

HOLY CROSS PRIORY CHURCH



SUNDAY 29 MAY 2016

CORPUS CHRISTI – YEAR C

FROM THE PRIOR'S DESK

Holy Cross has been a hive of activity recently, with Blackfriars Market taking up so much of our energy and enthusiasm. Thankfully it has all paid off, with another successful event behind us, and funds raised to help us continue our development work.

There's still a lot going on round the place – the Wedding Season has started, and some of our children are preparing for First Holy Communion. Our musical and social calendar is pretty full too, with another wonderful concert to look forward to this week, and the Big Summer Festival just round the corner.

It's a good thing that the days are still getting longer, so we can fit everything in! I'd better let you get on with reading the newsletter and everything that's happening. But we should spare a thought for all those who are lost or forgotten in a hive of activity. In this Year of Mercy, let's recall the power of a prayer and a kind word.

Have a good week!

Fr David

THANK YOU SO MUCH – BLACKFRIARS MARKET

A HUGE THANK YOU to each and every person who made Blackfriars Market another great success. So far, we've raised **£2,792.31**, and there are still opportunities to donate and make that even better! Holy Cross is strengthened each time we celebrate this event, not just by all the donations, but by the collaboration between all of us as we set about our common goal. Well done, and keep it up!

GETTING TOGETHER AFTER MASS

On **Sunday 5th June** we are having a **breakfast club** after 8am Mass, Free sausage/egg baps, toast, tea, coffee and fruit juices. On the same day, after **10.30am Mass**, we are having another of our much-loved **Ice Cream Sundays** (*sic – don't blame the Parish Priest!*), Free ice cream, tea, coffee, fruit juice and biscuits. Both these events are excellent opportunities to get to know each other better.



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SOME DATES FOR YOUR DIARY ...

- Wednesday 1 June
7.30pm, Organ Recital
given by Laurence
Caldecote
- Sunday 5 June, after
8.00am Mass – Free
Breakfast Club and
after 10.30am Mass –
Free Ice Cream Sunday
- Sunday 5 June –
Baptism Preparation
Course after 10.30am
Mass in St Clements
Hall
- Sunday 12 June – First
Holy Communion
- Saturday 18 June, Big
Summer Festival
(including an afternoon
party for young people;
evening sit down
buffet followed by
music and dance).

Mass for Maureen
Keating RIP –
Saturday 4 June at
12:30pm. Please bring
pictures and memories
of Maureen.

OUR "BIG SUMMER FESTIVAL" – SATURDAY 18TH JUNE

Our next major social event is the **Big Summer Festival** – an opportunity for us to grow closer and build our community. The event takes place in the evening, with a buffet, music and dancing, and all kinds of fun. It is a good opportunity to invite your friends to Holy Cross too. **Tickets are free**, and available from the Priory Shop. At this stage, we are also looking for helpers for the event. Please see Jeff Henry, one of the Friars, or email Rachael, for any more info – leicester.admin@english.op.org

FIRST CONFESSIONS AND FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

Congratulations to Jocelyn and Magdalen, two of our children who will be baptized today at the 10:30am Mass, and please pray for all our children who are preparing for First Confession next weekend, and First Holy Communion the following week. Today, the children will have a session with Fr David and Katherine in St Clement's Hall after the Procession, while Fr Robert will hold a session for parents and carers of first communicants at the same time, upstairs in the Hall.

BANK HOLIDAY MONDAY AND HALF TERM

Our good wishes go to all those who are travelling for half term or for the weekend, and a welcome to those who come this way for a break. On Monday, there will only be 12:30pm Mass at Holy Cross, and the Church will remain closed.

PROCESSIONS

Today we have our annual Corpus Christi Procession through some of the surrounding streets, following the 10:30am Mass. Please do read Fr Robert's reflection on processions and Corpus Christi on torch.op.org at the web address below: <http://torch.op.org/torch/corpus-christi>.

PLEASE TAKE THE NEWSLETTER AWAY WITH YOU

THE DOMINICAN COMMUNITY

Fr David Rocks OP PP *Prior*; Fr. Isidore Clarke OP; Fr. Fabian Radcliffe OP;
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MASS TIMES

Sundays:

8am; 10:30am (sung);
12:30pm (old rite);
7pm

Weekdays:

8am (old rite);
12:30pm; 6:10pm

Saturdays:

8am (old rite);
10am; 12.30pm;
6:10pm Vigil Mass for Sunday

CONFESSION

Saturdays:

10:30-11:30am
5:00-6:00pm

MONEY MATTERS

Last week's collection total:

Holy Cross Parish

£ 1,041.43

(Gift aided: £ 316.80)

Woodhouse Community

£ 126.51

(Gift aided: £ 76.80)

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT!



THE LITURGY THIS WEEK

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YEAR C

THIS SUNDAY – CORPUS CHRISTI; SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST (EF)

Entrance Antiphon:	He fed them with the finest wheat and satisfied them with honey from the rock.
First Reading:	Genesis 14:18–20
Psalm +:	You are a priest for ever, according to the order of Melchizedek. (Ps 110)
Second Reading:	1 Corinthians 11:23–26
Sequence:	Lauda Sion Salvatorem... Zion, praise your Saviour... Ecce panis angelorum... Lo! The angel's food...
Alleluia:	I am the living bread which came down from heaven, says the Lord; if any one eats this bread he will live for ever.
Gospel:	Luke 9:11-17
Communion Antiphon:	Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood remains in me and I in him, says the Lord.

NEXT SUNDAY – TENTH SUNDAY *PER ANNUM*; THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST (EF)

1 Kings 17:17–24	Galatians 1:11–19	Luke 7:11–17
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WEEKDAY MASSES (YEAR II)

Monday:	Feria
Tuesday:	VISITATION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY; BVM Queen (EF)
Wednesday:	St Justin, Martyr; St Angela Merici (EF)
Thursday:	Feria
Friday:	THE MOST SACRED HEART OF JESUS <i>(Solemnity and thus not a day of abstinence)</i>
Saturday:	The Immaculate Heart of the Blessed Virgin Mary; St Francis Caracciolo (EF)



Extraordinary Jubilee of Mercy - December 8th 2015 to November 20th 2016

THE WORD AT WORK: OUR WEEKLY REFLECTION

THE CORPORAL WORKS OF MERCY: AN INTRODUCTION

Today in our Newsletter, we begin a series of reflections inspired by the Order's Jubilee 800 and the Extraordinary Jubilee of Mercy. This is the first of several instalments from the "Twin Clarke Team"...

Pope Benedict XVI's Encyclical, 'God is Love' pulled me up with a jolt. There he wrote, "The Church's deepest nature is expressed in her three-fold responsibility: of proclaiming the word of God, celebrating the sacraments and exercising the ministry of charity. These duties presuppose each other and are inseparable. For the Church, charity is not a kind of welfare activity which could equally well be left to others, but is a part of her nature, an indispensable expression of her very being." ('Deus Caritas Est' [25]).

In other words, the Ministry of Charity is as much a distinctive a mark of the Church as are the Ministries of the Word and of the Sacraments.

More recently, in proclaiming a Year of Mercy, Pope Francis urged us to re-discover the vital importance the Spiritual and Corporal Works of Mercy in the life of the Church, and in that of each of us –its members.

Thus Pope Francis wrote, "It is my burning desire that, during this jubilee, the Christian people may reflect on the *Corporal and Spiritual Works of Mercy*. It will be a way to reawaken our conscience, too often grown dull in the face of poverty. And let us enter more deeply into the heart of the Gospel where the poor have a special experience of God's mercy. Jesus introduces us to these Works of Mercy in his preaching so that we can know whether or not we are living as His disciples," ('Vultus Dei' [12]).

St. Matthew's Gospel Ch. 25 is the primary source for our understanding the Corporal Works of Mercy. There Jesus tells us that He identifies with those who are in any kind of need; in them He cries to us for help. As we respond to their needs we, the Church, identify with the compassionate Jesus and continue His caring ministry. So, in every such encounter there's a dialogue between Jesus begging for mercy and Jesus in us, through us, responding to that appeal. At different times most of us can identify with Christ the giver and Christ the receiver of compassion. Each meets Christ in the other. To each of us baptised persons Pope Saint Leo the Great would say, "Oh, Christian, remember your own dignity; Oh, Christian, remember each other's dignity!"

As a small contribution to the forthcoming Year of Mercy we Dominican twin brothers, Peter and Isidore, have composed reflections on the Corporal and Spiritual Works of Mercy. It would be cosy, but useless, if we simply talked and thought about them. We have been called to put these Works of Mercy into action. It easily happens that this responsibility is left to Church organizations. That's especially true of the Spiritual Works of Mercy. But if mercy is the 'Face of God,' then this must be reflected in each one of us, whom He has made in His own image and likeness. Otherwise we won't be His true sons and daughters.

We invite you not merely to read these meditations but to take them to heart and put them into practice. We dare to suggest Pope Francis would expect nothing less of you –and us!

Peter and Isidore Clarke O.P.

