

ST. JOSEPH'S PARISH, LEICESTER

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Dear People,

A Muslim was being interviewed on television. He referred to non-Muslims, constantly. His world is Muslim and non-Muslim, and it sounded strange. But it isn't. The Bible tells us the people of God saw the world as Jew and Gentile; our own everyday Catholic way is to call other Churches, Christians and schools "Non-Catholic". Now we hear we are all non-Muslims.

Is this important? Does such language portray prejudice or bigotry - Jewish, Catholic, Muslim? Did you ever hear people titled "non-White"?

Any people who define others as non-anything imply they are inferior. The 'non' is an insult. Other Christian Churches do not talk about non-Baptists, non-Methodists, but they use titles: "Catholic", "Anglican", etc. We are the only Church community to lump church, school and people together as non-Catholic. Now we casually learn that some Muslims define us similarly. Are we right or both prejudiced?

The prejudice seems to be obvious in "non-Whites". Recent events in the USA indicate a society that does not treat as equals the decendants of slaves and their black brothers and sisters. How badly the native Indian peoples feel being even third-class citizens in the country that belonged to their ancestors for centuries.

The same is true in the countries of South America. The native peoples were enslaved and despised by their European conquerors and the divisions still exist. Even the Churches have been and are caught up in these divisions.

How do we free ourselves from bigotry and prejudice? How do we recognise the dignity of every human being, regardless of colour, religion, race, intelligence, education, disabilities, and, above all, still in many societies, between women and men?

In this week's reading at mass St Paul calls us God's works of art. What a compliment! Every human being God's work of art, made in God's image and likeness. There is the answer. Who will speak it?

There are no non-Catholics. There are no non-anythings in God's world.

God bless us,

Fr. John

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

15th March 2015 (Prayer Week 4)

"Mothering Sunday. We pray thanksgiving"

Mass Times and Intentions

4th SUNDAY OF LENT (B)

(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)

Eileen Halpin, Mary Ellen Hudson, Thanksgiving (A&L), Vera Bromley, Harry Flowers, Peter Bingham, Olven, Veronica, Delizie, Abel, Baby Magnus

MONDAY 16th MARCH

7.00 pm at St. Joseph's for Hilda Gajdzik & family

TUESDAY 17th MARCH

(St Patrick)

10.00 am at St. Joseph's *for John Carroll* (11.00 am at St Patrick's Mass at St Patrick's church)

WEDNESDAY 18th MARCH

(St Cyril of Jerusalem)

10.00 am at St. Joseph's for Sam & Mary Cosgrove

THURSDAY 19th MARCH

(St Joseph)

10.00 am at St. Joseph's for People of the Parish (1.30 pm Mass at St Joseph's School)

FRIDAY 20th MARCH

7.00 pm at St. Joseph's Mass and Stations of the Cross for Family & Friends

SATURDAY 21st MARCH

9.30 am at The Rosary Church for The Hiles Family

5th SUNDAY OF LENT (B)

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

SUNDAY 22nd MARCH

9.00 am at Rosary Church : 10.30 am at St. Joseph's 6.00 pm at St. Joseph's

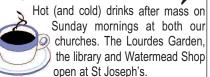
(Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament from 5.15 pm) (Intentions for Sunday Mass)

for William Jarrett, Joseph Rice, Special Intention, Maria, Helena, Jozef & Wincenty Wieczorek

BLESSED SACRAMENT CHAPEL

open every day this week from 10.30 am - 6.00 pm.

The Parish on Sundays



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 16th March QUESTION OF FAITH. We break during Lent - resume after Easter.

Tuesday 17th March CHOIR PRACTICE in the parish hall at 7.30 pm. New singers welcomed.

Wednesday 18th March MEDITATION at the Convent today, 10.45 am: Quiet prayer, meditation and intercessions. All welcome.

CHURCHES TOGETHER IN LENT We meet at the Methodist Church on Uppingham Road. We gather 7.00 pm (discussion 7.30 pm).

Thursday 19th March

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.

Saturday 20th March CATENIAN LADIES retreat here at St Joseph's, 10.30 am - 4.00 pm.

CAFOD Family Fast Day

Envelopes will be available at mass today for our Lenten Family Fast Day on Friday

Watermeao The "Old Stable" Centre SHOP OPENING TIMES

Tues, Wed, Thur from 10.30 am-3.30 pm Sat 5.00 - 5.55 pm & Sun 11.45 am-12.45 pm Information from 0116 220 7881 / 0

www.watermead-apostolate.com

Lenten books/resources, Easter Cards

Prayer Box



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

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, Mary Rayner, Patrick

Prayers for: John Joseph Walsh The McCann family and all missing children The peoples and countries of the world. and especially for VANUATU

Postbag

Dear Fr John,

I will be walking from Coles Nursery to Ashby Folville to raise funds for Medecins Sans Frontieres (Doctors without borders) specifically for the Ebola ourbreak in Sierra Leone, Africa.

Ashby Folville was the site for a Polish Refugee Camp just after the war and many of the Poles came via Africa. Prayers will be said at the end of the walk in Ashby Folville and daffodils and rosary planted. If anyone would like to support me, a sponsorship form will be at the back of the church.

Thank you, Stefanie Makowski

Dates for Diary

ST PATRÍCK'S MASS

Tuesday 17th March, 11.00 am

at St Patrick's, Beaumont Leys (followed by social in the parish centre)

LENTEN RETREAT

at Rosmini Centre led by Fr Pierluigi Giroli **Saturday 21st March**

10.30 am - 4.00 pm Suggested donation £15, includes lunch, etc.

"TWILIGHT" RETREATS AT ST JOSEPH'S

We begin our evening of prayer & reflection for 2015 on Wednesday 15th April

LEICESTER CATHOLIC ACTIVE YOUTH "VIA LUCIS"

STATIONS OF THE RESURRECTION Saturday 25th April

Venue to be Confirmed

PILGRIMAGES

from Mother of God Parish, New Parks, Leicester

Poland & Divine Mercy 2nd-8th October Cost is £719 half board >>>>>>>

The Holy Land 26th November - 3rd December £879 half board

Contact Theresa Knott for both of the above on 0116 224 8350

260 Club Our new year begins. Plenty of room for new members who pay £2 per month or £24 for the year. 5 prizes per month (1 x £75, 3 x £50, 1 x £35) Please tell Fr John.

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 Please tell Fr John if you are interested >>>>>>

Lourdes 17th - 23rd September

We are going for a week. The cost is very good: £495 to cover all travel (and by air) and full board at the Hotel St Louis de France where we stayed in 2013 We have begun booking (24 so far) but room for

more. Deposit of £160 to secure place.

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Rome in November 12th-19th 7 days £495 to include all travel and B&B We are staying at our favourite hotel, now refurbished as a 4 star hotel, but they are offering us a special price.

"HOME FROM HOME" PROJECT

The team would like to thank everyone who has donated items (bric-a-brac, clothes, etc) to our "recycling" shop. At present the project still has £1,225.33 in the parish bank, and the following donations have already been made from what has been raised:.

> The Air Ambulance Macmillan Coffee Morning appeal Let the Children Live Mother of Peace and the Lepers Roses for St Theresa's altar, etc

Clothing and Household goods

The items specifically donated for 'Open Hands' (the Leicester-based charity for the homeless and refugees) have been forwarded and items that have not sold in the Home from Home shop have been given to St Patrick's church Shop, Beaumont Leys, Leicester, The YMCA and to the needy in Zimbabwe (via two of our parishioners).

Again we would like to thank you for your support in helping us to help others through your donations. The Home from Home team.

WE PRAY TOGETHER DURING LENT

STATION MASSES

Tuesday 17th March at St Patrick's. Beaumont Levs. 11.00 am Wednesday 25th March

at Immaculate Conception, Oadby, 7.30 pm

CHURCHES TOGETHER

Wednesday 18th March Uppingham Road Methodist Church Thursday 26th March at Christ Church, Thurnby Lodge

Last week's collection was safely counted and banked. £1,243

Thank you. Counters this week: June & John

(Next week: Karen & Chris)

PARISH ROTA FOR NEXT WEEKEND

	Readers	Eucharistic Ministers	Children's Liturgy
Sat. 6.00 pm	Clare	Ann B	
Sun. 10.30 am	Gail	Anne G / Sister Lelia	Lynn and Faith
6.00 pm	TBA	Vincent	