



# HOLY CROSS PRIORY CHURCH

SUNDAY 23 JUNE 2019

THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST (C)

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## A WORD FROM THE PRIOR ...

*The centrality of the mystery of the Eucharist in the life of our community cannot be overemphasized. This is the reason we gather together each week, and for many of us it is part of our daily lives. In schools, hospitals, universities, prisons, it is the mystery of the Eucharist that is most valued and desired from the ministry of priests.*

*So the Eucharist means something to each one of us. One of the most difficult things I've had to deal with as a priest are the conversations that happen when someone is unable to share in the fulness of the Eucharist through Holy Communion. There is real pain there, but often also a desire for real belonging, for full communion. It means a great deal even when we are at a distance from it. I once had a moment in Lourdes where I witnessed a late night Mass at the Grotto from across the river. I felt distant and detached from the Mass. I recognized that I needed to go on a journey.*

*The summer months take us to many different places. As we carry the Blessed Sacrament in procession through the streets today, lets encourage one another on the journey we all face. We are nourished by God's grace in so many ways. We're called to feast on that grace at the Mass.*

*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.

## BLACKFRIARS MARKET – A WONDERFUL ACHIEVEMENT - £13,000

The preparations all paid off in the end and Blackfriars Market was a great success. We surpassed our target of £10K with the **fabulous amount of £13,002.76** – so that's a massive boost to our efforts. Many thanks to everyone who contributed in any way. In particular we thank those who arranged stalls, and those who gave oversight and co-ordination for the whole event. It was great to have our Provincial, Fr Martin with us, and to celebrate the opportunities that are here for us in the year ahead. **Very many thanks once again for this fantastic achievement!**

## SUMMER MONTHS AT HOLY CROSS

As the academic year reaches its conclusion, 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.

## 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 7 July 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

## 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 for approval and decision. Hopefully we will get things started very soon.

## THINGS TO REMEMBER

- Scripture Study sessions on Thursdays have concluded for the summer. There will be a new series in the autumn.
- Celebration of Pier Giorgio Frassati – for his feast day on 4 July from 6:10pm
- St Dominic's Day, 8<sup>th</sup> August: Solemn Mass at 12:30pm; Solemn Vespers and Benediction 6pm.
- First Holy Communion – Sunday 7 July at 10:30am Mass

## PARISH SUMMERS EVENING WALK

We have arranged a walk on Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> July. Meet at Bradgate Park-Hallgates (Cropston) car park at 6.15pm for 6.30 pm start. Suitable footwear needed for approx. 4 mile walk on footpath and tracks. You may wish to bring a snack/drink. We will go to the Badgers Sett pub in Cropston afterwards for some food for those who wish to stay on after the walk. If you need any further details, please contact Rachael at the Holy Cross office. We look forward to seeing you on July 3<sup>rd</sup>.

## FRASSATI GROUP FOR YOUNG ADULTS

The next meeting will be on Saturday 29 June from 11:30am; following that, Monday 8 July; Saturday 27 July. 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](mailto:matthew.jarvis@english.op.org)

## FIRST MASS OF THANKSGIVING

Following Ordination to the Priesthood, Fr Liam Carpenter of the Diocese of Nottingham will celebrate Mass of Thanksgiving on Sunday 7 July at 3:00pm. Fr Luke Doherty OP will celebrate on Monday 9 September.

## MASS TIMES THIS WEEK – PLEASE TAKE NOTE!

There will not be Mass at 8am on Monday and Thursday, and no Mass at 6:10pm on Thursday this week. All other times as normal

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### THE DOMINICAN COMMUNITY

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

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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:

**£ 1079.51**

(Gift aided: £310.00)

### Woodhouse Collection

**£ 229.90**

(Gift aided: £170.00)

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