



HOLY CROSS PRIORY CHURCH

SUNDAY 21ST JULY 2019

16 SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (C)

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A WORD FROM THE PRIOR ...

Are you a Martha or a Mary? Which one truly has the better part? We all have experiences of trying to attend to urgent and pressing matters while others don't react with the same level of attention. It can be frustrating.

Something that is important to me is not necessarily so important for somebody else. We see that all the time. During the last week, there have been lots of students bringing their families to this place which has been their home for the last number of years. They celebrate an important achievement in their lives. It might not seem so important for others going about their business, but we have a Christian duty to rejoice in the gift of God's grace to others. Perhaps Martha and Mary shared a frustration with each other. Perhaps they needed the courage to learn from each other. Is that something we can try to do?

I'm away now for a few weeks, and I'm grateful to the Dominican Community and our staff for 'holding the fort' while I'm gone. I'll remember you all in my daily Mass, and I'll look forward to catching up again later in the summer.

Be intent on prayer, and whatever may happen will turn to our good.

Fr David

SHARE THE FRUITS – BUILDING OUR FUTURE TOGETHER

Share the Fruits is our new pastoral initiative as we go forward. This is a way for us to reflect on the heritage of the last 200 years at Holy Cross, and seek to work for the future. We're seeking to renew our commitment to one another as disciples of the Lord and to develop the Dominican mission of preaching and evangelisation that we all share.

MASSES THIS WEEK

Please note that there will not be Mass at 8am on Friday 26 July. All other Mass times will continue as normal

NEW MASTER OF THE DOMINICAN ORDER

Last Saturday the General Chapter of the Order of Preachers, which is meeting in Vietnam, elected Fr Gerard Timoner III OP as the new Master of the Order. Fr Gerard is from the Philippines and will serve the Order in this capacity for the next nine years. Please pray for the grace of the Holy Spirit to guide the hearts and minds of the brethren at General Chapter, which will shape the mission of the Order for the next three years.

ORDINATION OF FR LUKE DOHERTY OP – 7 SEPTEMBER 2019

Bro Luke will be ordained to the Priesthood in St Dominic's London by Archbishop Malcolm on Saturday 7 September, together with Bro Toby Lees. A coach will depart from Holy Cross at 8:30am on the day. Please put your name down to attend, as we require a healthy number of people to show their support. Fr Luke will celebrate his First Mass on Monday 9 September at 12:30pm at Holy Cross.

NOTICE BOARD

BAPTISM PREPARATION

If you wish to have your child baptised, please attend one of our baptism preparation sessions. The next will be on Sunday 8 September after the 10:30am Mass in St Clement's Hall.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION CONFIRMATION

Please get in touch with the Priory Office if members of your family wish to celebrate these sacraments.

MARRIAGE PREPARATION

Couples who are preparing for the Sacrament of Holy Matrimony should make an appointment with the Parish Priest in the first instance.

BECOMING CATHOLIC

Any adult who wishes to become a Catholic or receive Confirmation should join our RCIA programme, which will begin again in the Autumn.

VISITING THE SICK

The Faithful who are sick and housebound can arrange a visit from a priest or special minister by calling 0116 252 1501.

FAMILY VISITS

Families who would like a house blessing or a pastoral visit at home, can make arrangements by calling 0116 252 1501

SUMMER MONTHS AT HOLY CROSS

Now that the academic year has concluded, we look forward to another glorious English Summer! During the next few months, the Dominican Fathers will take the opportunity for some holiday time, as well as opportunity for retreat and training. In addition, Fr Matthew will represent our community at the General Chapter of the Order in Vietnam for the month of July, where he will serve as an interpreter. We will welcome Fr Gregory Pearson back among us, and four of our student brothers will join us for pastoral placements at various points. **While the times of Sunday Masses will be sustained, times of Masses on weekdays will be subject to alteration.** Thank you for your co-operation and understanding.

DEVELOPING THE FRASSATI CENTRE

We have been busy developing plans for a new pastoral centre here at Holy Cross – **The Frassati Centre for Preaching and Evangelisation**. This would seek to breathe new life into the original church buildings that we knew as the 'Holy Cross Centre'. We've assembled £180k so far to develop these buildings, and we are seeking to embark on a major fundraising project as we look towards our bicentenary. **Update this week:** we are grateful to all those who have assisted us in obtaining quotations that we will now present to the Provincial and his Council during their meeting in August for approval and decision. Hopefully we will get things started very soon.

SOLEMNITY OF ST DOMINIC – THURSDAY 8 AUGUST 2019

We invite you to join us for the celebrations of the Solemnity of St Dominic, as we ask the intercession of Our Holy Father in the 200th Year of our mission and our time of renewal. The principal event is the Solemn Mass at 12:30pm. In accordance with tradition, a Franciscan Friar will be the preacher, this year **Father Martin Mikuskiewicz OFM Cap**. This will be followed by a buffet celebration. There will be Solemn Vespers and Benediction at 6pm.

FRASSATI GROUP FOR YOUNG ADULTS

The next meeting will be on Saturday 27 July following 10am Mass. Monday evenings will include a talk by a Dominican friar. As usual, we start with bring-and-share food at 7pm, followed by talk and discussion, finishing with Compline just before 9pm. The Saturday meetings will be child-friendly and have more of a social feel alongside the prayer and liturgy in church. Mondays will be more study-focused around the talk and discussion. If you wish to invite young adults, or would like to know more, please email Fr Matthew at matthew.jarvis@english.op.org

GRADUATIONS FROM OUR UNIVERSITIES

We send our warmest congratulations to all those who have graduated this week from the University of Leicester and De Montfort University. This year, members of our parish and university chaplaincy community are graduating across the spectrum of faculties, and over the range of qualifications from first degrees to PhDs! We thank those who are leaving for their contribution over the years, and wish them well.

THE DOMINICAN COMMUNITY

Fr David Rocks OP PP *Prior* Fr Tony Rattigan OP *Bursar*;
Fr Nicholas Crowe OP *Subprior*; Fr Matthew Jarvis OP CC; Bro Luke Doherty OP

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MASS TIMES

Sundays:

8am; 10:30am (sung);
12:30pm (old rite);
7pm

Weekdays:

8am (old rite);
12:30pm; 6:10pm

Saturdays:

10am; 12.30pm;
6:10pm Vigil Mass for Sunday

CONFESSION

Saturdays:

10:30-11:30am
5:00-6:00pm

MONEY MATTERS

Last week's collections:

£ 1179.42

(Gift aided: £421.00)

Woodhouse Collection

£ 120.00

(Gift aided: £75.00)

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