

The Newsletter of
HOLY CROSS PRIORY CHURCH, LEICESTER

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THE ASSUMPTION OF OUR LADY

The New Testament does not mention Our Lady's Assumption. But that is hardly surprising. During the first century, Christians were grappling with the overwhelming experience of Jesus, his crucifixion and resurrection, the gift of the Spirit and his life in the Church. And it was still too early to see fully what Mary's role was and express it clearly. But the few places in the New Testament where Mary is mentioned are all highly significant. And by pondering over them we have gradually come to understand more fully Mary's role in our salvation.

It all begins with the Annunciation. Mary is 'full of grace', God's total gift. And so she is able to say a wholehearted YES to His invitation to be the Mother of His Son. She enters unreservedly into God's plan for our salvation: 'let it be to me according to your word'. Her Motherhood is not a mere biological event, not is it only for herself. It is 'for us and for our salvation'.

This is underlined in two other glimpses we have of her in the New Testament. Having been in the background throughout Jesus' ministry, she stands at the foot of the cross. She associates herself with his agonising death, saying as he did: 'Thy will be done'. And she accepts explicitly her role as Mother of all Mankind: 'Mother, behold your son. Son, behold your Mother'. Again, she is present with the apostles, praying and waiting for the gift of the Spirit at Pentecost, when the new glorified humanity won by Jesus is first visibly shared with his people, in the founding of the Church.

At each point she is involved in the saving work of God, receiving in herself, unhampered by any sin, the redemption achieved by Christ. So she shares fully now in the Resurrection of Jesus, for that is what the Assumption means. She, who by faith has received salvation in her body, for herself and for us all, has received it totally; for it is the salvation of the whole human being, body and soul. She already shares fully in the glorified bodily life which God has prepared for us all.

Fabian O.P.

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| Entrance Antiphon: | <i>Vigil:</i> Glorious things are spoken of you, O Mary, who today were exalted above the choirs of Angels into eternal triumph with Christ. <i>During the Day:</i> A great sign appeared in heaven: a woman clothed with the sun, and the moon beneath her feet, and on her head a crown of twelve stars. <i>Or:</i> Let us all rejoice in the Lord, as we celebrate the feast day in honour of the Virgin Mary, at whose Assumption the Angels rejoice and praise the Son of God. |
| 1st Reading: | <i>Vigil:</i> 1 Chronicles 15:3-4.15-16,16:1-2 <i>During the Day:</i> Revelation 11:19a,12:1-6a.10ab |
| Psalm R: | <i>Vigil:</i> Lord, go up to the place of your rest, you and the ark of your holiness. <i>During the Day:</i> The queen stands at your right hand, arrayed in gold. |
| 2nd Reading: | <i>Vigil:</i> 1 Corinthians 15:54-57 <i>During the Day:</i> 1 Corinthians 15:20-26 |
| Alleluia: | <i>Vigil:</i> Blessed are they who hear the word of God and keep it. <i>During the Day:</i> Mary is taken up to heaven, and the angels of God shout for joy. |
| Gospel: | <i>Vigil:</i> Luke 11:27-28 <i>During the Day:</i> Luke 1:39-56 |
| Communion Antiphon: | <i>Vigil:</i> Blessed is the womb of the Virgin Mary, which bore the Son of the eternal Father. <i>During the Day:</i> All generations will call me blessed, for he who is mighty has done great things for me. |

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.

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.

King Richard III. August 22nd is the anniversary of his death 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**. This Mass 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.

MONEY MATTERS: Last Weekend's collections – Offertory Collection £1076.58 (of which £299.50 was Gift Aided and £777.08 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 £1.70; Friends of Holy Cross £3.07; Holy Souls £64.29; Grenada Church Restoration £ -.

200 Club. July's winner's were: 1st J Craggs (18); 2nd K Brooker (128); 3rd J Walker (133).

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.

Please join us in the Parish Hall after the 10.30 am 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.

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 0TA at 6:45pm on Tuesday 18 August.** Contact: Angela Bailey tel: 07758 270044.

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.



From Today's Gospel:
"Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb."

| Year I | This week's calendar & Mass Intentions | Psalter Week 4 |
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| Sunday | THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY | |
| Vigil | 18.10 | |
| | 8.00 Bunten family | |
| Sung | 10.30 Hazel Fernandes & family intentions | |
| OP Rite | 12.30 <i>Pro populo</i> | |
| | 19.00 | |
| Monday | St Hyacinth of Poland, Priest | |
| OP Rite | 8.00 | |
| | 12.30 Maureen Fernandes | |
| | 18.10 | |
| Tuesday | Feria | |
| OP Rite | 8.00 ☩ Dead of the Order of Preachers | |
| | 12.30 | |
| | 18.10 ☩ Holy Souls | |
| Wednesday | Feria | |
| OP Rite | 8.00 | |
| | 12.30 ☩ Elizabeth Devereux-Lacy | |
| | 18.10 | |
| Thursday | St Bernard, Abbot and Doctor of the Church | |
| OP Rite | 8.00 | |
| | 12.30 ☩ Holy Souls | |
| | 18.10 | |
| Friday | St Pius X, Pope | |
| OP Rite | 8.00 | |
| | 12.30 ☩ Holy Souls | |
| | 18.10 | |
| OP Rite | 19.15 <i>Solemn Mass for the repose of the soul of Richard III</i> | |
| Saturday | The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary | |
| OP Rite | 8.00 | |
| | 10.00 ☩ Holy Souls | |
| | 12.30 Dominik Hopko (wedding day) | |
| Next Sunday – Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time. Readings: | | |
| | Joshua 24:1-2.15-18 | Ephesians 5:21-32 |
| | | John 6:60-69 |

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.

VACANCY: Justice and Peace Fieldworker, Diocese of Nottingham. If interested, please contact Liz Doona on 01773 785196 or at liz.doona@ntlworld.com for further information. Closing date for applications: 12 noon on Monday 24 August 2015.

| REGULAR SERVICE TIMES |
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| 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 |
| 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 10.30 Mass. |
| Baptisms: Saturday afternoons. |
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