



# 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 descendants 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 Wiczorek*

## BLESSED SACRAMENT CHAPEL

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

