

LIFE, DEATH & RESURRECTION

Last week at Holy Cross was a particularly busy time. We had an ordination to the priesthood on Saturday. On Sunday we celebrated the Exaltation of the Holy Cross, our patronal festival. And on Thursday we had the funeral of a much-loved elderly member of our congregation. These three events, coming so close together, are reinforced by Jesus' words in today's Gospel: 'The Son of Man will be delivered into the hands of men; they will put him to death; and three days after he has been put to death he will rise again.'

Jesus said this about himself because he was trying to make the apostles understand that his earthly life would not end in glorious human success, but in suffering and death on a cross. That is how he shows his love and service to us all. But it was not until Christ's resurrection that they began to see why it had to be like that. The cross displays both our sinful rejection of God, and God's saving love for us all. The dedication of our church to the Holy Cross carries the same message, and stands as a similar sign to everyone.

The disciples had been arguing about which of them was the greatest. So Jesus deflates their self-importance by putting a child in front of them. In effect he says: 'Don't worry about status. God loves each of you, just as you are, even little children. So serve one another in love and simplicity.' They still did not understand, and in the next chapter of St Mark's gospel, Jesus finds he has to say it all over again, even more strongly. 'The Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.' This sets the pattern for the Christian priesthood. This is how the Son of Man lived, so it is also how the priests of his Church are called to live: a life of self-sacrificing service which displays Jesus' love on the cross, shown above all in the sacrament of the Eucharist.

But Calvary was not the end. Jesus rose from the dead on the third day; and we live, and die, in the hope of sharing his resurrected life. So the Requiem Mass for William Spendilow last Thursday was offered in the sure hope that he will have forgiveness for all his sins and be welcomed into the risen life of Jesus. Though he suffered years of poor health, William always remained cheerful and hopeful. May he, and the souls of all the faithful departed, rest in peace.

Fr Fabian OP

Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Year B

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Entrance Antiphon:	I am the salvation of the people, says the Lord. Should they cry to me in any distress, I will hear them, and I will be their Lord for ever.
1st Reading:	Wisdom 2:12. 17-20
Psalm R:	<i>At 10.30: The Lord upholds my life. Otherwise: Behold, the Lord is the upholder of my life. (Ps 54)</i>
2nd Reading:	James 3:16 - 4:3
Alleluia:	God has called us through the Gospel to obtain the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ.
Gospel:	Mark 9:30-37
Communion Antiphon:	<i>Either: You have laid down your precepts to be carefully kept; may my ways be firm in keeping your statutes. Or: I am the Good Shepherd, says the Lord; I know my sheep, and mine know me.</i>

Baptism Preparation: the next session is on Sunday 4 October; 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.

Holy Cross Gospel Choir always welcomes newcomers and beginners and no experience or audition is needed to join us. So, if you would like to have some fun and meet new people, please come to St. Clement's Hall – entrance next to the priory car park – on Tuesdays from 7.00 to 8.45pm. Contact Jeff for more details (0116) 243 1289.

The Venerable English College in Rome, the oldest British institution outside the British Isles, trains men to be priests for England and Wales. The *Friends of the Venerable* aims to support these students with prayer and financial help, whilst also fostering a wider knowledge of the college. The college owns the Villa Palazzola in the Alban Hills high above Rome, looking over the Pope's summer residence at Castel Gondolfo. Palazzola is available for groups, families, couples and individuals who would like to stay for a while. If you wish to become a Friend, please take a leaflet from one of the tables by the doors, and see www.friendsofenglishcollegerome.org.uk or www.vecrome.org.

DIVINE: A Confrontation in Photography. There is an exhibition in the abbey church at Mount St Bernard until 3 October, 10am to 12 noon, and 2.30 to 5.30pm. In September 2013 the photographer Andreas Reiner visited some Vincentian sisters in Bavaria. He was struck to see how their faith-filled lives, dedicated to the relief of human suffering, were so radiant with joy. His photographs convey deeply pondered responses to the human condition. They are set to challenge as well as delight. See handbills on tables by the doors.

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...

MONEY MATTERS: Last Weekend's collections – There were no figures to hand at the time of going to press. More news next week.

Very many thanks for your continuing generosity.

The Refugee Crisis. Over the last few weeks there has been an upsurge of interest in the plight of refugees and asylum seekers. Leicester City of Sanctuary is organising a public meeting at the Cathedral to share ideas and offer advice. Thursday September 24th at 7.00pm in Leicester cathedral. All most welcome.

The Rose without a Thorn: the Story of Katheryn Howard. The Kirby Muxloe Players present this play from Wednesday 7 October to Saturday 10 October at 7.30pm in the Village Hall. Tickets £8. Contact 07804 435 235 or visit www.kirbyplayers.co.uk.

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.



From today's Gospel:
"Anyone who welcomes one of these little children in my name, welcomes me."

VACANCY: Diocese of Nottingham Justice and Peace Fieldworker. 24 hours per week [including some evening and weekend working]; Salary £14,500pa. The Justice and Peace Commission works to promote Catholic Social Teaching and action for social and economic justice, and peace, throughout the Diocese. The Fieldworker is employed by the Diocese to support and develop the work of the Justice and Peace Commission in parishes, schools, & universities and ecumenically. The Fieldworker is based at Willson House, Derby Road, Nottingham NG1 5AW but may also work from home by agreement. Closing date: 12 noon on Wednesday 7th October. For informal discussion about the post please contact Liz Doona, liz.doona@ntlworld.com or call her on 01773 785 196. Interviews on Friday 16th October. Details can be found at: www.nrcdt.org.uk, and www.jpnottingham.org.uk.

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.

Year I	This week's calendar & Mass Intentions	Psalter Week 1
Sunday	Twenty-fifth Sunday <i>per annum</i> . Today is Home Mission Day.	
	Vigil 18.10	✠ Jacquelet family
		8.00 ✠ Bartlett family
	Sung 10.30	Bunten family
	OP Rite 12.30	<i>Pro populo</i>
		19.00 ✠ Margaret Smyth (anniversary)
Monday	ST MATTHEW, APOSTLE AND EVANGELIST	
	OP Rite 8.00	Marie Fisher
		12.30 Pauline's daughter's wedding (Australia)
		18.10 Barbara Knight (sick)
Tuesday	Feria	
	OP Rite 8.00	✠ Dead of the Order of Preachers
		12.30 For world peace
		18.10 Jayne Cockburn (ill)
Wednesday	St Pius of Pietrelcina (Padre Pio), Priest	
	OP Rite 8.00	✠ Eileen Quinn
		12.30 ✠ Rosada D'Silva
		18.10 ✠ Holy Souls
Thursday	Our Lady of Walsingham	
	OP Rite 8.00	✠ Holy Souls
		12.30 Private intention
		18.10 ✠ Eileen Quinn
Friday	Feria	
	OP Rite 8.00	✠ Eileen Quinn
		12.30 ✠ Jozef Lubek
		18.10 ✠ Holy Souls
Saturday	Feria	
	OP Rite 8.00	✠ Eileen Quinn
		10.00 ✠ Nancy Martin & Liban Pinto
		12.30 ✠ Elizabeth & James Fleming
Next Sunday – Twenty-sixth Sunday <i>per annum</i>. Prayers are asked for the harvest especially today. Readings:		
Numbers 11:25-29	James 5:1-6	Mark 9:38-43.45.47-48

News from the Parish Shop:

- ◆ The September edition of the Diocesan newspaper, *Catholic News*, is available, price 20p.

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.

Ride & Stride. If you have sponsorship money from the event, please contact Bernard Marriott on 0116 285 6158 to make arrangements for passing the money to the Historic Churches Trust. Many thanks, especially to those who sponsored riders or were themselves sponsored.

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: mywaygodsway.blogspot.co.uk.

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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