

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

For more than a century the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, now drawing to a conclusion, has been celebrated every year by Christians of all Churches and ecclesial communities in order to invoke the extraordinary gift for which the Lord Jesus himself prayed at the Last Supper, before his Passion: “that they may all be one; even as you, Father, are in me, and I in you, that they also may be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me” (Jn 17:21).

The practice of the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity was introduced in 1908 by Fr Paul Wattson, the founder of an Anglican religious community who later entered the Catholic Church. The initiative received the blessing of Pope St Pius X and was later promoted by Pope Benedict XV, who encouraged its celebration throughout the Catholic Church with the Brief *Romanorum Pontificum* of 25 February 1916.

The Octave of Prayer was developed and perfected in the 1930s by Abbé Paul Couturier of Lyons, who supported the prayer “for the unity of the Church as Christ wants her and in conformity with the instruments that he desires”. His last writings show that Abbé Couturier saw this Week as a means which enables Christ’s universal prayer “to enter and penetrate the entire Body of Christians”; it must grow until it becomes “an immense, unanimous cry of the entire People of God”, asking God for this great gift. Moreover the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity is in itself one of the most effective expressions of the impetus the Second Vatican Council gave to the search for full communion among all Christ’s disciples.

The Second Vatican Council made the ecumenical search the centre of the Church’s life and activity: “The Sacred Council exhorts all the Catholic faithful to recognize the signs of the times and to take an active and intelligent part in the work of ecumenism” (*Unitatis Redintegratio*, n. 4). Blessed John Paul II underlined the essential nature of this task, saying, “This unity, which the Lord has bestowed on his Church and in which he wishes to embrace all people, is not something added on, but stands at the very heart of Christ’s mission. Nor is it some secondary attribute of the community of his disciples. Rather, it belongs to the very essence of this community” (Encyclical *Ut Unum Sint*, n. 9).

May this spiritual event that unites Christians of all traditions increase our awareness that the true unity for which we strive cannot be solely the result of our own efforts but, rather, will be a gift from on high, to be ceaselessly prayed for.

From the General Audience of Pope Benedict XVI, Wednesday, 18 January, 2012.

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

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Entrance Antiphon:	O sing a new song to the Lord; sing to the Lord, all the earth. In his presence are majesty and splendour, strength and honour in his holy place.
At 11am – page nos in Missale:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Mass Ordinary, p 13; Mass Proper, p 115• Sung setting: Mass XI <i>Orbis factor</i>, p 210; Credo III, p 216• Motet: O quam gloriosum <i>Victoria</i>
1st Reading:	John 3:1-5. 10
Psalm P:	Make me know your ways, O Lord. (Ps 25)
2nd Reading:	1 Corinthians 7:29-31
Alleluia V:	The kingdom of God is at hand; repent and believe in the Gospel.
Gospel:	Mark 1:14-20
Communion Antiphon:	<i>Either:</i> Look toward the Lord and be radiant; let your faces not be abashed. <i>Or:</i> I am the light of the world, says the Lord; whoever follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life.

Baptism Preparation: the next session is on **1 February**; please come to the sacristy at the end of the 9.30am Mass. If you wish to have your child baptised at Holy Cross, you need to attend one of these sessions, usually held on the first Sunday of each month.

The 9.30 and 11.00 Sunday Masses. Tomorrow, **Monday 26 January at 7.30pm**, we will meet to develop the next steps for the combined 10.30 Mass, particularly the various ministries – reading, serving, singing, etc.

On-Street Car Parking. Please note that parking on Sundays in on-street spaces will be free of charge until today. From 1 February there will be a charge of £1 for 3 hours, probably between 7.30am and 6pm, in the Wellington Street area and around New Walk Centre.

The demolition of New Walk Centre is scheduled for Sunday 22 February. On that day there will be an exclusion zone which is “likely to extend to include Fenwick’s, the Magistrates’ Court and Youth Court, Newarke Street Multi Storey car park, the Adult Education Centre in Belvoir Street and Wellington Street, and the NCP multi-storey car park in Welford Road.”

News from the Parish Shop. There is a selection of cards available for all occasions at very reasonable prices.

The shop is open after the 12.30pm Masses during the week, on Saturdays from 11am until after the 12.30pm Mass, and after every Sunday Mass. The shop is in the room beyond the sacristy.

The new 10.30 Mass will start on Shrove Sunday, 15 February

We will come together in celebration of our community, following Mass with pancakes, and a bring and share lunch. During Lent we will begin the process of working together to establish a new, strong and vibrant Eucharistic Community at 10.30am.

MONEY MATTERS: Last Weekend's collections – Offertory Collection £1253.60 (of which £376.10 was Gift Aided and £877.50 was not) and in addition the parish receives approximately £240 per week in donations made by standing order, nearly all of which are Gift Aided; SVP £2.31; Friends of Holy Cross £1.16; Holy Souls £11.50; Grenada Church Restoration £ - .

200 Club. Last month's winners were: 122, J & S Henry £150; 12, C Hanratty £100; and 60, L McMorrow £50. Congratulations!

Very many thanks for your continuing generosity.

On Sunday evenings you are very welcome to join us for Holy Hour from 6.00 pm – Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Rosary, Compline and Benediction. Mass follows at 7.00 pm.

VACANCY: St Teresa's Catholic Primary School, Nottingham, are seeking to appoint a School Business Manager – further details available from the school (tel: 0115 915 5762 / admin@st-teresas.nottingham.sch.uk). The closing date for applications is 26th January.

Sponsor the Sanctuary Lamp. If you are willing to sponsor the sanctuary lamp to burn for your intentions for one week, please pick up an envelope. The friars will pray for this intention each day. The minimum suggested donation is £10.



Today's Gospel: "Follow me, and I will make you into fishers of men."

"Why did they kill? Revisiting the Holocaust Perpetrators." The 10th Aubrey Newman Annual Lecture will be given by Professor Christopher Browning of the University of North Carolina, at 6pm on Monday 26 January, in the Henry Wellcome Building, University of Leicester. This building is behind the Medical Sciences Building, across University Road, opposite the main campus. Admission free, and all are welcome. See noticeboard.

Appeal for Refugees & Asylum Seekers. Refugees and Asylum Seekers remain in urgent need of food donations to respond to the emergency needs of destitute asylum seekers and refugees in Leicester. 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 in the sacristy after any Mass. Thank you.

Don't forget the Twinclarke's Blog. Do have a look at the regular blog created by Peter and Isidore Clarke OP. Blogs are added regularly. Just visit: <http://mywaygodsway.blogspot.co.uk/>.

Year I	This week's calendar & Mass Intentions	Psalter Week 3
Sunday	Third Sunday per annum. Octave of Prayer for Christian Unity ends.	
	Vigil 18.10 ✠ Phil More 8.00 ✠ Holy Souls	
	Sung 9.30 ✠ Eddie Oliver	
	Solemn 11.00 Hazel Fernandes & family	
	OP Rite 12.30 Maureen Kavanagh 19.00 Private intention	
Monday	Sts Timothy and Titus, Bishops	
	OP Rite 8.00 ✠ Eddie Oliver 12.30 Private intention 18.10 ✠ Holy Souls	
Tuesday	Feria	
	OP Rite 8.00 ✠ Dead of the Order of Preachers 12.30 ✠ Nancy Earley 18.10 Private intention	
Wednesday	ST THOMAS AQUINAS, PRIEST & DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH	
	OP Rite 8.00 12.30 ✠ David & Michael Lyons 18.10 Bridget Shearer	
Thursday	Feria	
	OP Rite 8.00 12.30 ✠ Eamon Morton 18.10 Private intention	
Friday	Feria	
	OP Rite 8.00 12.30 ✠ William Henry Fox 18.10	
Saturday	St John Bosco, Priest	
	OP Rite 8.00 In thanksgiving (M Carey) 10.00 Private intention 12.30 ✠ Mary Josephine Walker	
Next Sunday – Fourth Sunday per annum. Today is Education Day.		
Readings:		
Deuteronomy 18:15-20	1 Corinthians 7:32-35	Mark 1:21-28

The Kirby Muxloe Players present *Sleeping Beauty*, 'a magical pantomime adventure' from 25 to 31 January at the Village Hall, Station Road. Tickets (£8) from 07804 435 235 and see www.kirbyplayers.co.uk.

Friars Preachers. The Advent issue of this, the Newsletter of the Dominicans in England and Scotland, is available on the tables by the doors. Please help yourself to a copy. Topics in this issue include a report on the Dominican Youth Pilgrimage, an Update from Iraq, and a brief study of the 'Quiet Virtues'. And there are details of how you may help support the general work of the friars and the Dominicans' Training Fund.

Please join us in the Parish Hall after the 9.30 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 new students and other visitors.

REGULAR SERVICE TIMES
SUNDAYS 8.00 Mass 9.00 Lauds 9.30 Mass - UNTIL 8 FEBRUARY 10.30 Mass - FROM 15 FEBRUARY 11.00 Mass - UNTIL 8 FEBRUARY 12.30 Mass (Dominican Rite) 18.00 Exposition, Rosary, Compline & Benediction 19.00 Mass
MONDAYS TO FRIDAYS 7.30 Lauds 8.00 Mass (Dominican Rite) 11.00*Devotions & Exposition 12.15*Benediction 12.30 Mass (Rosary at 12.00) 18.10 Mass followed by Vespers *WEDNESDAYS ONLY
SATURDAYS 8.00 Mass (Dominican Rite) 9.00 Lauds 10.00 Mass 10.30 Devotions & Exposition 10.30 Confessions until 11.30 12.30 Mass (Rosary at 12.00) 17.00 Confessions until 18.00 17.45 Vespers 18.10 Vigil Mass for Sunday
HOLYDAYS OF OBLIGATION 18.10 (previous day) Vigil Mass followed by Vespers 7.30 Lauds 8.00 Mass (Dominican Rite) 12.30 Mass 18.10 Mass followed by Vespers
BANK HOLIDAYS 7.30 Lauds 8.00 Mass (Dominican Rite) 12.30 Mass, after which the church is closed
Royal Infirmary Chaplaincy: For urgent visits, ask ward staff to bleep the Roman Catholic Chaplain. For non-urgent visits, leave a message at the Priory or at the LRI Chaplains' Office. Messages may not be picked up until the end of the day. Universities' Chaplain: Fr David Rocks: 0116 252 1512
Baptism Preparation: 1st Sunday of month after the 9.30 Mass. Baptisms: Saturday afternoons. Parish Website: www.holycrossleicester.org Website & Newsletter Editors: web@holycrossleicester.org holycrossnewsletter@gmail.com
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