

**C**RUCIFIXION was one of the most cruel ways of killing invented. It lasted for hours, sometimes even days. The sufferer was fixed, hands and feet, and hung, suffocating, unless he raised himself painfully, on the spikes through his limbs, to take gasps of breath.

It was a very public spectacle, to humiliate the victim, frighten everybody. He was stripped naked. He heard the hurtful mockery of bystanders. He had to see the pain of those who loved him, looking on. It was an added satisfaction for his torturers, that he could speak.

Many must have screamed, raged, cursed, or begged for mercy. Jesus' behaviour would have been noticeable, as very different. Such a scene was meant to be the culmination of Jesus' life. It was described as such, in detail, in each of the four Gospels. It was all for our 'salvation': to 'deliver us from evil'.

He had to die, as we all do. He suffered pain, more than most of us ever do. It was to show that all this suffering comes to an end. It ends in glory, in a new life, without sin, sorrow, even death. He showed this to them, in His appearances, and ascension. We didn't see, but we hear, and believe, and are so blessed.

We are to see God, as He did, to trust in Him, to do all this, in all this. If we do, this is true love, and a triumph for the Spirit we share with Him. So the image of the cross He died on, became the 'sign of life' for us.

An irreligious friend once asked me how we can bear to have the crucifix, everywhere, even in a hall where dancing was going on. I tried to explain, that it was the sign of faith, and hope, and love. It was very hard. She hadn't thought about it, heard the gospels, prayed, learned, and practised the message, as we have done. This is why we do all this, and in our church, of the Holy Cross.

fr Duncan OP

**The Newsletter of  
HOLY CROSS PRIORY CHURCH, LEICESTER**

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<b>Entrance Antiphon:</b>	We should glory in the cross of Our Lord Jesus Christ, for he is our salvation, our life and our resurrection; through him we are saved and made free.
<b>At 11am – page nos in Missale:</b>	•Mass Ordinary, p 13; Mass Proper, p 188 •Sung setting: Missa O quam gloriosum <i>Victoria</i> ; Credo III, p 216 •Communion motet: <i>Vexilla Regis Wingham</i> •Sortie: Fantasia in Gm <i>J S Bach</i>
<b>1<sup>st</sup> Reading:</b>	Numbers 21:4-9
<b>Psalm <math>\text{R}</math>:</b>	<b>Do not forget the works of the Lord!</b> (Ps 78)
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Reading:</b>	Philippians 2:6-11
<b>Alleluia:</b>	We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you because by your Cross you have redeemed the world.
<b>Gospel:</b>	John 3:13-17
<b>Communion Antiphon:</b>	When I am lifted up from the earth, I will draw all men to myself, says the Lord.
<b>WEEKDAY MASS IN LATIN.</b> In addition to the Masses listed in the schedule on p 3, Holy Mass will be offered in the Dominican rite from <b>Monday to Saturday at 8am.</b>	

**NOW IN USE! THE NEW ENGLISH TRANSLATION OF MASS.** We have bought cards with the new form printed in two colours and in clear type. You can either borrow a card for the Mass you come to, or if you prefer you can buy one (for 50p) to take home to read through, and get familiar with the new wording.

**Countdown to Blackfriars' Market** ..... four weeks to go. Would you like to enter the 'Make a Muffin' competition or bid for Fr. Isidore's artwork or a nearly-new bike?? See the flyers by the side entrances for details. Our next meeting is on Wednesday in the parish centre. Call Jeff for details (0116 243 1289).

**Rock n Roll Dance Party** – Saturday October 1. Tickets are now on sale at £8 (£5 concession). Price includes basic dance tuition and 50s-diner-style burger meal. Call Jeff to reserve your ticket (0116 243 1289).

**Holy Cross Gospel Choir** is back in business this coming Tuesday, 7-8.30pm in St. Clement's Hall. Newcomers always welcome. See you there.

**A Small Book of Dominican Prayers** has been compiled by a member of Hinckley Parish, cost £2.50. Available from Fr. Isidore after Sunday Masses.

**Around the Bible in 80 weeks.** This series will resume next week with the Old Testament. The whole series so far may be seen on the parish website.

**MONEY MATTERS:** Last Weekend's collections – Offertory Collection £1306.88 (of which £418.55 Gift Aided and £888.33 not); SVP £42.45; Friends of Holy Cross £24.37; Holy Souls £31.73; Grenada Church Restoration £22.30.

**Renewal letters for the 200 Club** will be sent out shortly. It will help us if they can be returned as soon as possible. **If you have not yet joined the 200 Club**, please consider joining! Membership costs £5 a month, with monthly prizes of £150, £100 and £50. All proceeds go to the Church Restoration Fund. Membership forms will be put out on the tables in time for the new year, which begins at the start of October.

Very many thanks for your continuing generosity.

The St Vincent de Paul Society in England and Wales has around 10,000 members who, last year, made over 500,000 visits to those in need. September is SVP Awareness Month and the theme this year is "Seeing Christ in our Midst". Would you like to help people in need? You may be able to help no matter how little time you have available. Finding, loving and serving God in our communities is fundamental to the Society's work. The SVP is always in need of new members to carry out this work so if you would like to find out more, please contact Bernard Hawcroft ([b.hawcroft1@ntlworld.com](mailto:b.hawcroft1@ntlworld.com) or 0116 210 9077) or SVP national office ([info@svp.org.uk](mailto:info@svp.org.uk) or 020 7407 4644) or see the noticeboard.

**Encounter between Christians and Hindus in Britain.** There will be a one-day seminar in Inter Faith Week at St Philip's Centre, Evington Road, on Saturday 19 November. See noticeboard.

**Safe to Dream** is an exhibition of art work by young people who arrived in Leicester alone seeking safety. It's at the Bishop Street Methodist Church this week, 12-16 September, from 11.30am to 1pm. See noticeboard.

**The Dominican Use.** This is a booklet, intended for daily use, containing the 'Ordinary' of the Dominican rite of Mass – the parts that are the same whenever it is said – in Latin with an English translation. It has been produced 'in-house' by a parishioner and copies are available from Lulu, the on-line publisher, for £2.99 or £8.49, the latter having rubrics printed in red. Go to <http://www.lulu.com/uk/buy/> and then search for 'Dominican Rite'.



The Exaltation of the Holy Cross – today we celebrate the Patronal Feast of our Priory Church.

Year 1	This week's calendar & Mass Intentions	Psalter Week 4
Confessions	10.30 to 11.30 Fr Thomas, and 17.00 to 18.00 Fr Isidore	
Sunday	<b>Our patronal feast: THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS</b>	
Vigil	18.00 Gerard Andrade's intentions 8.00 Intentions of Fr Malachy Brett	Fr Isidore Fr Thomas
Family	9.30 <i>Pro populo</i>	Fr Duncan
Solemn	11.00 Rita McCormick's intentions	Fr Fabian
OP Rite	12.30 For a safe journey	Fr Thomas
Students	17.00 <b>No Mass now until next term</b> 19.00 Private intention (Emma Michael & family)	– Fr Duncan
Monday	<b>Feria</b> 10.00 ✠ John Taylor 12.30 O'Connell family	
Tuesday	<b>St John Chrysostom, bishop, doctor</b> 10.00 ✠ Dead of the Order of Preachers 12.30 ✠ Claire Gallogly	
Wednesday	<b>Feria</b> 10.00 Collin Peates 12.30 ✠ Claire Gallogly	
Thursday	<b>Our Lady of Sorrows</b> 10.00 ✠ Holy Souls 12.30 ✠ O'Rawe & Holmes families	
Friday	<b>SS Cornelius, pope, and Cyprian, bishop, martyrs</b> 10.00 ✠ Holy Souls 12.30 ✠ O'Rawe & Holmes families	
Saturday	<b>St Robert Bellarmine, bishop, doctor</b> 10.00 ✠ Holy Souls 12.30 ✠ O'Rawe & Holmes families	
Confessions	10.30 to 11.30 Fr Isidore, and 17.00 to 18.00 Fr Duncan	
<b>WEEKDAY MASS IN LATIN.</b> Holy Mass will be offered in the Dominican rite from <b>Monday to Saturday at 8am.</b>		
<b>Next Sunday – 25<sup>th</sup> Sunday per annum.</b> Today is Home Mission Day: prayers are encouraged for the spread of the Gospel in our own country. <b>Readings:</b>		
Isaiah 55:6-9	Philippians 1:20c-24. 27a	Matthew 20:1-16a

**Certificate of Higher Education in the Study of Religion.** Based at Vaughan College, this course is being offered by the University of Leicester, and gives the opportunity to progress to do a BA in Humanities and Arts. See the University website.

**School reunion.** Christ the King Primary School on Glenfield Road will be celebrating its 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary on Friday 30 September from 6-9pm when it holds a celebratory School Reunion for past pupils and staff of the school. Refreshments, including a licensed bar, will be available. Tickets may be obtained by contacting the school office on 285 7261.

*Please join us in the Parish Hall after the 9:30am and 11:00am Sunday Masses for tea, coffee, fruit-juice etc. There is the opportunity for a chat with members of the Dominican Community and parishioners. We particularly welcome newly-arrived students and other visitors.*

REGULAR SERVICE TIMES
<b>MONDAYS TO FRIDAYS</b> 7.30 Lauds 10.00 Mass 12.30 Mass (Rosary at 12.00) 17.45 Vespers Old Rite Masses as announced.
<b>WEDNESDAYS</b> 10.30 Exposition until 12.30 11.45 Divine Mercy Chaplet, Rosary & Benediction
<b>SATURDAYS</b> 9.00 Lauds 10.00 Mass 10.30 Novena to Our Lady 10.30 Confessions until 11.30 12.30 Mass (Rosary at 12.00) 17.00 Confessions until 18.00 17.45 Vespers 18.00 Vigil Mass for Sunday Old Rite Masses as announced.
<b>HOLIDAYS</b> 18.00 (previous day) Vigil Mass 7.30 Lauds 10.00 Mass 12.30 Mass 17.45 Vespers 19.00 Mass
<b>BANK HOLIDAYS (&amp; MON TO FRI AROUND XTMAS &amp; NEW YEAR)</b> 7.30 Lauds 12.30 Mass, after which the church is closed
<b>SUNDAYS</b> 8.00 Mass 9.00 Lauds 9.30 Mass (Family) 11.00 Mass (Solemn: Latin on 2 <sup>nd</sup> , 4 <sup>th</sup> and 5 <sup>th</sup> Sundays) 12.30 Mass (Old rite in Latin) 17.00 Mass (for Students, term time only) 17.45 Vespers 18.00 Rosary 18.20 Sung Latin Compline 18.40 Benediction 19.00 Mass
<b>Leicester Royal Infirmary Catholic Chaplaincy:</b> For urgent visits, ask ward staff to bleep the Roman Catholic Chaplain. For non-urgent visits, leave a message at the Priory or the LRI Chaplains' Office. Messages may not be picked up until the end of the day.
<b>Parish Website:</b> <a href="http://www.holycrossleicester.org">www.holycrossleicester.org</a> <b>Website &amp; Newsletter Editors:</b> <a href="mailto:holycrosswebsite@gmail.com">holycrosswebsite@gmail.com</a> <a href="mailto:holycrossnewsletter@gmail.com">holycrossnewsletter@gmail.com</a>
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**Forthcoming parish events for your diary**

Wed 14 Sept	Blackfriars' Market meeting, 7pm
Sat 24 Sept	"The Sacrifice of the Mass" - discussion led by Fr Provincial John Farrell OP in St Clement's Hall from 10am
Tue 27 Sept	Latin class resumes, 7pm. First contact Ray Fowell - <a href="mailto:ray.fowell@btopenworld.com">ray.fowell@btopenworld.com</a>
Sat 1 Oct	Rock n Roll - Absolute Beginners' dance tuition and party, 7pm. £8 (£5 concessions).
Sat 8 Oct	Blackfriars' Market
Sat 12 Nov	Parish Ceilidh
Sun 27 Nov	Advent Market
Sun 11 Dec	Parish Christmas Lunch