

1215 And All That

2015 has been a memorable year in Leicester due largely to the events surrounding the re-burial of King Richard III. Here in Holy Cross alone a Requiem Mass was celebrated by Cardinal Vincent Nichols. Later, a Dominican Rite Mass (with Catafalque) was celebrated for the repose King Richard's soul. However, 2015 is the anniversary of yet another, less known, but more important event in the life of the Church, the 4th Lateran Council. This was an ecumenical council summoned by the great Pope Innocent III to address reforms in the Church, to promote the defence of Christendom, and foster unity among the Christian nations and peoples.

Why is it so important? Well for one it was a key moment in St Dominic's quest to found his order of Preaching Friars. So the Dominicans are in a sense the offspring of Lateran IV. (It could be argued that the Franciscans are as well, but that's hardly the same thing!). Also, the Council passed a canon known as *Omnis utriusque sexus*, which states that all the faithful, of either sex, are obliged to confess their sins and receive Holy Communion at least once a year, at Easter or thereabouts. This canon is still in force, and is part of Church teaching to this day. It still affects each one of us, whether we pay heed to it or not.

Finally, the Profession of Faith of the Council, *Firmiter*, states very neatly, with the greatest precision and concision, the utter transcendence of God. "For between Creator and creature, no similarity can be expressed, without implying a greater dissimilarity." In other words, however we might try and think of God by comparing him with his effects (creatures), we can never comprehend the full transcendence and otherness of the divine nature. God is always God, and we will always be creatures, even when enjoying eternal glory.

So although it may seem like a long time ago in a galaxy far away, Lateran IV deeply shaped the life of the Church as well as beautifully stating perennial truths about God. So we give God thanks for so great a Council, and for the great Pope Innocent III.

Fr Neil, OP

Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Year B

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Entrance Antiphon:	Let the hearts that seek the Lord rejoice; turn to the Lord and his strength; constantly seek his face.
1st Reading:	Jeremiah 31:7-9
Psalm R:	<i>At 10.30: What marvels the Lord worked for us. Indeed we were glad. Otherwise: The Lord has done great things for us; we are glad. (Ps 126)</i>
2nd Reading:	Hebrews 5:1-6
Alleluia:	Our Saviour Christ Jesus abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the Gospel.
Gospel:	Mark 10:46-52
Communion Antiphon:	<i>Either: We will ring out our joy at your saving help and exult in the name of our God. Or: Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, as a fragrant offering to God.</i>

Baptism Preparation: the next session is on Sunday 1 November; please come to the sacristy at the end of the 10.30am Mass. If you wish to have your child baptised here, you need to attend one of these sessions, usually held on the first Sunday of each month.

Children's Liturgy in St Clement's Hall 10.30 Mass. The Children's Liturgy takes place during the 10.30 Mass on Sundays and will continue each weekend until Christmas. This Liturgy is aimed at 1 to 10 years and parents are encouraged to attend. **We are now using St Clement's Hall** and we leave the church just before the Readings. We will open the Wellington St door into the Hall so that if anyone has a pushchair or is a bit late you will easily be able to join us. If you haven't joined us before, or even if you are just visiting Holy Cross, you and your children will be very welcome.

Please join us in the church hall after the 10:30am Mass TODAY, Sunday 25th October, to celebrate the Month of the Holy Rosary. There will be hot drinks, juice and a 'Cupcake Rosary'. All donations from the cupcakes will go towards building up a library resource for our children to use as another way of accessing and living the Faith.

Organ Recital. Our organist, Mr Thomas Keogh, will be giving a recital here **this Wednesday, 28 October, at 7.30pm**. It is the first of a series, and will be in aid of the music ministry at Holy Cross.

Donations for the Advent Market on Sunday November 29. We appreciate your efforts to donate any of the following goods. Prizes, cakes and biscuits, unwanted gifts, bottled goods, fair-trade goods (chocolates, coffee, sugar, honey, etc), good-quality paperbacks, DVDs, bric-a-brac, toiletries, raffle prizes, chocolate, sweets, pickles and jams, toys, games all welcome. (Sorry – we cannot accept video cassettes, clothes or electrical items). **If you would like to run a stall at the Advent Market**, your input and ideas would be very welcome; please contact any member of the community or email social@holycrossleicester.org. For further ways you can help, see overleaf.

MONEY MATTERS: Last Weekend's collections – Offertory Collection £1008.01 (of which £319.00 was Gift Aided and £689.01 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 £3.54; Friends of Holy Cross £4.99; Holy Souls £2.18; Grenada Church Restoration £ - . The collection for World Mission Sunday came to £289.57.

This week there is a retiring collection for the Universities Chaplaincy, and Gift Aid tax refunds will be devoted to the Parish.

Very many thanks for your continuing generosity.

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Ellen Connell, who attended Mass here for many years until recently, and passed away on 16th October. Her requiem Mass will be held next Wednesday, 28th October, at St Joseph's Church, Goodwood Road, Leicester, at 12:30. May she rest in peace.



Today's Gospel: "Master, let me see." Jesus said to him, "Go; your faith has saved you." And immediately his sight returned.

The Novena to St Martin de Porres begins on Tuesday 3 November. He was a lay brother of the Dominican Order who was beatified in 1837 and canonized in 1962. He is the patron saint of mixed-race people and all those seeking interracial harmony. There will be a book available for you to list your intentions.

This year's Advent Market will be held on Advent Sunday, 29 November. This is a very important fund-raising event and there are six easy ways you can support our fund-raising and help us to maintain and improve Holy Cross Priory and Church:

- ◆ Buy and sell raffle tickets in advance of the Advent Market – please take some books of tickets to sell;
- ◆ Order your Christmas puddings and desserts from the church shop – deadline NEXT Sunday, November 1;
- ◆ Bring in donations for the Advent Market (see the list on page 1);
- ◆ Come to the Advent Market and have a great time!
- ◆ Visit the Christmas shop for all your cards, calendars and gifts;
- ◆ Join us for the parish Christmas lunch (provisional date, Saturday December 5) and Advent/Christmas Carols Social (Tuesday December 15).

News from the Parish Shop:

- ◆ Our stock now includes Advent candles and calendars, and Christmas cards and gifts, plus 2016 diaries (£2 and £3) and calendars (£1), all of which represent very good value.
- ◆ We have been asked by a poor parish in Malawi to sell some handmade rosaries on their behalf to raise much needed funds. These are available at £2.50.

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.

November is the month in which we remember the dead. Envelopes are available for names to go on the Dead List, and Mass will be offered every day in November for the repose of the souls of those on the Dead List. There will be a Parish Requiem in November for everyone who is on the List, and for those who have died in the last year.

Year 1	This week's calendar & Mass Intentions	Psalter Week 2
Sunday	Thirtieth Sunday per annum.	
Vigil	18.10 For world peace 8.00 ✠ Mary Collier	
Sung	10.30 <i>Pro populo</i>	
OP Rite	12.30 Maureen Fernandes 19.00 Allister & Milly's intentions	
Monday	Sts Chad and Cedd, Bishops	
OP Rite	8.00 Bernice Litchfield 12.30 Maureen Fernandes 18.10 ✠ Eileen Merd'nez	
Tuesday	Feria	
OP Rite	8.00 Karl Adrian James 12.30 ✠ Patrick Breen 18.10 ✠ Eileen Mentrez	
Wednesday	STS SIMON AND JUDE, APOSTLES	
OP Rite	8.00 Reparation to Holy Name of Jesus 12.30 ✠ Henry Colman 18.10 ✠ Eileen Martinez	
Thursday	Feria	
OP Rite	8.00 Special intention - Steve 12.30 ✠ Jim Cawley 18.10 ✠ Dead of the Order of Preachers	
Friday	Bls Terence Albert O'Brien, Bishop, and Peter Higgins, Priest, Martyrs of Ireland	
OP Rite	8.00 ✠ Holy Souls 12.30 ✠ Jim Cawley 18.10 ✠ Eileen Quinn	
Saturday	Feria	
OP Rite	8.00 ✠ Holy Souls 10.00 ✠ Joseph Vathalloor 12.30 ✠ Jim Cawley	
Next Sunday – All Saints - the 12.30 Mass will be sung. Readings:		
Revelation 7:2-4.9-14	1 John 3:1-3	Matthew 5:1-12

SPUC 25th Anniversary celebration, Saturday 14 November. Come and join us at the Christian Centre, Nottingham Street, Melton. There's a FUN DAY, 10am to 4pm, with stalls, refreshments, face painting and children's craft activities – all FREE! Then, doors open 6.30pm for a showing at 7.30pm of the film "The Drop Box" (PG), the true story of one Pastor's work rescuing abandoned babies in South Korea. FREE admission. SPUC National Director John Smeaton will give a short speech to introduce the film. No need to book, just turn up!

VACANCY: The governors of The Trinity School, Nottingham, are seeking to appoint a headteacher. For more details please contact Mrs Birchnall, visit www.trinity.nottingham.sch.uk or tel 0115 929 6251. Closing date for applications is 9th November.

2016 marks the 800th anniversary of the approval of the Order of Preachers. The Jubilee Year begins on Saturday 7 November, the Feast of All Saints of the Dominican Order. There will be a special Mass at 12.30pm followed by refreshments. There will be a variety of activities to mark the Jubilee, and there will be more information in due course.

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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