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Dear People,

Here is a glimpse, again, of news from the Catholic press, especially from The Tablet . . .

A friend of mine is a recovering gambling addict who mentors young people with a similar problem. They are in ready supply, given television adverts that promote a potentially home-wrecking activity as a harmless bit of fun for those who can "bet responsibly". The gambling industry works hard to shake off social disapproval, but its words are not always conducive to that. (John Morrish)

Medical professionals who refuse to take part in abortions are discriminated against, the British Medical Association has told a parliamentary enquiry . . . They are pressured into taking part in abortions and those who object struggle to progress in their careers . . . MPs received evidence from hundreds of individuals and institutions, including abortion providers, and concluded that medical professionals with a moral objection to abortion were victimised . . . "There is a culture of fear that makes conscientious objection very very difficult," Dr Philip Howard (Chairman of the Joint Medical Ethics Committee of the Catholic Medical Association.)

Cardinal Christoph Schonborn of Austria said last week that many people expect Muslim leaders openly to condemn Islamist terrorism, as at the moment terrorism has an Islamist face. "The terrorists are not Christians, ex-Christians or members of other religions. They claim to be Muslims. That is a huge problem for Islam which it must face . . ."

Hilary Clinton has selected Virginia Senator Tim Kaine to be her running mate in the race for the White House. Thus the two vice-presidential candidates in this year's elections will be Catholics. A large number of important politicians in the United States are Catholic, but there is no sign that the Catholic vote favours either Republican or Democrat parties.

The Tablet offers a fine review about a BBC Radio 4 broadcast 'We Need to Talk about Stillbirth' in which we are reminded that on average there are nine stillbirths each day in the United Kingdom. The sadness of the parents is heartbreaking.

We can be grateful to the press and all media for informing us in ways we could not find ourselves. (See also Bruce Kent's letter overpage).

God bless good people in the media. Fr. John

31st July 2016 (Prayer Week 2)
"The world is sad. We care and pray."

Mass Times and Intentions

18th SUNDAY OF YEAR (C)

(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 Alec Hill, Jack Laing, Terry Devlin, Kim Wong

MONDAY 1st AUGUST

(St Alphonsus Mary Liguori, bishop)
7.00 pm at St. Joseph's for Family & Friends

TUESDAY 2nd AUGUST

(St Eusebius of Vercelli : St Peter Julian Eymard)
10.00 am at St. Joseph's for Anya Rodrigues

WEDNESDAY 3rd AUGUST

10.00 am at St. Joseph's for Holy Souls

THURSDAY 4th AUGUST

(St John Mary Vianney, Priest)
10.00 am at St. Joseph's for David Rogers

FRIDAY 5th AUGUST

(Dedication of the Basilica of St Mary Major)
7.00 pm at St. Joseph's for Wedding Blessing

SATURDAY 6th AUGUST

(Transfiguration of the Lord)
9.30 am at The Rosary Church for Holy Souls

19th SUNDAY OF YEAR (C)

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

SUNDAY 7th AUGUST

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 Kitty Keegan, Sheila Jackson, Anthony Butlin,
Family Blessing, Family & Friends

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 - 7.00 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 2nd August

St JOSEPH'S TABLE open today from 10.40 am - 3.30 pm. Hot and cold drinks and food (sandwiches, soup, home bakes, hot snacks, cream teas, cakes, salads) served throughout the day to order on arrival. Entrance via the wooden gates at the top of the car park. *Note that parish facilities are also be available during opening hours.*

WATERMEAD SHOP OPEN 10.30 am-3.30 pm

CHOIR PRACTICE tonight in the parish hall

Wednesday 3rd August

St JOSEPH'S TABLE open again today 10.40am-3.30 pm (for detail see Tuesday). **MEDITATION** in St Joseph's Pastoral Centre, 10.50 am. Quiet prayer, meditation, intercessions. All welcome.

WATERMEAD SHOP OPEN 10.30 am-3.30 pm

Thursday 4th August

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 5th August

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

Our north London parish church happens to be in Jeremy Corbyn's constituency. We could not ask for a better MP. Not only does he come to many parish events but his concern for the homeless, asylum seekers, victims of racial abuse and the unemployed seems unlimited . . . Shock, horror, when Corbyn said he would not "Press the button" (and kill tens of thousands of innocent people). Pope Francis would, I'm sure, approve. There are better roads to peace than mass murder. *(Bruce Kent writes in The Universe)*

Watermead SHOP OPENING TIMES

Tues, Wed, Thur from 10.30 am-3.30 pm
Sat 5-6 pm & Sun 11.45 am-12.15 pm
Information from from 0116 220 7881 / 0

Last week's collection was safely counted and banked. **£861**
Thank you. *Counters: Gail & Keith*
(Next week: Gloriosa & Sarah)

Prayer Box

Please pray for:
Families of the parish
and our loved ones living and dead
especially for those who have recently died:
Mary Nyland (RIP), Fr Jacques Hamel (RIP)

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

Prayers for: Margaret Rebecca, Johanna, Victor, Alison

The McCann family and all missing children

The peoples and countries of the world,
especially the people of
NIGERIA, POLAND

POSTBAG

Dear People,

I am just back from four days in Rome. I discovered how possible it is to book a three-night (four-day) stay in Rome at a very low cost. The hotel was £27 per night and the air fare could be as low as £70 return, taking only hand luggage (up to 10 kilos). The hotel was very close to St Peter's and to our favourite cafe and restaurant. If you would like to plan a short stay at less than £200, I could advise you.

I wish I could take you all to Rome, but I can help you plan. Fr John

Prayer to the Holy Spirit

You are Fire; enkindle in me your love.
You are Light; enlighten my mind with the knowledge of eternal things.
You are the Dove; give me innocence of life.
You are the gentle Breeze;
disperse the storms of my passions.
You are the Tongue;
teach me how to bless you always.
You are the Cloud;
shelter me under the Shadow of your protection.
And, lastly -
You are the Giver of all heavenly gifts:
Animate me, I beseech you, with your grace;
Sanctify me with your charity;
Enlighten me with your wisdom;
Adopt me by your goodness as your child,
and save me in your infinite mercy;
So that I may ever bless you, praise you,
and love you;
first during this life on earth,
and then in heaven for all eternity. Amen.
St Alphonsus Liguori 'Prayer to the Holy Spirit'
whose feast we celebrate on this Monday, 1st August.

260 Club

This Months Winners!

No.117 wins £75; No.246 wins £50;
No.207 wins £50; No.95 wins £50;
No.36 wins £35.

CHURCH ROTAS FOR NEXT WEEKEND

	Readers	Eucharistic Ministers
Sat. 6.00 pm	Calre	Ann B
Sun. 9.00 am	Alan	-
10.30 am	TBA	Steve / Sister Lelia
6.00 pm	TBA	Vincent

Dates for Diary

Rosary Rally

Sunday 21st August, 3.00 pm
at Grace Dieu Manor, Whitwick
Holy Mass, Procession, Blessing of the Sick
Principal celebrant: Bishop Patrick

'Many the Gifts'

A Jubilee Mass at Nottingham Cathedral
celebrated by Bishop Patrick
Saturday 3rd September
for chaplains, extraordinary ministers, catechists,
readers, teachers, musicians & all in lay ministry
(See letter in 'Postbag' of 10th July newsletter)

SPUC 50th Anniversary Pro-Life Conference

23rd - 25th September
For information and booking form please contact
Katherine Hampton on 020 7091 7091 or email
katherinehampton@spuc.org.uk

HOLY LAND PILGRIMAGE

10th - 17th February 2017

£1,200 half board based on 2 sharing
For information contact Sister Susan
on susanpvbm@yahoo.co.uk

Pilgrimage Suggestions for 2017

These are the most popular of the suggestions.

LOURDES - mid May

7 days (approx £495) all travel, full board
(30 people so far have expressed interest)

ROME

November 7 days (approx £535)
all travel, b&b
(36 people so far have expressed interest)

STRESA / LAKE MAGGIORE

One week in mid September
(approx. £595 half board and all travel)

It now looks likely that we shall fly because there are not enough to hire a coach at an economic price. We fly to Milan and transfer to Stresa, full of the story of Antonion Rosmini and the religious order to which Fr John belongs - a glorious week at a lovely lake in the Italian Alps. (24 so far have expressed interest)

YEAR OF MERCY

8th December 2015 - 20th November 2016

'THE HOLY DOOR'



A small group of parish pilgrims have just been to Rome. A part of their prayer was mass at St Peter's and walking through the Holy Door. This Jubilee Holy Year was called by Pope Francis but usually the Holy Year is every 25 years: 00,25,50,75. As we walked through the Holy Door we remembered family, friends and the parish.



The Holy Door in St Peter's Rome