

The whole scandal at the News of the World about phone hacking has made me think a lot about truth, and our commitment to the truth.

One of the News of the World journalists was interviewed about phone hacking and he was utterly unrepentant. His line was that the role of a journalist was to tell the truth and what better way to get at the truth about what people were doing in secret than to hack their phones?

Another journalist who was interviewed about the subject also insisted his interest was in the truth, but later on in the interview gave a rather more accurate description of tabloid journalism: it's all about gossip. But notoriously gossip isn't really about getting your facts right. It's about telling a good story and entertaining the people who are listening or reading.

Even if gossip is true, it often shows no charity towards the people being talked about. We say, "Truth hurts", which contrasts oddly with the kind of truth Jesus talked about, "The truth will set you free." (John 8:32). The truth of the Gospel is a truth wedded to love. Even if we think we're committed to truth, we will do the truth no service if we speak the truth, but without love.

Of course, the events of the past weeks and months strongly suggest that journalistic commitment to truth is rather patchy at best. If messages were deleted from Milly Dowler's phone, those actions destroyed evidence, led the police away from the truth about the case, and all in the name of a big story.

Again, if it's true that large numbers of emails have been deleted to avoid the police ever finding out who was responsible for these actions, then it looks like the journalists at the News of the World had only a pretended interest in truth. They wanted stories to entertain their readers, which had to be true enough not to land them in the libel courts, but when they themselves became the story, the focus of interest, instead of telling the truth it seems they've tried to obscure it.

This article is not intended as an attack on the News of the World. Hopefully, in their case, justice will be done and those who are guilty will be punished. This kind of patchy, halfhearted interest in truth spreads far beyond the News of the World, and far beyond journalism. If we're honest with ourselves, we very often have just that same kind of pretended interest in the truth.

We avoid the truth, especially about ourselves, because we're aware that our own lives are shabby in parts, wouldn't stand up to close scrutiny. Perhaps for many people, the adolescent thought, "If people really knew what I was like, they wouldn't like me," never goes away.

That thought forgets that the deepest truth about us is that God created us, in His own image no less, that God loved us into existence. We have no doubt, all of us, done foolish and even sometimes shameful things, and we should be ashamed of them. But God in His love forgives us, transforms us, so that even our sins, once forgiven, become evidence of the love of God in our lives.

There are of course situations where we should tell the truth about what people do in private. When those with power misuse it and harm others, when public figures try to hide the things they have done which bear on their public office, journalists do us a great service in bringing these things to light.

But whenever we tell the truth, about others, even about ourselves, we must speak that truth in love, aware that every person we speak about deserves respect and has a dignity, that even people who have made the worst kinds of mistakes are loved by God, and ought to be loved by us.

Fr Peter OP

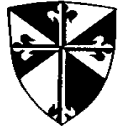
17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Year A

24 July 2011

The Newsletter of
HOLY CROSS PRIORY CHURCH, LEICESTER

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Entrance Antiphon:	God is in his holy dwelling; he will give a home to the lonely, he gives power and strength to his people.
At 11am – page nos in Missale:	•Mass Ordinary, p 13 •Mass Proper, p 136
1st Reading:	1 Kings 3:5. 7-12
Psalm R:	O Lord, how I love your law. (Ps 119)
2nd Reading:	Romans 8:28-30
Alleluia:	Blessed are you, Father; Lord of heaven and earth, that you have revealed to little ones the mysteries of the kingdom.
Gospel:	Matthew 13:44-52
Communion Antiphon:	<u>Either</u> – O, bless the Lord, my soul, and remember all his kindness. <u>Or</u> – Happy are those who show mercy; mercy shall be theirs. Happy are the pure of heart, for they shall see God.
WEEKDAY MASS IN LATIN. In addition to the Masses listed in the schedule on p 3, Holy Mass will be offered in the Dominican rite from Monday to Saturday at 8am.	

Thank you to all who have sponsored Blackfriars' Market - including our new, main sponsor, Cummins' Solicitors. We have now raised close to £1000 for equipment, prizes, etc. If you would like to become a sponsor, please take an envelope from the tables and return it to any of the friars as soon as possible.

In particular we are looking for an individual or business to sponsor our 'mega-raffle' by providing either a first prize of around £150 or £150 in cash. Raffle tickets will be on sale from 1 September. Please contact Jeff on 0116 243 1289 or talk to Fr Fabian.

PARISH SOCIAL COMMITTEE. We are running many great events in the second half of 2011. See the 'dates for your diary' section for details. We're on Facebook (search Holy Cross Social Group or Holy Cross Gospel Choir). Call Jeff on 0116 243 1289 if you'd like to get involved.

SEE THE NOTICEBOARDS FOR DETAILS OF:

- Rejoice Week** at Leicester Cathedral from 25-30 July;
- An evening with John Florance** (of Radio Leicester) on Wednesday 17 August at 7.30pm in St Martin's House by Leicester Cathedral;
- The Association of Our Lady of Mount Carmel's 25th Rosary Rally**, at Grace Dieu Manor (near Coalville) on Sunday 21 August, commencing at 3pm with concelebrated Mass;
- Blessed Tansi Pilgrimage** at Mount Saint Bernard Abbey on Saturday 27 August at 11:00am.
- Our Lady Queen of Peace annual pilgrimage to Walsingham** on Monday 29 August (ring Kath on 234 0103 to book seats on the coach);
- The Dowry of Mary Pilgrimage to Walsingham** on Sunday 11 September.

MONEY MATTERS: Last week's figures are not yet available. Details next week.

This week there is a retiring collection for the Day for Life.

Very many thanks for your continuing generosity.

“The Sacrifice of the Mass”. There will be a discussion morning led by the Provincial, Fr John Farrell OP, organised by the Lay Dominicans, on Saturday 24 September from 10am in St Clement's Hall. All are welcome. Details from Patrick and Janet Doyle on 01482 802020 and janandpatdoyle@yahoo.co.uk, and see noticeboard.

The fourth *Evangelium* conference for Catholics aged 18-35, organised in association with the CTS, is taking place at the Oratory School, Reading from 5th-7th August. This is a unique opportunity to hear many fine speakers, including Bishop Mark Davies of Shrewsbury and Joanna Bogle, and to meet Catholics from all over the country. Speak to Fr Thomas for more information, call 01834 812643 or visit www.evangelium.co.uk.

Thanks to everyone who has signed the SPUC petition about primary school sex education. Please do sign the petition if you haven't already. Many Thanks.

African Catholic Chaplaincy. In March this year, Bishop Malcolm created an African Chaplaincy in the Diocese and appointed Fr Joel Nwalozie as Chaplain. Their base is the Blessed Sacrament Church, Leicester. Since then they have formed an African choir and held a monthly African Mass. The first general meeting of the African Catholic Chaplaincy in Leicestershire is scheduled for today (24th of July) at Blessed Sacrament Church Hall, Gooding Avenue, Leicester LE3 1JS, at 12.30 pm. Kindly inform any African Catholics you know.

A day on the theme “Raising Awareness of Dementia” led by Deacon Anthony Sullivan, will be held on Saturday 15th October 10am - 2pm at Holy Trinity Community and Partnership Centre, Newark NG24 4AU. This will be an opportunity to explore the spiritual needs of people living with dementia, and their carers. For more details and bookings, please contact Christina Mottram cj.mottram@ntlworld.com 0116 221 3066. Also see noticeboard.

Around the Bible in 80 weeks. We have now completed our study of the New Testament and will be taking a break until the Autumn before starting the Old Testament. The whole series so far may be seen on the parish website.



Today's Gospel: “The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field ...”

Year 1	This week's calendar & Mass Intentions	Psalter Week 1
Confessions	10.30 to 11.30 Fr Peter, and 17.00 to 18.00 Fr Duncan	
Sunday	17th Sunday per annum	
Vigil	18.00 ✠ Henriquetta & Cruz Andrade 8.00 Camilo Ochoa	Fr David Fr Duncan
Family	9.30 <i>Pro populo</i>	Fr David
Solemn *	11.00 Alvaro Uribe Velez	Fr Peter
OP Rite	12.30 ✠ Bogush Nowakowski	Fr Duncan
Students	17.00 No Mass now until next term 19.00 Family Da Silva	— Fr Fabian
* The choir will be on holiday on 24 and 31 July, and 7 and 21 August		
Monday	ST JAMES, PATRON 10.00 ✠ Ken Parker 12.30 Special Intention	
Tuesday	SS Joachim and Anne, parents of the B.V.M. 10.00 ✠ Dead of the Order of Preachers 12.30 ✠ Holy Souls	
Wednesday	Bl. Robert Nutter, priest, martyr 10.00 ✠ O'Rawe & Holmes families 12.30 Natasha Furey & Chris Tate	
Thursday	Feria 10.00 ✠ O'Rawe & Holmes families 12.30 ✠ Gregory De Silva	
Friday	St Martha 10.00 ✠ O'Rawe & Holmes families 12.30 ✠ Christine McDonagh	
Saturday	Feria 10.00 ✠ Holy Souls 12.30 ✠ O'Rawe & Holmes families	
Confessions	10.30 to 11.30 Fr Duncan, and 17.00 to 18.00 Fr Fabian	
WEEKDAY MASS IN LATIN. Holy Mass will be offered in the Dominican rite from Monday to Saturday at 8am.		
Next Sunday — 18th Sunday per annum. Readings:		
Isaiah 55:1-3	Romans 8:35. 37-39	Matthew 14:13-21

VACANCY: The Briars Youth Retreat Centre, Crich, Derbyshire, are looking for a Programme Leader. See noticeboard. Closing date 29 July.

Summer Cabaret: The Kirby Muxloe Players present their summer variety cabaret show at the Village Hall, Kirby Muxloe from 28 to 30 July at 7.30pm each night. See noticeboard.

Seeing Christ in our midst. This is the theme of the SVP's Annual Art Competition 2011. There are four categories from the Under 11s to the Over 16s, and prizes up to £100. More information from www.svp.org.uk and the noticeboard. Closing date is 31 October.

The British Red Cross remains in urgent need of food donations to respond to the emergency needs of destitute asylum seekers in Leicester. To help, please leave your gifts after any Mass — non perishable goods such as tinned and dried foods are also mostly wanted. A full list of items may be seen on the noticeboard and in the Newsletter (26 June) on the parish website. Please keep giving generously to support these vulnerable people. Thank you.

REGULAR SERVICE TIMES
MONDAYS TO FRIDAYS 7.30 Lauds 10.00 Mass 12.30 Mass (Rosary at 12.00) 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 (Rosary at 12.00) 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
Leicester Royal Infirmary Catholic Chaplaincy: For urgent visits, ask ward staff to bleep the Roman Catholic Chaplain. For non-urgent visits, leave a message at the Priory or the LRI Chaplains' Office. Messages may not be picked up until the end of the day.
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Forthcoming parish events for your diary	
Sat 24 Sept	“The Sacrifice of the Mass” - discussion led by Fr Provincial John Farrell OP in St Clement's Hall from 10am
Sat 1 Oct	Rock n Roll - Absolute Beginners' dance tuition and party
Sat 8 Oct	Blackfriars' Market
Sat 12 Nov	Parish Ceilidh
Sun 27 Nov	Advent Market
Sun 11 Dec	Parish Christmas Lunch