditation and intercessions. All welcome.

"TWILIGHT" RETREAT tonight, begins in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel at 7.00 pm - talks, prayer, music. We continue our pilgrimage theme with "Lourdes". Donation £2.

Thursday 22nd May

PARISH OPEN DAY at St Joseph's
~ Hot drinks in the Coffee Shop!
Parish Library, Fair Trade Stall,
"HOME FROM HOME"
Garden and Watermead Shop are all open after the morning Service.

Hospital Volunteers

The possibility of setting up a team of Roman Catholic volunteers for the Leicester General Hospital, as we already have at Glenfield and the Royal Infirmary, is to be discussed.

If you would like to share in this kind ministry please tell Christina and Fr John.

Please invite me into your home. God

Memorial Frames

The new names that have been submitted over the past couple of years have now been entered into the monthly pages for the coming year. Please advise Fr John if the name of your loved one does not appear as requested.

4 Prayer Box

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

Mervyn Bunney (RIP), Alice (RIP)

The sick and housebound, those in hospital and in nursing homes - especially:

Jack Laing, Declan, Theresa Woolford, Josie Sewell,
Fabian Sweeney, Christina Flynn, Anna Nugent,
Pat Aitken, Mary Eaton, Jenny Aitken,
Jonathan Lockwood, Callum Mahes

Prayers for: Fr Peter Coyle, Fr James Hannigan and Fr Anthony Colebrook

The McCann family and all missing children

The peoples and countries of the world, especially TURKEY & INDIA

That Photograph!

People have commented on how pleased they were to see the photograph of Alison presenting her music to Pope John Paul II. It certainly is an occasion to remember. Thank you for the nice things you have said.

CONFIRMATION

Thursday 23rd October 2014

As I was pleased to tell last week Monsignor Tom McGovern is coming to give the Sacrament of Confirmation in the parish.

Will all those who wish to be confirmed please write a letter to Fr John, explaining why. Welcome!

News from MOP, Zimbabwe.

It has been a wonderful time - activities with the children have been successful (details when we return). Your prayer intentions have been taken up the holy mountain, Chigona, and we have visited the "Happy Lion" halfway house funded by the parish and seen the plaque which says it has been built in memory of Fr David by the people of St Joseph's, Leicester.

When we return to St Joseph's can we ask more help from you with school uniforms? The children at Mother of Peace are now not allowed to attend school without a uniform, which costs £40 per child. If anyone would like to help with these the community would be grateful. We shall accept donations when we return and forward these back to MOP.

We ask your prayers for the daughter of Mama Alice, also called Alice, who died last week.

See you soon. Lynn & Christine.

(Our missioners return this coming Monday)

Dates for Diary

NEXT WEEKEND 26th/27th May is Safeguarding Sunday

which will give us the opportunity to reflect on the theology and spirituality of safeguarding, and to express our thanks to our parish safeguarding representatives for their hard work on behalf of all of us.

THE CHALLENGE TO CHANGE

Monday 2nd June, 7.45 for 8.00 pm start.
Pope Francis has stunned the world by
his actions and words. How are we being
challenged to change as individuals,
parish communities and church?
Sally Ruane will lead a discussion here
at St Joseph's. All welcome.

Quiz Night at St Paul's School

Friday 13th June, 7.00 pm to support fundraising for Team Ghana Tickets £6, £20 (family x4), £30 (team x6) to be bought in advance from Chaplaincy@st-pauls.leicester.sch.uk Tel 0116 241 4057

A WORKSHOP FOR ALL MUSICIANS AND LOVERS OF MUSIC

led by Tim Harrison Cathedral & Diocesan Director of Music, Middlesbrough Diocese

Saturday 21st June

at Holy Trinity Centre, Newark NG24 4AU Enquiries to Fr Alex Adkins on 01205 362056 & fralexadkins@gmail.com

Ride & Stride

Saturday 13th September

Visiting local churches and fundraising for Leicestershire Historic Churches Trust A parish co-ordinator is invited.
If interested please tell Fr John

PILGRIMAGES 2014

By Air 14th -19th July from £638

By ovemight coach **13th-19th July** from **£359** (Full Board : See details at back of church)

LOURDES with the Parish 12th - 18th September (Full Board) £495

ROME / ASSISI with the Parish 6th - 14th November (B&B) £530

We now have 2 days in Assisi and 6 in Rome

Note that any new bookings

may have to pay more for the flight.

Contact Fr John to book parish pilgrimages.

Malta Pilgrimage 2015

We shall go early in February.
Same price as last year, about £420 to cover flights, 4 star hotel & coaches. This is excellent value.
Please tell Fr John if interested.

Last week's collection was safely counted and banked. £1,024

Thank you. Counters this week: Karen & Chris (Next week: Eileen & Michael)

PARISH ROTA FOR NEXT WEEKEND

Sat. 6.00 pm Clare Caroline Sun. 10.30 am Paul Gerry / Mary 6.00 pm TBA Eucharistic Ministers Children's Liturgy

Caroline Faith, Lynn and Mary