

St Dominic

On Saturday we celebrated the feast of our founder, St Dominic. He was born in Calaruega, in the Spanish province of Castile around 1170, and died in 1221, about 6 or 7 years after he founded the Order of Preachers at Toulouse in France, in response to the need to combat the life-denying Albigensian heresy prevalent in that region. This need had dawned on him when he passed through the area as part of a diplomatic mission in 1204, following which he first founded a community of nuns at nearby Prouille in 1206, to support with their prayers and austere life those who were preaching the true gospel. It became evident to him that the preachers too needed a flexible organisation and structure, and would be driven by their mission to work in more than one diocese, which led him to found the friars or preaching brothers in 1215, whose rule and role in the universal church was eventually confirmed by pope Honorius III, who sanctioned the Dominican Order on 22nd December 1216 and endorsed its name (an Order of Preachers) and universal preaching mission on 17th January 1217. There is therefore some ambiguity – it's not black and white ... (!) – as to when exactly the Dominicans were founded, though we will celebrate the 800th anniversary largely next year and 2017. It is undisputed, however, that we beat the Franciscans whose rule Honorius did not get around to approving until 29th December 1223.

Timothy Radcliffe, the 85th successor of St Dominic as Master of the Order from 1992 to 2001 (and the only Englishman; we're currently on the 87th, Bruno Cadoré, a son of France) has described St Dominic as a man who was "stupefyingly free". That is true, but needs a bit of thought to see why. We would not, in our times, regard someone who had taken on the commitments of religious life – poverty, chastity and obedience – as being free, rather bound. But Dominic found his freedom in his love of Christ, and through that his zeal to preach the Good News: it was the freedom of the poor itinerant preacher, free to go where he was needed; the freedom to found an Order unlike any that had existed before (preaching had until then been seen as a particular charism of bishops); free to scatter the fragile little community he had gathered around him and send them to the universities, that they might be equipped for the preaching mission; and free to accept the decisions of the brothers in Chapter, even when they disagreed with him. It was, Timothy says, the freedom of the compassionate person, who dared to see and respond to the needs of the people of his time.

Dominic's followers did not develop a cult of personality around their founder, as did those of Francis. The popes, in fact, had to prompt the Order to carry through the process of Dominic's canonisation. Rather Dominic gifted us with a flexible and responsive form of government in the constitutions of the Order that frees us to respond with compassion in our time to those who hunger for the Word of God. It is this document that is placed in our hands when we offer our lives for the preaching of the gospel. We also say then that we seek "God's mercy and yours". We may move forward hesitantly, and often make mistakes, but our confidence in God's mercy, mediated in the first place through each other in the common life, gives us the confidence also to freely shape and reshape our response to the needs of our mission in our particular place and time, that the Good News might be proclaimed and people realise in joy and hope their own freedom and dignity as children of our loving Father. In doing this we carry on Dominic's vision and purpose in the church.

Greg OP

Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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Entrance Antiphon:	Look to your covenant, O Lord, and forget not the life of your poor ones for ever. Arise, O God, and defend your cause, and forget not the cries of those who seek you.
1st Reading:	1 Kings 19:4-8
Psalm 118:	O taste and see that the Lord is good! (Ps 34)
2nd Reading:	Ephesians 4:30-5:2
Alleluia:	I am the living bread which came down from heaven, says the Lord; if anyone eats this bread, he will live for ever.
Gospel:	John 6:41-51
Communion Antiphon:	<i>Either:</i> O Jerusalem, glorify the Lord, who gives you your fill of finest wheat. <i>Or:</i> The bread that I will give, says the Lord, is my flesh for the life of the world.

Baptism Preparation: the next session is on **6 September**; please come to the sacristy at the end of the 10.30am 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.

Companions of the Sovereign Military Order of Malta (CoM). The CoM is a key volunteer force for the charitable work of the Order of Malta in the UK. The CoM is keen to establish a Branch in Leicester and the East Midlands. Those who would like to join in the CoM's mission 'to practise our faith and to practise charity' are invited to meet Richard Fynes in the Parish Centre after the 10.30 Mass **TODAY**, Sunday, 9 August. Richard will be helping to co-ordinate the CoM's work in the area and he can be contacted by email at fynesclinton@yahoo.com.

Ordination to the priesthood here at Holy Cross. You may recall that Bishop Patrick, in his pastoral letter last month, mentioned forthcoming ordinations in the diocese. One of the ordinands is Kevin Athaide, and many people may well recall that he was a server here some years ago (as was, incidentally, his brother Keith). His ordination will be on **Saturday 12 September at 11.30am**, and we do hope as many people as possible will be able to attend this very special occasion.

The Influences of the Dominican Order in the Middle Ages. This three-day conference in Oxford will have as its keynote paper 'The Vital Impact of the Dominicans on Books at the University of Paris, 1217-1350'. The programme will feature papers on the Dominican influence in England, Northern Europe, Italy, Eastern Europe, and the Byzantine world; the influence of Friars on other movements and communities; Dominican influence on architecture, art, books, music and liturgy; and influential Dominican philosophers and theologians. In addition, the conference will include a walking tour of medieval Oxford, and a concert of music that can be associated with the Dominican Order. **Thursday, September 10, 2015 (all day) to Saturday, September 12, 2015 (all day).** See english.op.org/latest-news.

MONEY MATTERS: Last Weekend's collections – Offertory Collection £1053.43 (of which £408.10 was Gift Aided and £645.33 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; Solidarity Fund £2.20; Friends of Holy Cross £4.12; Holy Souls £63.90; Grenada Church Restoration £20.00.

Very many thanks for your continuing generosity.

Lost Property. If you have left anything in the church, please reclaim it from the sacristy – just see any friar or server. We have a selection of hats, spectacles, etc...

Friars Preachers. The Summer 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.

Meister Eckhart and Divine Justice. The annual conference of the Eckhart Society will take place in Leeds from 4 to 6 September, including talks by three Dominicans, including Fr Greg. For details see www.eckhartsociety.org.



Today's Gospel:

“No one can come to me unless he is drawn by the Father who sent me”.

King Richard III. August 22nd is the anniversary of the death of Richard III, killed at the Battle of Bosworth Field 530 years ago. In this special year of his re-interment in Leicester Cathedral, a Solemn Mass will be offered for the repose of his soul here at Holy Cross at 7.15pm on Friday 21st August. Although there have been other Masses offered for King Richard this year, here in Leicester and elsewhere, this Mass will be unique in that it will be celebrated in the traditional Dominican Rite, materially unchanged since King Richard's own times. If the Dominican friars resident in Leicester in 1485 offered Mass for him on hearing the news of his death – as we may hope they did – this is the rite they would have used.

World Youth Day July 2016 – Kraków. Celebrate your faith with Pope Francis and 2 million young people from all over the world! You are invited to join a small local group (minimum age 18 years by next July). Cost: approx £400 including travel, meals, accommodation, all events and insurance. Limited places. To find out more come to a short meeting at St Peter's Church, Hinckley Road, LE3 OTA at 6:45pm on Tuesday 18 August. Contact: Angela Bailey tel: 07758 270044.

Mass intentions. You will see from the list of intentions that there are some Masses without intentions listed. You may request Masses to be offered for particular intentions (exams, jobs, thanksgiving, birthdays, anniversaries, for the dead, etc). With your request, you make an offering, called a stipend. In offering a stipend, you are not 'paying for a Mass'. Masses can't be bought and sold. You are asking for a priest's prayers. A priest, instead of praying for himself and his family at Mass, will pray for your intention. In return, your stipend pays to feed and lodge one priest for one day. In this diocese the stipend is recommended to be £10 – it must feed and house a priest for a day. Of course we will always offer Mass for your intentions if you have no money. Please therefore consider having Masses offered (How? Go to the sacristy after Mass and ask any priest). It is a good thing to have Masses offered. Remember your dead relatives, especially around their anniversaries. Remember all the things important to you – and help clothe and feed the friars in the process! Thank you.

Year 1	This week's calendar & Mass Intentions	Psalter Week 3
Sunday	Nineteenth Sunday per annum.	
Vigil	18.10 Irena & Roman Olszewski 8.00 ✕ Sally Byrne	
Sung	10.30 <i>Pro populo</i>	
OP Rite	12.30 19.00 ✕ Miran Joes (anniversary)	
Monday	ST LAWRENCE, DEACON AND MARTYR	
OP Rite	8.00 12.30 ✕ Laurence Smith 18.10	
Tuesday	St Clare, Virgin	
OP Rite	8.00 ✕ Dead of the Order of Preachers 12.30 18.10	
Wednesday	Feria	
OP Rite	8.00 12.30 18.10	
Thursday	Feria	
OP Rite	8.00 12.30 18.10	
Friday	St Maximilian Mary Kolbe, Priest and Martyr	
OP Rite	8.00 12.30 18.10	
Saturday	Feria	
OP Rite	8.00 10.00 12.30 ✕ Michael Lyons (anniversary)	
Next Sunday – THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY.		
Readings:		
1 Chronicles 15:3-4.15-16, 16:1-2	1 Corinthians 15:54-57	Luke 11:27-28

Ride & Stride. We have been invited to join the Leicester Cathedral Walking Group on a walk around the City Centre churches, starting at St James the Greater at 9.45am on Saturday 12 September. Please get sponsorship beforehand, and there is nothing to stop you breaking off the walk at 11.30am to come to the Ordination here.

VACANCY: Nottingham Roman Catholic Diocesan Education Service (NRCDES) are seeking to appoint a new Director of Education. Further details are available from either Julie Sweeney – julie.sweeney@nottingham-des.org.uk – or from the Diocesan Education Service website – www.nottingham-des.org.uk. Closing date 10th September 2015.

Please join us in the Parish Hall after the 10.30am Sunday Mass each week 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 10.30 Sung Mass 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
HOLIDAYS 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 10.30 Mass. Baptisms: Saturday afternoons.
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