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Dear People,

On Monday Pope Francis goes on pilgrimage to Sri Lanka and to the Philippines. What receptions will he receive? Crowds, of course, but in the hearts of the people? We wonder.

Last week's Catholic press spoke of Buddhist anger against the Pope and the Church. Faith tensions are part of our world and we understand people's not welcoming religious leaders of other faiths to the country they consider their own. Do you remember Ian Paisley's public protests against the visit of Pope John Paul II in 1981? We know other Christian Churches were also displayed at the public costs of such a visit for the security of a world-renowned visitor. Were you challenged at work or at home about that visit, or by that of Pope Benedict just a few years ago? Religious/political visitors are seen very differently by people.

The Philippines will offer a welcome but the Pope knows, with all of us, that active Church membership there has almost halved in the past twenty years. Today, just over a third of the people regularly attend mass - a huge fall in number in only a relatively few years. Will Pope Francis bring alive a Church that is fading? We pray for him and for them. Crowd enthusiasm we shall certainly see, but the Christian life for God, the daily faithful living of our call to follow Jesus, will be the Pope's message. He can always draw crowds: it is hearts for God he wants to win.

Mario Cuomo has died. Do you remember him - one of the most prominent Catholic politicians of his day? One of the headlines he drew was the anger of the American Catholic Church because of his political stand in favour of abortion. Whatever his personal views, he said, he had to represent the views of the people who voted for him. He seemed to be personally opposed to abortion but voted for it in the political arena. You may remember the storm.

And France this past week? Where do you stand? Only Islamist fundamentalist would approve of the killings. No one kills justly in the name of God. But the cartoons - what did you think of them? Suppose they had been ridiculing Jesus. Would you defend "freedom of speech" to ridicule our God and Saviour? A French Muslim cafe owner spoke simply: "To kill the journalists was absolutely wrong, but it was wrong to ridicule our faith and our prophet."

God bless us to find peace, Fr. John

11th January 2015 (Prayer Week 1 [3])
"We pray with Pope Francis this week"

Mass Times and Intentions

BAPTISM OF THE LORD

(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 Eileen Halpin, Linda Mutare, Family Blessing,

The Cornelia Family, The Burns Family

MONDAY 12th JANUARY

(St Aelred of Rievaulx)

7.00 pm at St. Joseph's for Kevin Brennan

TUESDAY 13th JANUARY

(St Hilary, Bishop)

11.30 am at St. Joseph's (Note change of usual mass time)

"Requiem Mass" for Kevin Brennan

WEDNESDAY 14th JANUARY

10.00 am at St. Joseph's for Terry Concannon

THURSDAY 15th JANUARY

10.00 am at St. Joseph's for Jack Eaton

FRIDAY 16th JANUARY

7.00 pm at St. Joseph's for Gabriel & Tina Jones

SATURDAY 17th JANUARY

(St Anthony, Abbot)

9.30 am: The Rosary Church for Paul & Philomena Cronin

2nd SUNDAY OF YEAR (B)

(Saturday) 6.00 pm at St. Joseph's

(Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament from 5.15 pm)

SUNDAY 18th JANUARY

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 Frank & Agnes Jones, Tim Collins, Kit Doyle

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 - 6.00 pm.

The Parish on Sundays



Hot (and cold) drinks after mass on Sunday mornings at both our churches. The Lourdes Garden, the library and Watermead Shop open at St Joseph's.

ON FAMILY DAY, the first Sunday of each month at St Joseph's, the "Home from Home" shop is also open - we welcome ideas to complement this regular event. Do get in touch and suggest.

Parish Diary This Week

Monday 12th January

QUESTION OF FAITH. We resume our meetings, Blessed Sacrament Chapel after evening mass.

Wednesday 14th January

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

Thursday 15th January

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

Friday 16th January

MASS at ST JOSEPH'S SCHOOL, 1.30 pm. Parishioners are welcome.

March for Life 2015

There will be a meeting at 7.00 pm on

Thursday 22nd January

at St Joseph's Convent (next to our church) to discuss plans for the 2015 National March for Life, which organisers are hoping will be the biggest to date.

March for Life started three years ago in Birmingham and now attracts hundreds of people united in defence of the unborn child. This is an easy way to join others and peacefully raise awareness of the nearly 200,000 abortions taking place in the UK every year. Please do attend the meeting on 22 January to help us plan for this great event.

For more details contact Francisca Martinez on 07943 711549 or Sr Lelia Walsh on 0116 241 6255 (leliawalshcspj@btinternet.com)

Right to Life / LIFE / SPUC

We must have our annual collection for our pro-life movements next weekend. All three are good, so we shall share whatever the retiring collection brings between the three.

Parishioners have their own particular way of supporting pro-life and in this way we can support them. If you have any suggestions please tell Fr John.



Prayer Box



Please pray for:

Families of the parish

and our loved ones living and dead

especially for those who have recently died:

Lucia Lobo (RIP)

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

Jack Laing, Declan, Fabian Sweeney, Christina Flynn, Jenny Aitken, Jonathan Lockwood, Ed James, Pat Aitken, Lina Lobo

Prayers for: Mary Rayner

The McCann family and all missing children

The peoples and countries of the world, and especially for FRANCE

Postbag

Dear Friends,
CHILDREN'S LITURGY/MOTHER OF PEACE

Thank you so much to everyone who supported our Advent Project, "Deer Me!". The final amount raised was **£670.10**, which is a wonderful addition to Fr. David's education fund. This money could pay primary school fees for one term for 67 children, or for secondary school uniforms for 10 children for one year, or tertiary college training for one student for over 4 terms. It WILL make a difference.

Those who ordered deer but have not yet taken them home will find them waiting in the narthex, where you can also see the receipt.

Thank you everyone and may you have a very Happy New Year. Lynn



A Wonderful Star



Our astronomers have discovered a star seemingly like our earth. It is 500 light years away, which means that travelling at 11 million miles per minute (yes, 660 million miles per hour) it would take us 500 years to reach the star - and then we would have to get back.

If you would like to go, please tell Fr John, or for any of our pilgrimages to Malta or Rome, etc.

There are two places suddenly available to Malta in February. Please tell Fr John if you are interested.

PILGRIMAGES 2015

Rome and Assisi 15th-23rd July

We travel again with our friends from Scotland.

Cost is **£525** half board

plus cost of flight on day of booking

Yet to be arranged . . .

Lourdes/Padua/Padre Pio

in September - probable

Rome in November is a certainty

Let Fr John know your interest

CHRISTIAN UNITY WEEK

19th - 26th January

Tuesday 20th : Hunger Lunch
here at St Joseph's, 12.30 pm

Sunday 25th : Unity Service
at URC, Cardinals Walk, 4.00 pm

Dates for Diary

LEICESTERSHIRE CATHOLIC YOUTH
Fun, Faith & Spirituality

for our young people (see below)

Wednesday 21st January

at Sacred Heart, Mere Road

. . . also a date for your diary (details soon)

Friday 30th January

A Skittles Evening

at St Wilfreds, Coalville

Peace Vigil

at St Edwards, Aylestone Road, Leicester

Saturday 24th January, 11.00 am

A time of prayer and reflection

in support of peace and reconciliation
throughout the world

Family : Vocation & Mission

Saturday 31st January

St Mary's, Ashby Road, Loughborough

11.30 am - 3.00 pm

"How can we best respond to Pope Francis and the Bishops as we prepare for the Synod on Family Life?"

Numbers are limited. Please contact (asap)

Bill Myers at teevanmyers@gmail.com

FLAME 2

A National Youth Event at Wembley Arena **on Saturday 7th March 2015**

A gathering of thousands of young Catholics, aged 14-21, from around the country will gather for prayer, music and nationally known speakers.

Any youngsters from St Joseph's who wishes to go with Leicestershire Catholic Active Youth will be supported by the parish's paying £10 towards their costs (£20). Please see Fr John.

Watermead shop

The "Old Stable" Centre

SHOP OPENING TIMES

Tues, Wed, Thur from 10.30 am-3.30 pm
& Sun 11.45 am -12.45 pm

Information from from 0116 220 7881 / 0
www.watermead-apostolate.com

260 Club

This Months Winners!

No.1 wins £75; No.190 wins £50;

No.71 wins £50; No.20 wins £50;

No.171 wins £35.

Last week's collection was safely

counted and banked. **£1,200**

Thank you. *Counters this week : John & June*

(Next week: Karen & Chris)

PARISH ROTA FOR NEXT WEEKEND

	Readers	Eucharistic Ministers	Children's Liturgy
Sat. 6.00 pm	John	Cecilia	is on the 2nd and 4th
Sun. 10.30 am	Ann	Sister Lelia	Sunday of the month
6.00 pm	TBA	Marie	and the first Sunday
			is a Children's Mass