

## A MESSAGE FROM THE NEW PARISH PRIEST!

**F**R Leon has now moved to London, after five years here, for three of which he was Prior and Parish Priest. I know he will be missed by many people, in many ways, and we are planning to have an occasion when you can show your appreciation of all that he has done. Fairly frequent changes of parish priest tends to be a feature of Dominican parishes, because the Dominican Province has tasks and needs beyond each particular place where we work, and some friars have to move around quite often. So it is sometimes a matter of 'out with the old and in with the new' – except that in this case the new parish priest is a lot older than the old one!

I have not been Prior or Parish Priest before, and never really expected to be. But the wider situation in the Dominican Province has had an effect on our plans. The Provincial is planning to develop our work in the Durham and Newcastle area, where we will be taking on the university chaplaincies and a Durham parish. And the Provincial Chapter to be held next year will certainly make other changes. So it was very difficult for the Provincial to find someone in the Province who could come here as Prior without upsetting these plans. So he wondered if someone already here might take on the job, and I unexpectedly found myself in the firing line!

I think the opportunities here for our parish are enormous. We are a city centre parish, with a lively congregation drawn from all parts of the city and outside it. We are as racially varied as Leicester itself; we have big public institutions in the parish, the Royal Infirmary, the Prison and the two Universities, all of which leave their mark on the city. We have a beautiful Church which people find welcoming and prayerful. We celebrate the gifts of God in the liturgy, with fine ceremonial and magnificent music and singing. So we as a parish – the people of God here – are called to live by the word of God here and now, and try to spread it. Everyone has a part to play in this, by your prayer and striving to live a good life quite as much as by being involved in the Parish worship, activities and groups. I shall do my best, with the help of God, to offer a lead; and I know I can rely on all of you. God bless you all.

Fr Fabian Radcliffe OP

The Ascension of the Lord

Year A

5 June 2011

## The Newsletter of HOLY CROSS PRIORY CHURCH, LEICESTER

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<b>Entrance Antiphon:</b>	Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking in the sky? The Lord will return, just as you have seen him ascend, alleluia.
<b>At 11am – page nos in Missale:</b>	•Mass Ordinary, p 13; Vidi aquam p 40; Mass Proper, p 97 •Sung setting: Mass IX Cum júbilo p 208 ; Credo III, p 216 •Communion motet: Ave verum <i>Pearsall</i> •Sortie: Paeon <i>Leighton</i>
<b>1<sup>st</sup> Reading:</b>	Acts 1:1-11
<b>Psalm <del>88</del>:</b>	God has gone up with a shout, the Lord with the sound of a trumpet. (Ps 47)
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Reading:</b>	Ephesians 1:17-23
<b>Alleluia:</b>	Go and make disciples of all nations, says the Lord; I am with you always, to the close of the age.
<b>Gospel:</b>	Matthew 28:16-20
<b>Communion Antiphon:</b>	I, the Lord, am with you always, until the end of the world, alleluia.
<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 older form from <b>Monday to Saturday at 8am.</b>	

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Fr Jonathan Fleetwood OP who died last month. He was in his 86<sup>th</sup> year, 60<sup>th</sup> year of profession and 55<sup>th</sup> year of priesthood. For many years he was Provincial and later served as Provincial Bursar. His funeral will be here on Wednesday 8 June at 12.30pm with interment at Gilroes at 1.45pm. *Requiescat in pace.*

**BLACKFRIARS' MARKET:** Please take a sponsor's envelope and leaflet for Blackfriars' Market – the leaflet describes ways you can support the market, including how you can sponsor a stall or event. Your sponsorship will enable the organisers to buy equipment, materials and prizes in advance. The organisers are aiming to keep the best features of Blackfriars' Markets past whilst introducing new activities for all.

**The Rosary:** From now on the Rosary will be prayed each weekday, Monday to Saturday, at 12noon. It is also prayed on Sundays at 6pm.

**HOLY CROSS GOSPEL CHOIR** is performing at the 'Sing for Water' event **today** (Sunday June 5), at Bede Island. They should be performing around 3pm. The whole event is a great day out – hope to see you there.

Please buy your ticket for the SVP's piano recital next Saturday – only £5 for what promises to be an excellent evening's entertainment. Even if you can't make it to the event, please buy a ticket to support the work of the SVP. Details overleaf.

**MONEY MATTERS:** Last Weekend's collections – Offertory Collection £1089.58; SVP £22.82; Friends of Holy Cross £14.86; Holy Souls £21.07; Grenada Church Restoration £8.50.

**200 Club.** Last month's winners were: 114, P Hasting £150; 42, R McCormick £100; and 106, J Lubek £50. Congratulations!

Very many thanks for your continuing generosity.

**Piano Recital in aid of the St. Vincent de Paul Society.** Saturday 11th June 2011, 7.30pm, in St. Clement's Hall. An evening of entertaining piano music including works by Strauss, Albeniz, Tchaikovsky and Chopin. Come and enjoy the sound of piano music from Austria, Spain, Latin America, Russia and Poland! Tickets: £5 in advance, £7 at the door, available from the Parish Social Committee.

**PARISH SOCIAL COMMITTEE.** We are running many great events in the second half of 2011. See the 'dates for your diary' section for details. We're on Facebook (search Holy Cross Social Group or Holy Cross Gospel Choir). Call Jeff on 0116 243 1289 if you'd like to get involved.

A petition is available at the Wellington Street doors to protest against primary-school children being exposed to indecent, sexually explicit DVDs in the classroom. Please do sign the petition and help stop this outrage. More info from the Leicester SPUC branch on 0775 88 44 918.



Ascendit Deus in Jubilatione!

See the noticeboards for details of:

- The Teaching of the Catholic Church – a series of six weekly sessions at 6pm on Sundays from 5 June to 10 July at St Peter's, Hinckley Road;
- “Invocation 2011” – a national festival for young adults (aged 16-35) who feel they may have a vocation to the priesthood or religious life – Oscott College, Birmingham, 17-19 June;
- The Diocesan Pilgrimage to Walsingham on Sunday 19 June.
- Deepening the Renewal – the pastoral opportunities presented by the new translation of the Missal – a day at St Patrick's, Beaumont Leys Lane, on 25 June;
- The National Grandparents Pilgrimage to Walsingham on Saturday 23 July;
- The Dowry of Mary Pilgrimage to Walsingham on Sunday 11 September.

'Big Society – a worm's eye view'. The National Director of 'Housing Justice', Alison Gelder, will talk at Sacred Heart Church Clubroom, Mere Rd, LE5 3HS, at 7.30pm on Thursday 16th June. All welcome. For details contact the Diocesan Justice & Peace Office on 01332 293836.

Forthcoming events for your diary	
Sat 11 June	Piano Recital in aid of the SVP. St Clement's Hall, 7.30pm. £5 (advance), £7 (at door)
Sun 26 June	Summer Praise Workshop and Performance, 8.45am to 1.30pm, Holy Cross Centre
Sat 1 Oct	Rock n Roll - Absolute Beginners' dance tuition and party
Sat 8 Oct	Blackfriars' Market
Sat 12 Nov	Parish Ceilidh
Sun 27 Nov	Advent Market
Sun 11 Dec	Parish Christmas Lunch

Year 1	This week's calendar & Mass Intentions	Psalter Week 3
Confessions	10.30 to 11.30 Fr Duncan, and 17.00 to 18.00 Fr Thomas	
Sunday	<b>THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD.</b> <i>This day is World Communications Day: prayers are recommended for truth and integrity in the media, its right use, and for those in need overlooked by the media.</i>	
Vigil	18.00 ✠ Evelyn Dixon 8.00 <i>Pro populo</i>	
Family	9.30 ✠ Holy Souls	
Solemn	11.00 Sofia Robert (special intention)	
OP Rite	12.30 Private intention	
Students	17.00 <b>Mass for students in the Lady Chapel</b> 19.00 ✠ O'Rawe & Holmes families	
Monday	<b>Easter feria</b> 10.00 ✠ Martin O'Donnell 12.30 ✠ Holy Souls	
Tuesday	<b>Easter feria</b> 10.00 ✠ Dead of the Order of Preachers 12.30 Buntun family	
Wednesday	<b>Bl. Diana d'Andalò and Bl. Cecilia Caesarini, virgins</b> 10.00 ✠ Sarah Athaide & Francis D'Cruz 12.30 Natasha Furey & Chris Tate	
Thursday	<b>Easter feria.</b> 10.00 ✠ O'Rawe & Holmes families 12.30 ✠ Holy Souls	
Friday	<b>Easter feria</b> 10.00 Private intention 12.30 ✠ Mrs Agnes Pillai	
Saturday	<b>ST BARNABAS, APOSTLE</b> 10.00 Harry Lin (18 <sup>th</sup> birthday) 12.30 ✠ O'Rawe & Holmes families	
Confessions	10.30 to 11.30 Fr Fabian, and 17.00 to 18.00 Fr Peter	
<b>WEEKDAY MASS IN LATIN.</b> Holy Mass will be offered in the older form from Monday to Saturday at 8am		
<b>Next Sunday – PENTECOST SUNDAY.</b> <i>Prayers are recommended for the Church, and for the Holy Father. Readings:</i>		
Vigil:	Genesis 11: 1-9	Romans 8: 22-27
Day:	Acts 2: 1-11	1 Cor 12: 3-7, 12-13
		John 7: 37-39
		John 20: 19-23

If you are coming to the 9.30 Mass next Sunday (Pentecost Sunday), please wear suitable colours for flames (white, red, orange and yellow). AND WOULD YOU LIKE TO TRY GOSPEL SINGING? We are running a gospel workshop and performance named 'SUMMER PRAISE'. It's in the parish centre from 8.45am to 1.30pm on Sunday June 26. Newcomers particularly welcome. Costs £5/£3, including refreshments. Full details from Jeff on 0116 243 1289.

**VACANCIES.** The Governors of St Paul's are seeking to appoint one full-time and one part-time teacher of Religious Education. Successful candidates will be enthusiastic, dynamic, highly motivated and excellent classroom practitioners. There is support from a strong team and chance to work with students who have high expectations. Applications welcomed from NQT's and experienced teachers. Application packs are available from our school office (0116 241 4057) or from the school's website. Closing date: 15 June 2011.

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>HOLYDAYS</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
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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