

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

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IN today's gospel passage Jesus seems to be contradicting Himself. He is saying, here, that everyone should see how good we are. However, at the end of this same, rather long, sermon, He will say that we should do any good, very secretly. He makes a joke, about it, that our left hand shouldn't know what our right hand is doing there.

He even says that we should pray in secret. We might wonder what He would think of our Church Services and Public Devotions. We shouldn't simply be – idly – puzzled. We should make efforts to understand.

This whole sermon begins with what we call, solemnly, the Beatitudes. So solemnly that we may miss their whole 'punch'. Jesus says that those who seem unhappy and cursed are very blessed. They are all involved in what God is up to. This may be the key to the whole message. At the end of the sermon we are told that Jesus made a deep impression on the people, because 'He taught them with authority', and not like their own 'scribes'.

It wasn't all common sense. They knew that common sense doesn't work, won't do. It was all in the world of God. This isn't our world at all. It's the very opposite. Jesus will tell story after story. He will help and heal. He will even die, forgivingly. He will return to life miraculously. He will leave us ceremonies, to recall all this. He will do it all, to show God's world.

So He warns, how showing off, in good works, and even in praying, is so wrong.

People have seen this, detested it, and been led away from God by it. We are to do good, and pray, so differently. Not by ourselves, but among ourselves. With God. We know how. Don't we?

Fr Duncan, OP

<b>Entrance Antiphon:</b>	Come, let us worship the Lord. Let us bow down in the presence of our maker, for he is the Lord our God.
<b>At 11am – page nos in Missale:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Mass Ordinary, p 13; Asperges p 40; Mass Proper, p 118</li> <li>•Sung setting: Missa cum Jubilo p 208; Credo III, p 216</li> <li>•Communion motet: Panis angelicus <i>Anon</i>; Marian Antiphon 3, p 220</li> <li>•Organ sortie: Lumen ad revelationem... <i>Dupré</i></li> </ul>
<b>1<sup>st</sup> Reading:</b>	Isaiah 58: 7-10
<b>Psalm <math>\text{R}</math>:</b>	Light rises in the darkness for the upright. (Ps 112)
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Reading:</b>	1 Corinthians 2: 1-5
<b>Alleluia:</b>	I am the light of the world, says the Lord; he who follows me will have the light of life.
<b>Gospel:</b>	Matthew 5: 13-16
<b>Communion Antiphon:</b>	<p><u>Either</u> – Give praise to the Lord for his kindness, for his wonderful deeds towards men. He has filled the hungry with good things, he has satisfied the thirsty.</p> <p><u>Or</u> – Happy are the sorrowing; they shall be consoled. Happy are those who hunger and thirst for what is right; they shall be satisfied.</p>
<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>	

**Fancy Cake Day:** After the 9.30 Mass on Sunday February 13 there will be a special, fancy cake for you to enjoy, free of charge, with your tea/coffee/fruit juice. Hope to see you there.

**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 the Gospel of St Luke. The series will also appear on the Parish website.

**On Saturdays in Lent,** the Rosary will be recited in common at 12 noon, before the 12:30pm Mass. Please make the effort in Lent to come and join in prayer.

**Millionaires' Evening:** Please come and support Fr Peter and the work he does with the university students. It's an evening of games with the bar open and supper provided. From 7.00pm on Saturday March 12, in the parish centre. Tickets £5, £3 concession, £10 family.

**SPUC represents a voice for the unborn.** SPUC promotes awareness of the humanity of the unborn child to encourage more widespread recognition of the obligation to defend those with no means to defend themselves. Come and join us at the Leicester SPUC branch AGM. This Wednesday (9 February), Priory Library, 7pm.

**MONEY MATTERS:** Last Weekend's collections – Offertory Collection £1017.34; SVP £46.27; Friends of Holy Cross £26.45; Holy Souls £15.97; Grenada Church Restoration £6.31. The retiring collection for Sick and Retired Priests came to £323.60.

Next week there is a retiring collection for the Diocesan Quota.

**200 Club.** Last month's winners were: 45, P Boylan £150; 137, E Howe £100; and 55, K Hughes £50. Congratulations!

Very many thanks for your continuing generosity.

Please pray for the repose of the souls of Eric Wright, John Hayes and Marie Webb all of whom have recently died. Eric Wright's funeral will be this Wednesday at 10am. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will take place as usual after the funeral Mass. John Hayes' funeral will be on Friday 18 February at 10am. We have no details yet of Marie Webb's funeral. Also Sr Teresa Joseph, one of the Carmelite sisters, has died and her funeral will be at St Thomas More's at 1.30pm on Monday 14 February. *Requiescant in pace.*



Today's Gospel: "Your light must shine in the sight of all, so that, seeing your good works, they may give praise to your Father in heaven."

The next FACT session will be on Saturday 12th February. We will begin in the Church at 7pm. All 18 - 35yr olds welcome!

There will be a Pilgrimage to Medjugorje from Sunday 15 May to Sunday 22 May from Birmingham Airport. See noticeboard, and details from Kath Gambin on 234 0103, and the Diocesan Pilgrimage to Walsingham will take place on Sunday 19 June. See noticeboard for details.

Forthcoming events for your diary	
Sat 12 Mar	Support Fr Peter and the students at their Millionaires' Evening
Sat 2 Apr	Absolute Beginners' Rock n Roll Dance Session

The Leicester Theological Society's next talk will be given by Rev Dr Ralph Waller, Principal Harris Manchester College, Oxford, and Director of the Farmington Institute for Christian Studies on "You might as well throw your money into the sea: William Law, John Wesley & the Theology of Money" on Friday 11 February. All are welcome. Meetings are held at Christchurch, Clarendon Park Road (near Queens Road) at 7:30pm.

**Annual Mass to celebrate Marriage.** This will be celebrated by Bishop Malcolm on Sunday 13 February in St Barnabas' Cathedral, Nottingham, at 3pm, followed by refreshments in the Cathedral Hall. All are welcome. The Marriage and Family Life Commission hope to organise a day related to awareness about dementia on 15th October 2011. Please pencil this date into your diaries.

Year 1	This week's calendar & Mass Intentions	Psalter Week 1
Confessions	10.30 to 11.30 Fr Isidore, and 17.00 to 18.00 Fr Leon	
Sunday	5 <sup>th</sup> Sunday <i>per annum</i> .	
	Vigil 18.00 Margaret Bailey & Norah 8.00 In thanksgiving: Helen Furey	
	Family 9.30 <i>Pro populo</i>	
	Solemn 11.00 ✠ Patsy Lenihan	
	OP Rite 12.30 Juan Diego Henao & Gloria Zapata	
	Students 17.00 Mass for students in the Lady Chapel 19.00 ✠ Teresa Tierney	
Monday	COMMEMORATION OF OUR DECEASED PARENTS 10.00 Joe Keating (ill) 12.30 ✠ Cruz & Henriquetta Andrade	
Tuesday	Feria 10.00 ✠ Dead of the Order of Preachers 12.30 Mary Reilly (sick)	
Wednesday	Feria 10.00 ✠ Holy Souls 12.30 Allister Furey	
Thursday	St Scholastica, virgin 10.00 ✠ Joe & Doris Pinto 12.30 Private Intention	
Friday	Our Lady of Lourdes. <i>Today is the World Day of Prayer for the Sick.</i> 10.00 In honour of Our Lady of Lourdes 12.30 Maureen Mary Walker	
Saturday	Bl. Reginald of Orléans, priest 10.00 ✠ Holy Souls 12.30 ✠ Holy Souls	
Confessions	10.30 to 11.30 Fr Duncan, 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 – 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday per annum. Readings:</b>		
Ecclesiasticus 15: 15-20	1 Corinthians 2: 6-10	Matthew 5: 17-37

**Leicester City of Sanctuary Drop-in Centre for Asylum Seekers and Refugees.** A new Drop-In Centre, in the old Barclay's Bank Building on the corner of Town Hall Square and Horsefair Street, is now open every Wednesday between 12 noon and 4.00 p.m. The centre contains a computer room, and a room with large tables where they plan to hold craft groups of various kinds, and they are hoping to have sewing machines available. There is a therapy room where two volunteers can carry out therapeutic massage sessions.

There is a large sitting area with comfortable furniture where people can read, play board games, work on jigsaws or just sit and chat, and there is a children's playroom with toys, and there are rooms to play table tennis and darts. If you are an asylum seeker, have recently had leave to remain, or have come to the end of the asylum process, you will be made very welcome at the centre.

REGULAR SERVICE TIMES
<b>MONDAYS TO FRIDAYS</b> 7.30 Lauds 10.00 Mass 12.30 Mass 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 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 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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