Dear People,

So many voices, so many words. The best words have been spoken by those who have suffered and those who have helped alleviate their suffering. They are inspiring. The “grandstanding” speakers spoke strongly but spoke duty words for effect; the suffering and the nursing spoke from the heart and drew us into the truth of the human cost of the bombing.

I wearied at the repeated condemnation of “barbaric, inhuman, evil, monsters” (we can all shout like that), but I surrendered to the love and care of the suffering, to the relatives and to our emergency and nursing services.

We could marvel at the organisation of the ambulances for eight different hospitals, as the chief officer explained how they shared the burden of care around the hospitals, carefully choosing which patients should go where. I was touched by the loyalty and trust of the doctors and nurses who came into hospital to help their colleagues already on duty, lovingly supporting one another.

I heard the courage and love of an uncle desperately going the round of city centre and hospitals, showing a photograph of his niece and asking anyone and everyone if they had seen her.

We heard the love and despair of those who had lost their loved ones. To have the courage to speak to us out of their grief, to hear their appreciation of wonderful nursing and ambulance staff; to hear the staff speak lovingly of those they were looking after - men and women at their best. We praise and thank them.

We know enough about human nature to know that anywhere in our country would respond to an atrocity in the same way - kind, generous loving people are everywhere - so we felt with the suffering that they were the ones chosen at random by depraved fanatics; but a further sadness was to understand that the depraved would be enjoying the grief and suffering, gloating at the “official” words of those who had not suffered and the suffering words of those who had. Dear God, who are we?

Bless us, Fr John Daly I.C.

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**28th May 2017 (Prayer Week 3)**

“World Communications Day unites us”

**Mass Times and Intentions**

**ASCENSION 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 Geraldine Lynch, Dymphna Clifford, Bob Rayner, Celia & Bill Hayes, Eric Herbert Cox

**MONDAY 29th MAY**

7.00 pm at St. Joseph’s for Suren & Anne Da Silva

**TUESDAY 30th MAY**

(St Joan of Arc)
10.00 am at St. Joseph’s for Patrick Reilly

**WEDNESDAY 31st MAY**

(Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary)
10.00 am: St. Joseph’s Requiem Mass for Teresa de Paola

**THURSDAY 1st JUNE**

(St Justin)
10.00 am at St. Joseph’s for Daniel Sweeney

**FRIDAY 2nd JUNE**

(St Marcellinus : St Peter)
7.00 pm at St. Joseph’s for Family Blessing

**SATURDAY 3rd JUNE**

9.30 am at The Rosary Church for The Callaghan Family

**PENTECOST SUNDAY**

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

**SUNDAY 4th JUNE**

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 & Doreen Bishop, Bernadette Howard, Jennifer McGuinness

**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 - 6.30 pm.
Dear Check in Post,

You win. Who art thou? 😊

Dear People,

We communicate hope and trust in our time.

I am convinced that we have to break the vicious circle of anxiety and spread the spiral of fear resulting from a constant focus on "bad news (wars, terrorism, scandals and all sorts of human failure). I would like to encourage everyone to engage in constructive forms of communication ... helping all of us to view the world around us with realism and trust."

(A message from Pope Francis for World Communications Day)

**POSTBAG**

**Dear People,**

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*The people and the countries of the world, especially the families suffering as a consequence of the Manchester Bombing*