



# HOLY CROSS PRIORY CHURCH

SUNDAY 2 JUNE 2019

SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER (C)

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## A WORD FROM THE PRIOR ...

*The beautiful summer weather is bringing all kinds of different birds into the Priory Garth. It is wonderful to see their variety. The occasional predator infiltrates, and the inevitable alarm call goes up. Nonetheless, it seems that there is enough space for everyone, and everything is flourishing. There's been just the right mix of weather, too!*

*This is an important time of the Church year, as we pray for the abundant gifts of the Holy Spirit to help us bear fruit and grow in grace. I hope you will join me in praying for our new pastoral programme, Share the Fruits, that will lead us forward over the next year, as we seek to develop our community.*

*Next week, we will make every effort to make Blackfriars Market a success. We recognise as always that each and every member of our community is important to realise our aims. There is already so much happening, and we can work to consolidate that, and build upon it.*

*Be intent on prayer, and whatever may happen will turn to our good.*

*Fr David*

## SHARE THE FRUITS – BUILDING OUR FUTURE TOGETHER

As we continue our novena of preparation for Pentecost, we look forward to celebrating our new pastoral initiative with you – Share the Fruits. This is a way for us to reflect on the heritage of the last 200 years at Holy Cross, and seek to work for the future. We're seeking to renew our commitment to one another as disciples of the Lord and to develop the Dominican mission of preaching and evangelisation that we all share. Please make a special effort to join us next weekend for Mass with the Provincial at 10:30am and Blackfriars Market.

## BLACKFRIARS MARKET – SUNDAY 9 JUNE 2019

It's that time of year again, and our most important fundraising event of the year is planned for **next Sunday, 9 June** from after the 8am Mass until around 1pm. We aim to raise £10,000, and if everyone in our community manages to contribute something, this target is very small indeed. Next week, we launch the raffle, and this week you can take away a bottle bag and return with your donation next week. This year, Blackfriars Market is aimed at raising funds for our 200<sup>th</sup> anniversary redevelopment plan – the Frassati Centre and securing our future.

## PENTECOST SUNDAY

We are delighted to welcome Fr Martin Ganeri OP, our Prior Provincial, to join us for Mass on Pentecost Sunday at 10:30am. This is the day we will celebrate Blackfriars Market, and it will also be a celebration of the beginning of a year of celebration and renewal of our Dominican Life and Mission at Holy Cross as we mark our 200<sup>th</sup> Year. We hope to present our plans for the shape of those celebrations, and to renew our efforts at developing our common role as disciples in serving the Church while rooted in our Dominican tradition. We look forward to welcoming you all.

## NOTICE BOARD

### BAPTISM PREPARATION

If you wish to have your child baptised, please attend one of our baptism preparation sessions. The next will be on Sunday 1 June after the 10:30am Mass in St Clement's Hall.

### FIRST HOLY COMMUNION CONFIRMATION

Please get in touch with the Priory Office if members of your family wish to celebrate these sacraments.

### MARRIAGE PREPARATION

Couples who are preparing for the Sacrament of Holy Matrimony should make an appointment with the Parish Priest in the first instance.

### BECOMING CATHOLIC

Any adult who wishes to become a Catholic or receive Confirmation should join our RCIA programme, which will begin again in the Autumn.

### VISITING THE SICK

The Faithful who are sick and housebound can arrange a visit from a priest or special minister by calling 0116 252 1501.

### FAMILY VISITS

Families who would like a house blessing or a pastoral visit at home, can make arrangements by calling 0116 252 1501

## DEVELOPING THE FRASSATI CENTRE

We have been busy developing plans for a new pastoral centre here at Holy Cross – *The Frassati Centre for Preaching and Evangelisation*. This would seek to breathe new life into the original church buildings that we knew as the 'Holy Cross Centre'. We've assembled £180k so far to develop these buildings, and we are seeking to embark on a major fundraising project as we look towards our bicentenary. **Update this week:** we are finalising details last quotations for the works and we are looking forward to presenting these to the Provincial Council for decision and commissioning the works. ***There will be more news during June as our proposals are developed*** ***Please do pray for the success of the project.***

## SCRIPTURE STUDY – THURSDAY AT 7PM

Fr Matthew will continue scripture study sessions on Thursday evenings, focussing on the Gospel of St John. We look forward to seeing you there.

## BREAKFAST CLUB

Breakfast Club will not take place on Sunday 2 June. There will be the usual bacon and egg baps served from 8.30 at Blackfriars' Market on June 9

## FIRST HOLY COMMUNION – SUNDAY 7 JULY 2019

This year, we will celebrate First Holy Communion for children aged 7 and above on Sunday 7 July at 10:30am Mass. There will be a meeting for children and their parents **today, Sunday 2 June** after 10:30am Mass.

## FRASSATI GROUPS

We are developing an initiative to gather together small groups of people who have specific things in common for support and reflection. In addition to the young adults group, we have small groups of younger mums and dads. Would you like to start a group? Get in touch with your ideas!

## FRASSATI GROUP FOR YOUNG ADULTS

The next meeting will be on Monday 10 June at 7pm; following that, Saturday 29 June; Monday 8 July; Saturday 27 July. Monday evenings will include a talk by a Dominican friar. As usual, we start with bring-and-share food at 7pm, followed by talk and discussion, finishing with Compline just before 9pm. The Saturday meetings will be child-friendly and have more of a social feel alongside the prayer and liturgy in church. Mondays will be more study-focused around the talk and discussion. If you wish to invite young adults, or would like to know more, please email Fr Matthew at [matthew.jarvis@english.op.org](mailto:matthew.jarvis@english.op.org)

## FIRST MASS OF THANKSGIVING

Following Ordination to the Priesthood, Fr Liam Carpenter of the Diocese of Nottingham will celebrate Mass of Thanksgiving on Sunday 7 July at 3:00pm. Fr Luke Doherty OP will celebrate on Monday 9 September.

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### THE DOMINICAN COMMUNITY

Fr David Rocks OP PP *Prior* Fr Tony Rattigan OP *Bursar*;  
Fr Nicholas Crowe OP *Subprior*; Fr Matthew Jarvis OP CC

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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:

10am; 12.30pm;  
*6:10pm Vigil Mass for  
Sunday*

## CONFESSION

### Saturdays:

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

## MONEY MATTERS

Last week's collections:

**£ 1145.53**

(Gift aided: £397.50)

### Woodhouse Collection

**£ 145.00**

(Gift aided: £91.00)

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CONTINUED SUPPORT!*