

A word from the bursar...

I hope to be excused if I write about money matters on this first Sunday of Lent, when you might have expected a more spiritual topic. However, since one of the traditional 'good works' associated with the season is almsgiving, perhaps it is not so out of place after all.

The parish church of Holy Cross does, of course, rely for its survival on the money that is donated by you, the faithful, especially in the Sunday collection. The words that appear on page 2 of this newsletter every week, 'many thanks for your continuing generosity', are no empty phrase, but a simple reflection of this truth. Out of this we heat and light the church, maintain its fabric inside and out, provide vestments for clergy, servers and choir worthy of the House of God, buy the bread and wine and candles, print this bulletin, remunerate our first-rate organist, supply money to the diocese... A stipend, of course, is also paid from the parish to the Dominican friars who live and work here; it may be worth mentioning that this stipend has remained unchanged for almost a decade.

While our collections are holding up well, despite the financial difficulties of the time, the parish struggles to cover its costs. Last year, while total income was almost exactly £100,000, total expenditure was £106,000. Things are set to become even more difficult, since the diocese has asked us for a considerable increase in our annual donation (the 'diocesan quota'). There are also various improvements that we hope to make before too long, especially installing a new, more efficient heating system, as the present one comes to the end of its natural life.

Last year, the proportion of money donated as 'gift aid' dropped significantly. It would be very helpful if all those who are UK tax-payers, and who attend Holy Cross regularly, were to become gift aid donors, if you are not so already. There are forms available on the tables by the entrances. It is a very painless way to increase the value of your weekly donation to the parish! Naturally, we hope that those of you who are already gift-aiders will continue to be so; the boxes for the new year will be coming out shortly.

Another suggestion we'd like to make is that you consider including Holy Cross in your will. Incidentally, any bequest left to 'Holy Cross Church' will go entirely to the parish; if you wish to leave money for the Dominican community as such, that would need to be stated explicitly.

In any case, we hope you have a good and fruitful Lent!

Fr. Thomas

1st Sunday of Lent

Year A

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The Newsletter of HOLY CROSS PRIORY CHURCH, LEICESTER

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Entrance Antiphon:	When he calls to me, I will answer; I will rescue him and give him honour. Long life and contentment will be his.
At 11am – page nos in Missale:	•Mass Ordinary, p 13; Mass Proper, p 67 •Sung setting: Mass XVII p 214; Credo I, p 215 •Offertory motet: O Domine Jesu Christe <i>Palestrina</i> •Communion motet: Adoramus te <i>Gasparini</i> ; Marian Antiphon 3, p 220
1st Reading:	Genesis 2:7-9; 3:1-7
Psalm R:	Have mercy, O Lord, for we have sinned. (Ps 51)
2nd Reading:	Romans 5: 12-19
Verse before Gospel:	Glory and praise to you, O Christ. ∇ Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceeds from the mouth of God.
Gospel:	Matthew 4: 1-11
Communion Antiphon:	<u>Either</u> – Man does not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God. <u>Or</u> – The Lord will overshadow you, and you will find refuge under his wings.
WEEKDAY MASS IN LATIN. In addition to the Masses listed in the schedule on p 3, Holy Mass will be offered in the older form from Monday to Saturday at 8am.	

LENT AT HOLY CROSS

Wednesdays	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 10:30am-12:30pm Rosary 12noon-12:20pm Benediction 12:20pm-12:30pm Mass 12:30pm-1pm Stations of the Cross 1pm-1:30pm
Fridays	Mass 12:30pm-12:50pm Lenten talk on English Recusant Martyrs 12:50-1pm (also after 10am Mass). This week Fr Thomas will speak on 'St Edmund Campion'. Stations of the Cross 1pm-1:30pm
Saturdays	Mass 10-10:30am Novena 10:30am-11am Rosary 12noon-12:30pm Mass 12:30pm-1pm

There is a Pastoral Letter today from Bishop Malcolm. Copies are available on the tables by the doors. Please take one and read it at your leisure.

AROUND THE BIBLE IN 80 WEEKS. This is the title of a series on each Book of the Bible, written by one of the friars, and inserted into the Newsletter. We continue today with St Paul's Second Letter to the Corinthians. The series also appears on the Parish website.

MONEY MATTERS: Last Weekend's collections – Offertory Collection £1179.73; SVP £12.61; Friends of Holy Cross £13.81; Holy Souls £10.30; Grenada Church Restoration £14.22.

This week there is a retiring collection for Lenten Fast Day in aid of the St Barnabas Society which helps new Catholics who have entered the Church from the ministries of other churches (more details on noticeboard). Please help this worthy cause; it is ecumenism in action.

Very many thanks for your continuing generosity.

Parish Cycle Ride: This gentle ride will be on Saturday March 26 – meet outside the church after the 10am Mass. You'll need a bike, some water, snacks and enough money for a good pub lunch at the Bell in Burton Overy. Let us know if you're coming. Please call Liz on 270 7953 for details.

Saturday April 2: Due to various complications, this social evening is now an 'Open-Mic' Mothers'-Day-Eve Extravaganza. First 20 mothers through the doors get a free gift. Come and hear various parish groups sing and play. Tickets £1, £3, £5. Call Jeff on 0116 243 1289.

Light Bearers Ministries U.K-Fundraising For Action Homeless. On 25 March 2011 Jessie Pandya and a group of volunteers from 'Light Bearers Ministries U.K.' will be taking part in Action Homeless' first public sleep out for many years. We will be joining lots of other people to sleep out under the stars at Leicestershire County Cricket Club ground and thinking about what it may be like to be forced to sleep rough. We have each been asked to raise at least £50 in sponsorship; however we are asking you to generously support us in raising so much more for this worthy cause. Thank You. Please sponsor us by emailing jessie.pandya@hotmail.com or visiting <http://charitygiving.co.uk/rekhapandya>.



Today's Gospel "Tell these stones to turn into loaves." "Scripture says: Man doth not live on bread alone but on every word that comes from the mouth of God."

Forthcoming events for your diary

Sat 26 Mar	Parish cycle ride, following the 10am Mass, to Burton Overy. Contact Liz on 270 7953.
Sat 2 Apr	'Open-Mic' Mothers'-Day-Eve Extravaganza. Contact Jeff on 243 1289.

Whilst an attempt to legalise so-called bedroom abortions was defeated in the High Court on 14 February, BPAS, one of the largest providers of abortion, has launched a new effort to achieve this by a different route. They are asking the Government to issue regulations that will sanction bedroom abortions. They do not care that women who abort at home suffer high risk to their health, nor that they have to bring in the sad remains of their own baby to a hospital to verify they have 'aborted correctly'. The Leicester branch of SPUC (see us on the parish website) asks parishioners to write to their MP at the House of Commons, London SW1A 0AA asking him or her to urge the Health Secretary not to widen the law about where abortions may take place, as this could create greater risk to women's health and lead to an increasing number of abortions.

The 2nd World Apostolic Congress on Mercy at the Shrine of Divine Mercy, Kraków, Poland, will be held from 29 September to 6 October. Approx cost is £500 for flight, B&B and registration. For further details phone Kath (234 0103) or Mary (291 2103) and see noticeboard. Bishop Malcolm has special responsibility for promoting this devotion.

Year 1	This week's calendar & Mass Intentions	Psalter Week 1
Confessions	10.30 to 11.30 Fr Duncan, and 17.00 to 18.00 Fr Peter	
Sunday	1 st Sunday of Lent	
	Vigil 18.00 ✚ Loretta & Loyola Pinto	
	8.00 <i>Pro populo</i>	
	Family 9.30 For the priests	
	Solemn 11.00 For the congregation	
	OP Rite 12.30 For the hungry and the unemployed	
	Students 17.00 Mass for students in the Lady Chapel	
	19.00 ✚ Holy Souls	
Monday	Lenten feria	
	10.00 Special intention	
	12.30 Mike Connell (anniversary)	
Tuesday	Lenten feria	
	10.00 ✚ Dead of the Order of Preachers	
	12.30 ✚ Robert Wilson	
Wednesday	Lenten feria. Stations of the Cross at 1pm.	
	10.00 De Silva family (welfare)	
	12.30 ✚ Albert Impey	
Thursday	ST PATRICK, PATRON OF IRELAND	
	10.00 Fr Pat Lucey's intentions	
	12.30 ✚ Pat Breen	
Friday	Lenten feria. Today is the Lent Fast Day: prayers are encouraged for the needy and the hungry. Stations of the Cross at 1pm.	
	10.00 Special intention	
	12.30 Mr & Mrs Diaz (welfare)	
Saturday	ST JOSEPH, HUSBAND OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY, solemnity. Rosary at 12 noon.	
	10.00 ✚ Holy Souls	
	12.30 Fr Pat Lucey's intentions	
Confessions	10.30 to 11.30 Fr Isidore, and 17.00 to 18.00 Fr Leon	
WEEKDAY MASS IN LATIN. Holy Mass will be offered in the older form from Monday to Saturday at 8am		
Next Sunday – 2nd Sunday of Lent. Readings:		
	Genesis 12: 1-4a	2 Timothy 1: 8-10
		Matthew 17: 1-9

REGULAR SERVICE TIMES
MONDAYS TO FRIDAYS
7.30 Lauds
10.00 Mass
12.30 Mass
17.45 Vespers
Old Rite Masses as announced.
WEDNESDAYS
10.30 Exposition until 12.30
11.45 Divine Mercy Chaplet, Rosary & Benediction
SATURDAYS
9.00 Lauds
10.00 Mass
10.30 Novena to Our Lady
10.30 Confessions until 11.30
12.30 Mass
17.00 Confessions until 18.00
17.45 Vespers
18.00 Vigil Mass for Sunday
Old Rite Masses as announced.
HOLIDAYS
18.00 (previous day) Vigil Mass
7.30 Lauds
10.00 Mass
12.30 Mass
17.45 Vespers
19.00 Mass
BANK HOLIDAYS (& MON TO FRI AROUND XTMAS & NEW YEAR)
7.30 Lauds
12.30 Mass, after which the church is closed
SUNDAYS
8.00 Mass
9.00 Lauds
9.30 Mass (Family)
11.00 Mass (Solemn: Latin on 2 nd , 4 th and 5 th 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
Leicester Royal Infirmary Catholic Chaplaincy: For urgent visits, ask ward staff to bleep the Roman Catholic Chaplain. For non-urgent visits leave message at the Priory or the LRI Chaplains' Office. Messages may not be picked up until the end of the day.
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Ron and Cecelia Arnold are pleased to announce that they are celebrating their Diamond Wedding Anniversary (60 years!) and would like to invite all the friends they have at Holy Cross to join them at the 9.30am Mass on Sunday 27th March, to be followed by a special celebration and toast in Blackfriars Hall after Mass.

On St Patrick's Day, Mass will be celebrated at St Patrick's, Beaumont Leys Lane, at 11am by Archbishop Kevin McDonald. Refreshments afterwards, and a dance at 8pm. Admission by ticket only, £7 – tel 235 3329.

This weekend we are hosting the Schola Gregoriana's spring weekend. The Schola will be singing at the 11am Mass today.

Young people passionate about celibacy – would you like to help make an influential DVD? If you are between 13 and 25, and interested in working on this project, please see Fr Duncan or contact hello@celibrate.org.