

There is more to being good than just behaving correctly

TODAY'S Gospel is part of the Sermon on the Mount. There Jesus told us he had come to fulfil the Law. By this he meant two things. First, he shows that God's will for us extends beyond the way we behave to our inner-most thoughts and longings. These inspire how we behave. Next, Jesus fulfils the Law by himself revealing God's will for us. He can speak with divine authority. These two ways in which Christ fulfils the Law are reflected in today's Gospel.

In the past the prophets had said, '*Thus said the Lord....*' They were God's spokesmen, who expressed God's will for His people, not their own. In fact prophets who spoke in their own name were strongly condemned as being false. But Jesus introduced His teaching in a very different and scandalous way. Instead of saying, '*Thus says the Lord,*' he would say, '*It was said to you of old, but I say to you....*' As He spoke in His own name He claimed divine authority in interpreting God's will for us.

In general Jesus taught that there's more to being good than behaving correctly, though we must certainly do that. But there's always the danger of our giving a false impression of being outwardly respectable, when we're rotten inside. Being a good person must reach down to the way we think and desire. After all, our actions arise from our thoughts and longings.

For example, while the Law forbids murder Jesus condemns the kind of anger that leads to our lashing out and taking revenge. The innocent victim reduces himself to the violent level of the aggressive assailant. We must extinguish the flames of such anger before it leads to violent actions.

After forbidding anger Jesus condemns contemptuous speech. This arises from pride. We consider we are superior to others, racially, academically or in some other way. We destroy their good name, as well as their self-respect and confidence. Character assassination is a kind of murder. Never should we underestimate the power of speech, either to build someone up or destroy him. A contemptuous word can spark off a pub fight or a race riot.

What Jesus has to say about erotic thoughts and longings requires a balanced approach. Such desires are part of being human – the way God has made us, and therefore good. But powerful emotions are involved, which can easily get out of control, leading to wrongful desires and actions. We need to keep these emotions on a tight rein and not look for troublesome erotic stimulants. It's important to remember that being tempted is not a sin; giving in is.

Fr Isidore O.P.

6th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Year A

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Entrance Antiphon:	Lord, be my rock of safety, the stronghold that saves me. For the honour of your name, lead me and guide me.
At 11am – page nos in Missale:	•Mass Ordinary, p 13; Mass Proper, p 120 •Sung setting: Missa Orbis Factor p 210; Credo III, p 216 •Communion motet: Ave Maria <i>Stravinsky</i> ; Marian Antiphon 3, p 220 •Organ sortie: Prelude and Fugue in A minor BWV 543 <i>J S Bach</i>
1st Reading:	Ecclesiasticus 15: 15-20
Psalm R:	Blessed are those who walk in the law of the Lord! (Ps 119)
2nd Reading:	1 Corinthians 2: 6-10
Alleluia:	Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, that you have revealed to little ones the mysteries of the kingdom.
Gospel:	Matthew 5: 17-37
Communion Antiphon:	<u>Either</u> – They ate and were filled; the Lord gave them what they wanted: they were not deprived of their desire. <u>Or</u> – God loved the world so much, he gave his only Son, that all who believe in him might not perish, but might have eternal life.
WEEKDAY MASS IN LATIN. In addition to the Masses listed in the schedule on p 3, Holy Mass will be offered in the older form from Monday to Saturday at 8am.	

Fancy Cake Day: After the 9.30 Mass TODAY there will be a special, fancy cake for you to enjoy, free of charge, with your tea/coffee/fruit juice. Hope to see you there.

AROUND THE BIBLE IN 80 WEEKS. This is the title of a series on each Book of the Bible, written by one of the friars, and inserted into the Newsletter. We continue today with the Gospel of St John. The series also appears on the Parish website.

On Saturdays in Lent, the Rosary will be recited in common at 12 noon, before the 12:30pm Mass. Please make the effort in Lent to come and join in prayer.

Millionaires' Evening: Please come and support Fr Peter and the work he does with the university students. It's an evening of games with the bar open and supper provided. From 7.00pm on Saturday March 12, in the parish centre. Tickets £5, £3 concession, £10 family.

Calling all Students! Find out all about Cathsoc and its activities on www.leicestercathsoc.co.uk or Facebook "Catholic Student Union Leicester". There is a handy bookmark with a list of this term's social events on the table by the Wellington Street door.

MONEY MATTERS: Last Weekend's collections – Offertory Collection £1032.79; SVP £12.72; Friends of Holy Cross £5.56; Holy Souls £21.08; Grenada Church Restoration £11.53.

This week there is a retiring collection for the Diocesan Quota. Next week there is a retiring collection for our Lenten Fast Day.

Very many thanks for your continuing generosity.

CHRIST IN THE CENTRE 2011 URGENTLY needs volunteers to be stewards. This is the large-scale Passion Play Pageant held in the City Centre every Good Friday. Without volunteer stewards, this highly successful and professional event could not take place. Now is the time to step forward and volunteer! Please contact Tony Grayson on tonygrayson@fastmail.fm or 07849 455222, or see Fr Duncan for more information.



Today's Gospel: "Do not imagine that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets..."

Please pray for the repose of the soul of John Hayes who has recently died. His funeral will be on Friday 18 February at 10am. Also Sr Teresa Joseph, one of the Carmelite sisters, has died and her funeral will be at St Thomas More's at 1.30pm on Monday 14 February. *Requiescant in pace.*

A Weekend to learn and practise Gregorian Chant, here at Holy Cross. The Schola Gregoriana of Cambridge will hold their Spring Weekend here from the afternoon of Friday 11 March to Sunday 13 March, the First Sunday of Lent. They will rehearse for Compline on the Friday evening, Mass, Vespers and Compline on the Saturday, and sing at the 11am Mass on the Sunday. All are welcome to join the weekend, and singers will be divided into beginners and those with more experience. See notices, and handbills on the tables by the doors, and more information available from Bernard Marriott on 285 6158.

Forthcoming events for your diary

Sat 12 Mar	Support Fr Peter and the students at their Millionaires' Evening
Sat 2 Apr	Absolute Beginners' Rock n Roll Dance Session

There will be a Pilgrimage to Medjugorje from Sunday 15 May to Sunday 22 May from Birmingham Airport. See noticeboard, and details from Kath Gambin on 234 0103.

The Diocesan Pilgrimage to Walsingham will take place on Sunday 19 June. The pilgrimage will be a focus for prayer and reflection on the theme of Christian Vocation, and especially the Vocation to be a Deacon. See noticeboard for details.

Please join us in the Parish Hall after the 9:30am and 11:00am Sunday Masses for tea, coffee, fruit-juice etc. There is the opportunity for a chat with members of the Dominican Community and with parishioners. We particularly welcome newly-arrived students and other visitors.

Year 1	This week's calendar & Mass Intentions	Psalter Week 2
Confessions	10.30 to 11.30 Fr Duncan, and 17.00 to 18.00 Fr Peter	
Sunday	6th Sunday per annum.	
Vigil	18.00 ✕ John & Mary Pinto 8.00 Private intention	
Family	9.30 ✕ Sr Teresa Joseph	
Solemn	11.00 <i>Pro populo</i>	
OP Rite	12.30 The Robert Family	
Students	17.00 Mass for students in the Lady Chapel 19.00 ✕ Holy Souls	
Monday	SS CYRIL AND METHIDIUS, BISHOPS, PATRONS OF EUROPE 10.00 ✕ Peter Woods (11 th anniversary) 12.30 Geniveve Clegg	
Tuesday	Feria 10.00 ✕ Dead of the Order of Preachers 12.30 Private Intention	
Wednesday	Feria 10.00 Bill Heffernan 12.30 ✕ Lucy & Armand Pinto	
Thursday	Feria 10.00 ✕ Reginald Eyre (anniversary) 12.30 Thanksgiving	
Friday	Bl. John of Fiesole (Fra Angelico), priest 10.00 ✕ Holy Souls 12.30 Fr Pat Lucey's intentions	
Saturday	Feria 10.00 ✕ Holy Souls 12.30 Fr Pat Lucey's intentions	
Confessions	10.30 to 11.30 Fr Isidore, and 17.00 to 18.00 Fr Thomas	
WEEKDAY MASS IN LATIN. Holy Mass will be offered in the older form from Monday to Saturday at 8am		
Next Sunday – 7th Sunday per annum. Education Day: Prayers are recommended for students and teachers, and for the work of Christian education. Readings:		
Leviticus 19:1-2.17-18	1 Corinthians 3:16-23	Matthew 5:38-48

Red Cross Appeal for Refugees & Asylum Seekers. 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 after any Mass. Thank you.

REGULAR SERVICE TIMES
MONDAYS TO FRIDAYS 7.30 Lauds 10.00 Mass 12.30 Mass 17.45 Vespers Old Rite Masses as announced.
WEDNESDAYS 10.30 Exposition until 12.30 11.45 Divine Mercy Chaplet, Rosary & Benediction
SATURDAYS 9.00 Lauds 10.00 Mass 10.30 Novena to Our Lady 10.30 Confessions until 11.30 12.30 Mass 17.00 Confessions until 18.00 17.45 Vespers 18.00 Vigil Mass for Sunday Old Rite Masses as announced.
HOLIDAYS 18.00 (previous day) Vigil Mass 7.30 Lauds 10.00 Mass 12.30 Mass 17.45 Vespers 19.00 Mass
BANK HOLIDAYS (& MON TO FRI AROUND XTMAS & NEW YEAR) 7.30 Lauds 12.30 Mass, after which the church is closed
SUNDAYS 8.00 Mass 9.00 Lauds 9.30 Mass (Family) 11.00 Mass (Solemn: Latin on 2 nd , 4 th and 5 th Sundays) 12.30 Mass (Old rite in Latin) 17.00 Mass (for Students, term time only) 17.45 Vespers 18.00 Rosary 18.20 Sung Latin Compline 18.40 Benediction 19.00 Mass
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