

Candles in the wind

If asked which of the churches in Rome is the pope's church I guess our kneejerk reaction would be to name St Peter's in the Vatican. Well, up to a point. St Peter's is next to the pope's residence in the Vatican, to which the popes moved after finding, on their return from Avignon, that their original residence in the Lateran palace had fallen into ruin. Until then St Peter's had been essentially a pilgrimage shrine. As bishop of Rome, the pope's cathedral, however, remains the Basilica of St John on the Celian hill in Rome, built by the emperor Constantine after his conversion to Christianity on the former palace of the Laterani family. Dedicated by Constantine to Christ the Saviour the dedication was extended in the course of various rebuildings to Sts John the Baptist and John the Evangelist, hence the modern name. Later this week (9th November) we will celebrate the anniversary of its dedication. It is the first Christian basilica "mother and head of the churches of the City and the world" and the feast of its dedication, originally kept only in the city of Rome, was extended to whole of the churches of the Roman rite as a sign of unity with and respect for the office of bishop of Rome, who, as Ignatius of Antioch wrote in the 2nd century AD, presides over the whole assembly (of churches) in charity.

We celebrate then our unity in charity on a global scale what we celebrate locally in the feast of the dedication of the cathedral of our diocese. In a sermon preached about 100 years after the dedication of the Lateran basilica St Caesarius of Arles reminds us that the instinct that leads Christians to celebrate their mother church arises from their realising that they have become real, living temples of God's Spirit, vessels of his mercy, being built into the New or Heavenly Jerusalem. As St Paul tells us, "God's temple is holy, and that temple you are."

We are invited in forthcoming jubilee Year of Mercy instituted by pope Francis beginning on the 8th December to realise our core identity as being vessels of God's mercy, bringing forth Christ in ourselves and recognising Christ in others. We do that by letting God come into us, as we come into church, as God promised when he said "I will live in them and move among them". Most of us accept God's light into the darkness of our lives only hesitantly, partially. We are as candles to the sun, yet still we can bear the light of God's compassion, mercy and forgiveness to others as best we can, empowered and energised by the gifts of God's Spirit given to us. We may be as candles in the wind, but we can still let God's mercy shine through our feeble flesh to enlighten our world. And the more we collaborate with God in doing so the easier it becomes. Let your light shine!

Greg OP

Thirty-second Sunday of the Year
Remembrance Sunday

Year B

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Entrance Antiphon:	Let my prayer come into your presence. Incline your ear to my cry for help, O Lord.
1st Reading:	1 Kings 17:10-16
Psalm R:	<i>At 10.30: My soul give praise to the Lord. Otherwise: Praise the Lord, O my soul! (Ps 146)</i>
2nd Reading:	Hebrews 9:24-28
Alleluia:	Blessed are the poor in spirit for theirs is the Kingdom of heaven.
Gospel:	Mark 12:38-44
Communion Antiphon:	<i>Either: The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want. Fresh and green are the pastures where he gives me repose, near restful waters he leads me. Or: The disciples recognized the Lord Jesus in the breaking of bread.</i>

Baptism Preparation: the next session is **Sunday 6 December**; 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.

Today is Remembrance Sunday and the 10.30am Mass will be a Requiem Mass for the dead of all wars.

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.

The Novena to St Martin de Porres began 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.

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 on Wednesday 25 November at 7.15pm** for everyone who is on the List, and for those who have died in the last year. There will be no 6.10pm Mass that day.

MONEY MATTERS: Last Weekend's collections – Offertory Collection £1884.29 (of which £938.30 was Gift Aided and £945.99 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 £1.12; Friends of Holy Cross £1.73; Holy Souls £41.19; Grenada Church Restoration £ - . The collection for World Mission Sunday came to £289.57.

Very many thanks for your continuing generosity.

The next meeting of the Holy Cross Lay Dominican Fraternity will be held after the 12.30pm Mass in Holy Cross Centre on **Saturday 14 November**, and will focus on the Pope's encyclical *Laudate Si, the care of our common home*. Anyone interested in this key environmental document will be most welcome to join us. Bring a packed lunch – tea and coffee will be provided. For further information, tel 01507 481072.

The Leicester Theological Society's next talk, the Newman Ecumenical Lecture, will be given on **Friday 13 November** by Dr John Florance, the Radio Leicester Faith and Ethics Producer, and the talk is entitled "Theology and the Media: Evil communications and corrupt good manners". Meetings are held here at Holy Cross, in St Clement's Hall on Fridays at 7:30pm. Visitors are welcome (£5; students no charge).

Pray for Priests: A new prayer group will be starting on Thursday 12th November following the 12:30pm Mass and will continue throughout the year. This will be a meditative Rosary to pray for priests and is part of our celebration of 800th Anniversary of the approval of the Order of Preachers. All welcome. If you cannot join us on a Thursday, we invite you to consider offering your family prayers for priests each Thursday.

The organ sortie after the 10.30 Mass today: Nimrod *Elgar*.

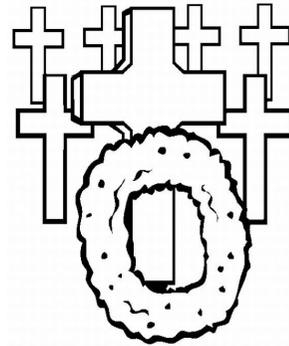
This year's **Advent Market** will be held on **Advent Sunday, 29 November**. This is a very important fund-raising event and there are six easy ways you can support our fund-raising and help us to maintain and improve Holy Cross Priory and Church:

- ◆ Buy and sell raffle tickets in advance of the Advent Market – please take some books of tickets to sell;
- ◆ 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:

- ◆ In the coming weeks there will be a **pop-up shop** in the church before and after the 10.30am Mass on Sundays. Please make a bee-line for it and purchase Christmas presents, cards, etc, all at very competitive prices.
- ◆ The November issue of *Catholic News*, the diocesan newspaper, is now 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.



Lest we forget.

Year I	This week's calendar & Mass Intentions	Psalter Week 4
Sunday	Thirty-second Sunday per annum	
Vigil	18.10 Good estate of the Dominican Order 8.00 ✕ November Dead List	
Sung	10.30 John Paul & Annie Deddens	
OP Rite	12.30 Bunten family 19.00 <i>Pro populo</i>	
Monday	THE DEDICATION OF THE LATERAN BASILICA	
OP Rite	8.00 ✕ Maria Fernandes 12.30 ✕ November Dead List 18.10 ✕ Michael Bambara	
Tuesday	St Leo the Great, Pope and Doctor of the Church	
OP Rite	8.00 ✕ Dead of the Order of Preachers 12.30 ✕ Ellen Connell 18.10 ✕ November Dead List	
Wednesday	St Martin of Tours, Bishop	
OP Rite	8.00 Maria Susanna Marquis (birthday) 12.30 ✕ November Dead List 18.10 Private intention	
Thursday	St Josaphat, Bishop and Martyr	
OP Rite	8.00 ✕ November Dead List 12.30 Ivor Pereira 18.10 For World Peace	
Friday	ANNIVERSARY OF ALL DECEASED BROTHERS AND SISTERS OF THE ORDER OF PREACHERS	
OP Rite	8.00 Sica Martinez - intentions 12.30 ✕ November Dead List 18.10 Bernice Francis (hospital examination)	
Saturday	Feria	
OP Rite	8.00 ✕ Sean Connor 10.00 ✕ Deceased members of the Paes family 12.30 ✕ November Dead List	
Next Sunday – Thirty-third Sunday per annum. Readings:		
	Daniel 12:1-3	Hebrews 10:11-14.18 Mark 13:24-32

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 note that the 12.30pm Mass on the first Sunday of each month is a sung Mass.

Rosmini Centre: Second Saturday Morning Talk on Current Issues in the Church. Saturday 14th of November – "Pope Francis and Ecology". 10.30am for 11.00 to 1.00pm., followed by shared lunch. Rosmini Centre House of Prayer, 433 Fosse Way, Ratcliffe on the Wreake, LE7 4SJ. (Half mile north of Ratcliffe College on A46).

REGULAR SERVICE TIMES
SUNDAYS 8.00 Mass 9.00 Lauds 10.30 Sung Mass 12.30 Mass (Dominican Rite) - sung on 1st Sundays 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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