



ST. JOSEPH'S PARISH, LEICESTER

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Dear People,

Over 100 people came to Blessed Sacrament on Saturday last to hear about Modern Day Slavery and how we might help combat it. Pope Francis, Archbishop Nichols and Prime Minister Theresa May have all made clear their stand on this grave international issue - and ask us to be involved.

We are. At our deanery priests' meeting on Thursday we agreed we might make our Catholic legacy for The Year of Mercy a commitment to combat this horrible trade in people. Working with the Medaille Trust we shall seek to establish a house of refuge here in Leicester, on the model of such houses around the country. Would you like to be involved? Pray and think about it. We're going ahead.

Already with our local Christian Churches in Humberstone (CTH) we are involved in working with City of Sanctuary "One Roof" and their work for the homeless, refugees and asylum seekers, following Pope Francis' encouragement that every Catholic parish in the world commit to supporting a refugee family. Already we have donated £2,500 and shall continue to donate quietly, especially in the regular retiring collection - due to begin a few weeks ago but necessarily delayed.

Today we shall have our annual collection for our Pro-Life movements. There are three: Society for the Protection of the Unborn Child (SPUC), LIFE and Right to Life. All three are good in their different ways and help us to protect and defend the life of the child in the womb. If you would like to give separately and for one in particular of these, please do so.

"Who is my neighbour?" The baby in the womb, the frightened pregnant girl, the trafficked slave, the refugee, the homeless, the lonely. Would you help make our parish even more a local parish of care in and to the community? We already have our inspiring SVP, Home from Home, Open Hands, St Joseph's Table. Anyone might invite our help?

God bless us to help one another, *Fr. John*

22nd January 2017 (Prayer Week 3)
"Homelessness Sunday . . . we pray"

Mass Times and Intentions

3rd SUNDAY OF YEAR (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)

*Colette & Ashley Wright, Elaine Rodgers, Bill Parkman,
Bernadette Howard, John Sellaars, Jack Laing,
Pedro Francesco Rodrigues, Family Blessing*

MONDAY 23rd JANUARY

2.30 pm at St Joseph's : Funeral Service for Jean Darby

7.00 pm at St. Joseph's for Francis Hurley

TUESDAY 24th JANUARY

(St Francis de Sales, Bishop)

10.00 am at St. Joseph's *for Family & Friends (B)*

WEDNESDAY 25th JANUARY

(St Conversion of St Paul, Apostle)

10.00 am at St. Joseph's *for Family & Friends (T)*

THURSDAY 26th JANUARY

(Ss Timothy & Titus, Bishops)

10.00 am at St. Joseph's *for Family Blessing*

FRIDAY 27th JANUARY

(St Angela Merici)

7.00 pm at St. Joseph's *for Lina Lobo*

SATURDAY 28th JANUARY

(St Thomas Aquinas, Priest)

9.30 am at The Rosary Church *for David Parry*

4th SUNDAY OF YEAR (A)

(Saturday) 6.00 pm at St. Joseph's

(Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament from 5.15 pm)

SUNDAY 29th 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 Bernadette Howard, Mary Robinson, Ellen Kelvey,
Colette & Ashley Wright, Jack Laing*

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

Tuesday 24th January

St JOSEPH'S TABLE open today from 10.40 am - 3.30 pm. Hot and cold drinks and food (special meal of the day, sandwiches, soup, home bakes, hot snacks, cream teas, cakes, salads) served throughout the day to order on arrival. 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 in the parish hall, 7.30 pm. New singers are welcomed and, if you have been pondering joining, do feel welcome to come tonight and meet us (it is not necessary to be able to read music).

Wednesday 25th January

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 26th January

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

"KNITT AND KNATTER" 11.00 am - 12 noon, upstairs in the Coffee Shop. Please feel welcome to join us.

WATERMEAD SHOP OPEN 10.30 am-3.30 pm

Friday 27th January

THE MIRIAM PRAYER GROUP meet in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel at 6.00 pm for faith-sharing. All welcome.

Recipe for Happiness

Happiness is something you create in your mind,

Not something you search for but can't find;

Not something you purchased with silver or gold,

Not something that force can capture or hold.

It's just waking up and beginning each day

By counting your blessings and kneeling to pray,

It's giving up thoughts that breed discontent....

It's by completing what God gives you to do

That you find contentment and happiness, too.

(from Peggy and Jean)

Last week's collection was safely counted and banked. **£1,011**

Thank you. *Counters: Gail & Keith*
(Next week: Sarah & Gloriosa)

Prayer Box

Please pray for:

Families of the parish

and our loved ones living and dead

especially for those who have recently died:

Fr Dennis Higgins (RIP), Noreen Harrison (RIP)

Fabian, Christina, Declan, Jenny, Jonathan, Jennifer, Pat, Lina, Mary, Patrick, Clare, Annette, Chris & Cliff, Donald

Prayers for: Christina Flynn, Colin Jackson

The McCann family and all missing children

The peoples and countries of the world, especially the people of UNITED STATES, RUSSIA THE GAMBIA, SENEGAL, TURKEY

The Osservatore Romano is the daily Vatican newspaper. Here are some fascinating extracts from a recent edition concerning the place of women in the Church.

"The Bishop is ordained for service to the local Church. Governing the diocese implies promoting and protecting all the charisms given to the people entrusted to his care. Hence a bishop would want to listen, take advice and consult with all the faithful, women included...."

"Canon (Church) law determines that lay people are capable of exercising true ecclesiastical offices and functions, and that indeed they can co-operate in the power of governance. Lay people can share in the teaching, sanctifying and governing tasks of the Church

"Women can be invited to participate in Roman synods of bishops. Yet a remark must be made: in some of these institutions laywomen, like laymen, have no vote but only a voice. Hence, they can speak, but cannot decide. The differentiation lies with ordination, not with the fact that the lay person is a man or a woman

"Laymen and laywomen enjoy the same right and obligations as well as the same opportunities to engage in the work of the Church. Nevertheless, many of them are not used. A change of mindset is necessary, as Pope Benedict XVI said..... their collaboration is to be practised as a co-responsibility.

"Pope Francis expresses the same reality by referring to synodality: being Church implies 'journeying together': 'A synodal Church is a church which listens, a mutual listening in which everyone has something to learn, all listening to the Holy Spirit, the 'Spirit of truth'

"Such an understanding (from Pope Benedict XVI and Pope Francis) requires that women be granted opportunities to exercise their co-responsibility in response to their Baptism. The current law allows for many possibilities. Theological reasons recommend that they be implemented for the edification and mission of the Church.

(from an article by Myriam Wijlens, 2nd Jan 2017. See www.osservatoreromano.va/en/news/women-church-canonical-perspective to read the full report)

At the highest levels of the Church the giftedness of women is being recognised and their equal place is receiving the Popes' blessing. We rejoice. Fr John

Dates for Diary

CHRISTIAN UNITY WEEK

(18th - 25th January)

Christian Unity Service Tonight

St. Mary's church, Main Street Humberstone
Sunday 22nd January 6.00 pm

Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes

10th - 15th July 2017

By air: £649, by train: £569

Details on notice board

Pilgrimages to Medjugorje

11th-18 May / 14th-21st September

Contact Kath Gambin on 0116 2340103

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.

Stresa & Lake Maggiore 17th-23rd August

The hotel has given us the option on another two or three (twin/double) rooms. **£595** covers all travel and half board at the lakeside hotel. Blessed Antonio Rosmini, the founder of the religious order to which Fr John belongs, is buried at Stresa. Lake Maggiore is very beautiful and we shall be visiting Lake Como, Lugano and Locarno - a wonderful glimpse of the Italian and Swiss Alps.

Ask Fr John if interested in all above - but soon!

STOP PRESS - A place for Malta

(30th January - 6th February) still available

Catenian Public Speaking Competition

Each year the Catenians hold a Public Speaking competition for Year 11, 12 and 13 pupils attending Catholic schools in our diocese. Candidates are selected by individual schools with only one competitor being allowed from each school. The diocesan competition is held in Loughborough on **Sunday 12th March** and the winner qualifies for the national competition held in Manchester in September. The completion is devised to encourage young people's skills, confidence, personality and quality of message which are important in their latter life. If schools or individuals would like to find out more about the competition for this or later years please contact Ken Daly at kenandrosiedaly@btinternet.com.

If any Catholic men would like to know more about the Catenians locally please contact David Skilbeck 0116 241 2167 or Terry Adcock 0116 276 9788.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

A reminder that the children will be looking at pages 30-33 of their workbook during their liturgy at next Sunday's mass (10.30 am).

CHURCH ROTAS FOR NEXT WEEKEND

| | Readers | Eucharistic Ministers |
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| Sat. 6.00 pm | John | |
| Sun. 9.00 am | Bob | NEW ROTA |
| 10.30 am | Gail | COMING SOON |
| 6.00 pm | TBA | |