

Paul set no store by the things that fill our visible world

Paul, more than anyone else, has shown us what man really is, and in what our nobility consists, and of what virtue this particular animal is capable. Each day he aimed ever higher; each day he rose up with greater ardour and faced with new eagerness the dangers that threatened him. He summed up his attitude in the words: I forget what is behind me and push on to what lies ahead. When he saw death imminent, he bade others share his joy: Rejoice and be glad with me! And when danger, injustice and abuse threatened, he said: I am content with weakness, mistreatment and persecution. These he called the weapons of righteousness, thus telling us that he derived immense profit from them.

Thus, amid the traps set for him by his enemies, with exultant heart he turned their every attack into a victory for himself; constantly beaten, abused and cursed, he boasted of it as though he were celebrating a triumphal procession and taking trophies home, and offered thanks to God for it all: Thanks be to God who is always victorious in us! This is why he was far more eager for the shameful abuse that his zeal in preaching brought upon him than we are for the most pleasing honours, more eager for death than we are for life, for poverty than we are for wealth; he yearned for toil far more than others yearn for rest after toil. The one thing he feared, indeed dreaded, was to offend God; nothing else could sway him. Therefore, the only thing he really wanted was always to please God.

The most important thing of all to him, however, was that he knew himself to be loved by Christ. Enjoying this love, he considered himself happier than anyone else; were he without it, it would be no satisfaction to be the friend of principalities and powers. He preferred to be thus loved and be the least of all, or even to be among the damned, than to be without that love and be among the great and honoured.

To be separated from that love was, in his eyes, the greatest and most extraordinary of torments; the pain of that loss would alone have been hell, and endless, unbearable torture.

So too, in being loved by Christ he thought of himself as possessing life, the world, the angels, present and future, the kingdom, the promise and countless blessings. Apart from that love nothing saddened or delighted him; for nothing earthly did he regard as bitter or sweet.

Paul set no store by the things that fill our visible world, any more than a man sets value on the withered grass of the field. As for tyrannical rulers or the people enraged against him, he paid them no more heed than gnats. Death itself and pain and whatever torments might come were but child's play to him, provided that thereby he might bear some burden for the sake of Christ.

The homily for the Feast of the Conversion of St Paul by St John Chrysostom

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

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Entrance Antiphon:	O sing a new song to the Lord; sing to the Lord, all the earth. In his presence are majesty and splendour, strength and honour in his holy place.
1st Reading:	Nehemiah 8: 2-6. 8-10
Psalm R:	<i>At 10.30: Your words are spirit Lord and they are life. Otherwise: Your words, O Lord, are Spirit and life. (Ps 19)</i>
2nd Reading:	1 Corinthians 12: 12-30
Alleluia:	The Lord has sent me to preach good news to the poor, to proclaim release to the captives.
Gospel:	Luke 1: 1-4; 4: 14-21
Communion Antiphon:	<i>Either: Look toward the Lord and be radiant; let your faces not be abashed. Or: I am the light of the world, says the Lord; whoever follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life.</i>

Baptism Preparation: the next session is on **Sunday 7 February**; 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.

There will be a service for Christian Unity Week at St Martin's Cathedral **TOMORROW**, Monday 25 January, at 7.30pm. All are most welcome.

The new Holy League. Cardinal Raymund Burke has encouraged Catholic men to consider joining a new 'Holy League'. The original Holy League was a union of committed Catholic rulers formed in the 16th century to counter the attacks of heresy and paganism. The new one is being formed for the sake of spiritual combat in our troubled times. We plan to hold a holy hour on the 2nd Friday of each month, with exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, a short spiritual talk and opportunity for confessions. **The first will be on Friday 12th February at 7:45pm.** The Holy League is open to any Catholic man aged 18 or more. For more information speak to Fr Thomas, or see the web-site <http://holyleague.com/>.

Quiz Night

A Quiz Night will be held in the Parish Centre to raise funds for the parish **NEXT SATURDAY, 30 January**, at 7pm for 7.30pm. Hot food and nibbles provided. Bring your own drinks (glasses will be available). £5 (£10 for families of two adults plus under-16s). **Make a note in your diary, buy a ticket and come along to have fun and support the parish.** Tickets will be on sale after all Masses.

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.

MONEY MATTERS: Last Weekend's collections – Offertory Collection £932.25 (of which £343.50 was Gift Aided and £588.75 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 £2.58; Friends of Holy Cross £4.87; Holy Souls £46.49; Grenada Church Restoration £ - .

Very many thanks for your continuing generosity.

A new style of Newsletter will be introduced in Lent. Please have a good look at it when it comes out, and feed back any comments to Fr David.

The Year of Mercy Parish Pilgrimage to Florence, Bologna and Siena will take place from 1 to 7 July. The cost will be £869, and Fr David has all the details.

VACANCY: The governors of St Benedict's Voluntary Academy, Derby, a secondary school, are seeking to appoint a deputy headteacher. For all further details please visit www.saintben.derby.sch.uk or contact Charlie Chamberlain at the school, tel: 01332 554295. Closing date 29th January.



Jesus gave the scroll back to the assistant and said, "This text of Isaiah is being fulfilled today even as you listen." - *today's Gospel*

Follow us on 'Facebook Holy Cross Priory Leicester (Dominicans)' for the latest news and updates on events here at Holy Cross.

News from the Parish Shop

- ◆ *Dominic and the Order of Preachers.* We have a stock of a brand new CTS booklet by Fr Richard Finn, OP. Every parishioner should obtain one during this Jubilee Year! Only £2.50.
- ◆ The last diaries are going for the bargain price of £1.

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.

Interested in becoming a Catholic? The RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) course takes place each **Tuesday** at 7pm. This programme is aimed at those who are interested in becoming Catholics, whether they have not been baptised or baptised in a different Christian tradition, and it is geared to the reception of sacraments at Easter. It also caters for adult Catholics who have not been confirmed, or those who simply feel it is time for a refresher course. Please see Fr David.

Mother Goose. The Kirby Muxloe Players present this pantomime adventure in the Village Hall from Sunday 24 January to Saturday 30 January at 2.30pm (Sunday and Saturday) and 7.30pm (Wednesday to Saturday). Tickets are £8. See www.kirbyplayers.co.uk or ring 07804 435235.

Holy Cross Gospel Choir has started its rehearsals for 2016. We always welcome newcomers and absolute beginners so, if you'd like to try something new and meet new people in a very relaxed setting, do come and join us. We're in St. Clement's Hall on Wellington Street on Tuesdays from 7.00 to 8.45pm. Contact Jeff (0116 243 1289) for more details.

Year II	This week's calendar & Mass Intentions	Psalter Week 3
Sunday	Third Sunday per annum. Today is Racial Justice Day.	
Vigil	18.10 ✚ Private intention (for two departed souls)	
	8.00 ✚ Patsy Cooke	
Sung	10.30 Baby Eve Willson	
OP Rite	12.30 <i>Pro populo</i>	
	19.00 ✚ Anne Downey & Kathleen Crosbie	
Monday	THE CONVERSION OF ST PAUL THE APOSTLE. Octave of Prayer for Christian Unity ends.	
OP Rite	8.00 Paul Murphy	
	12.30 ✚ Margaret, James & Henry Bailey	
	18.10 ✚ Brigid Kirwan	
Tuesday	Sts Timothy and Titus, Bishops	
OP Rite	8.00 ✚ Dead of the Order of Preachers	
	12.30 Paul Murphy	
	18.10 D. Mannigan	
Wednesday	Feria	
OP Rite	8.00 ✚ Holy Souls	
	12.30 ✚ Tom Ward	
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Thursday	ST THOMAS AQUINAS, PRIEST AND DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH	
OP Rite	8.00 Rita Hindocha	
	12.30 ✚ Nancy & Jim Earley	
	18.10 Paul Murphy	
Friday	Feria	
OP Rite	8.00 Personal intention	
	12.30 ✚ Patsy Locke	
	18.10 ✚ Eamon Morton	
Saturday	Feria	
OP Rite	8.00 ✚ Holy Souls	
	10.00 Paul Murphy	
	12.30 Private intention - family	
Next Sunday – Fourth Sunday per annum. Readings:		
Jeremiah 1:4-5.17-19	1 Corinthians 12:31-13:13	Luke 4:21-30

Cor et Lumen Christi. Damian Stayne is the founder of Cor et Lumen Christi, a community recognized by the Vatican. He is a very gifted teacher and preacher. He has a remarkable gift of physical healing miracles, seeing thousands healed through his ministry in more than 25 countries. He has considerable experience guiding people in prayer drawing on the rich tradition of the Church and his own life of faithfulness to regular intimate prayer. This year Pope Francis has invited us to celebrate a year of mercy. Pope St John Paul II wrote that humanity is "destined for grace and glory". We believe that God, seeing the battle Christians are experiencing in an often hostile secular culture, desires that we experience in new and wonderful ways his merciful grace and the beauty and power of his manifest glory among us. **There will be a 2-day event in Central London on 13 & 14 February.** The Registration fee is £15, and booking is compulsory. For details see www.coretlumenchristi.org or call 01932 565747.

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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