

## The Legion of Mary

“MAY is Mary’s month”, as the poet reminds us, and so it’s also a good occasion to speak of the Legion of Mary, which has recently started in this parish. The Legion is one of those ideas that is so simple that it’s surprising that they weren’t thought of before. It’s an association of lay people within the parish, meeting once a week, whose members perform some ‘apostolic’ work in pairs each week. The work is often visiting homes within the parish, or (with the necessary permissions) it could be visiting a prison or hospital. Other examples of recommended works are: setting out a stall with books or leaflets on offer for the general public; reaching out to immigrants from Catholic countries, who are sometimes in danger of giving up the practice of the faith when they come to a strange environment; helping the homeless or destitute; helping with catechesis; coming to pray when the body of a dead person is received into church the evening before a funeral. In our day, ‘pro-life’ work is certainly essential too. Naturally, everything is done in union with the parish priest and his assistants.

Of course there are already excellent groups that do at least some of these works, and also individual faithful who do them without belonging to any special group. One might therefore ask whether there is a place for the Legion of Mary. But two things at least are distinctive about the Legion. The first is that it explicitly takes as its goal ‘the glory of God *through the salvation of souls*’. Whatever work is done, even if it is something very practical like helping in a soup-kitchen, the ‘legionary’ is encouraged to keep before his eyes the spiritual needs, often very pressing needs, of the people to whom he is sent. This doesn’t mean that he should ‘preach’ at them, in an aggressive or inept way. But it does mean that he shouldn’t be afraid to speak of the things of God, and the Catholic faith.

The other striking thing about the Legion is the discipline that it encourages among its members. Each unit (the ‘praesidium’) is united to the world-wide organisation in a precisely defined way, and the meetings follow the same pattern wherever in the world they occur: reports on works, prayers, planning of future works. The point of this discipline is to keep alive in the legionaries the sense of being soldiers in a spiritual battle. We’re all engaged in this battle, in fact, in virtue of our confirmation: but the legionaries choose to commit themselves to it in this further way, under the special patronage of our Lady.

So if you think this might be for you, come and try. The Holy Cross praesidium meets every Tuesday in the priory, normally at 7:30pm. Membership is open to any Catholic of 18 or over who is willing to fulfil the duties set out in the Legion *Handbook*.  
Fr Thomas OP

3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Easter

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## The Newsletter of HOLY CROSS PRIORY CHURCH, LEICESTER

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<b>Entrance Antiphon:</b>	Let all the earth cry out to God with joy; praise the glory of his name; proclaim his glorious praise, alleluia.
<b>At 11am – page nos in Missale:</b>	•Mass Ordinary, p 13; Mass Proper, p 90 •Sung setting: Mass VIII (de angelis) p 206; Credo III, p 216 •Communion motet: <i>Ave Maria Monteverdi</i> •Sortie: Hymne d’Action de Grâce “Te Deum” <i>Langlais</i>
<b>1<sup>st</sup> Reading:</b>	Acts 2:14. 22-28
<b>Psalm <math>\text{R}</math>:</b>	Lord, you show me the path of life. (Ps 16)
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Reading:</b>	1 Peter 1:17-21
<b>Alleluia:</b>	Lord Jesus, open the scriptures to us; make our hearts burn with love when you speak to us.
<b>Gospel:</b>	Luke 24:13-35
<b>Communion Antiphon:</b>	The disciples recognised the Lord Jesus in the breaking of bread, 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>	

The Rosary will be prayed every weekday, Monday to Saturday, throughout May at 12noon. It is always prayed on Sundays at 6pm.

**\*Blackfriars Spring Market\*** will be held on **Saturday 14th May**. \*Donations required\*: any bottles (wine/spirits), toys, quality gifts, quality bric-a-brac, unwanted teddy bears, chocolate, home made cakes, new candles, pot pourri, etc. *Please avoid donating the following items*, as they can’t be sold or are difficult to sell: clothes, books, video cassettes and electronic equipment. **Thank you for your support!**

Have you ever wondered whether modern ‘theories of evolution’ fit with Christian faith? Then come to “*The Emperor’s New Clothes: Evolution, Creation and the Crisis of Faith*”, on **Tuesday May 10th**. Dr. Thomas Seiler, a physicist, and Hugh Owen, Director of the Kolbe Center for the Study of Creation, will be critically examining some scientific dogmas. The evening starts at 7pm, in St Clement’s Hall; entrance is free. It promises to be a most interesting evening!

**Ethics and Embryos**, a talk given by The Linacre Centre’s Steven Barrie at 7pm at St Thomas More Church, Knighton Road LE2 3HN, on **Tuesday 24 May**. Entry is free to this event which is being organised by Leicester SPUC. Steven will be exploring the ethical issues surrounding the use of human embryos in biotechnology. For example, is selection ever justified? For details contact Leicester SPUC on 0775 88 44 918 or just turn up on the night.

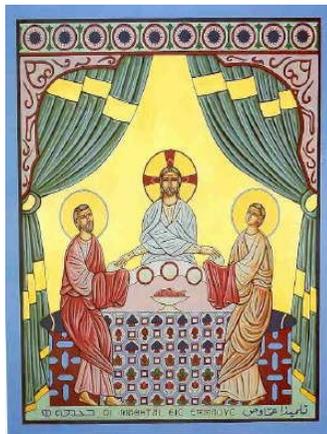
**MONEY MATTERS:** Last Weekend's collections – Offertory Collection £1100.94. And for the last two weeks: SVP £49.47; Friends of Holy Cross £31.33; Holy Souls £32.58; Grenada Church Restoration £17.23.

Next week there is a retiring collection for the Clergy formation Fund.

Very many thanks for your continuing generosity.

**Dominican Pilgrimage to Walsingham.** This will take place on Sunday 15 May, starting with Mass at 12 noon, followed by picnic lunch, Rosary procession, Vespers and Benediction. This year marks the 950<sup>th</sup> anniversary of pilgrimage to Walsingham. There will be a coach leaving from Wellington Street at 7.30am and the cost is £20. To book seats, please ring Keith Athaide on 07733 155360 **no later than TODAY**, and then pay the £20 to any of the friars. You will need to bring a packed lunch. The coach should be back by about 8.30pm.

**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 soon from the Parish Social Committee.



The meal at Emmaus: While He was with them at table, He took bread and said the blessing ... and their eyes were opened, and they recognised Him.

**Catholic Roadshow to visit 20 towns this summer.** Heart Gives Unto Heart Catholic Internet Radio has organised a Roadshow featuring Stan Fortuna, Don Maclean and Edwin Fawcett. It includes an exhibition, opening here at Holy Cross after the 12.30pm Mass on **Monday 23 May**, featuring, amongst other things, icon prints by members of the British Association of Iconographers. Later that day, at 7.30pm, there will be a concert showcasing Catholic musicians and singers, and raising money for the radio station which is planned to go live in the autumn. See noticeboard and [www.hguhroadshow.co.uk](http://www.hguhroadshow.co.uk).

**Forthcoming events for your diary**

Sat 14 May	Blackfriars Market. Please bring donations and leave after any Mass.
Sun 15 May	Dominican Pilgrimage to Walsingham celebrating 950 years of pilgrimage to the site.
Sat 28 May	Parish Country Walk led by Fr Fabian. Details to follow.
Sat 11 June	Piano Recital in aid of the SVP. St Clement's Hall, 7.30pm. £5 (advance), £7 (at door)

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.

Noticeboards are situated in the New Walk and Wellington Street entrances and at the back of the church in the Narthex. If you don't see what you are looking for, please check the other boards.

Year 1	This week's calendar & Mass Intentions	Psalter Week 3
Confessions	10.30 to 11.30 Fr Leon, and 17.00 to 18.00 Fr Peter	
Sunday	<b>THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER</b>	
Vigil	18.00 <i>Pro populo</i> 8.00 Rosaleen Galvin special intention	
Family	9.30 ✠ Mavis Weshey	
Solemn	11.00 ✠ John Brown	
OP Rite	12.30 ✠ Patrick Kearney	
Students	17.00 <b>Mass for students in the Lady Chapel</b> 19.00 Maeve & Teresa Bourke special intention	
Monday	<b>Easter feria</b> 10.00 John Surdival special intention 12.30 ✠ Ruth Pennington	
Tuesday	<b>St Antoninus, bishop</b> 10.00 ✠ Dead of the Order of Preachers 12.30 ✠ Philomena Leen	
Wednesday	<b>Easter feria</b> 10.00 ✠ Gregory d'Silva & Tony Rogers 12.30 ✠ Glyn James	
Thursday	<b>Easter feria</b> 10.00 Rebecca Byrne 12.30 ✠ Philomena Leen	
Friday	<b>Easter feria</b> 10.00 ✠ Fr Columba Rabbett, OP 12.30 Keane McArdle	
Saturday	<b>ST MATTHIAS, APOSTLE</b> 10.00 Barbara & Wallace Andrade 12.30 Una Leonard (welfare)	
Confessions	10.30 to 11.30 Fr Peter, and 17.00 to 18.00 Fr Thomas	
<b>WEEKDAY MASS IN LATIN.</b> Holy Mass will be offered in the older form from Monday to Saturday at 8am		
<b>Next Sunday – FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER.</b> <i>World Day of Prayer for Vocations.</i> <b>Readings:</b>		
Acts 2:14a. 26-41	1 Peter 2:20b-25	John 10:1-10

**Red Cross Appeal for Refugees & Asylum Seekers.** The full list of items needed to support these destitute and vulnerable people is:

- ◆ **Tinned goods:** tomatoes/ kidney beans/ chick peas/ tuna/ mackerel/ corned beef/ tinned fruit/ tinned vegetables/ baked beans/ soup;
- ◆ **Dried foods:** rice/ maize meal/ lentils/ cous cous/ dried fruit/ noodles/ sugar/ porridge/ flour/ pasta;
- ◆ **Long life goods:** cooking oil/ cereal bars/ nuts/ cereal/ crisps/ indian savoury mix/ chocolate/ biscuits;
- ◆ **Drinks:** fruit juice/ tea/ coffee/ drinking chocolate/ dried milk/ long-life milk/ squash/ water
- ◆ **Toiletries:** toothpaste/ toothbrushes/ soap/ toilet paper/ shampoo/ sanitary towels/ face and body creams/ shaving equipment;
- ◆ **Baby items:** nappies/ baby wipes/ oil/ baby milk/ baby food jars/ baby bath liquid;
- ◆ **Also:** tin openers/ cutlery/ crockery/ pans/ towels/ sleeping bags/ t-shirts/ supermarket and other shopping vouchers/ mobile telephone top-up vouchers/ writing paper/ envelopes/ stamps.

Please leave these items after any Mass. Thank you.

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. <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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