



HOLY CROSS PRIORY CHURCH

SUNDAY 16 JUNE 2019

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· A ROMAN CATHOLIC PARISH · THE DOMINICAN PRESENCE IN LEICESTER SINCE 1247 ·

A WORD FROM THE PRIOR ...

The "Penny Catechism" is part of the childhood memories of many people. While there might be a bittersweet recollection of trying to memorise its phrases, there is the reassurance of its certainty and clarity about the mysteries of the Faith. Of the Trinity, the Penny Catechism says that it is a mystery we are 'bound to believe but cannot understand' – a simple if somewhat ambiguous summary!.

The remarkable achievements of last Sunday's Blackfriars Market are hard to believe, but believe we must! Overreaching our target to arrive at a total of £13,000 is something that is easy to understand when we recognise the extraordinary generosity of so many people as we work together to realise our vision. As well as raising this great sum of money, we all had a lot of fun last weekend. Thank you!

The summer weather has been hard to believe and even more difficult to understand, but as we enter this period of the year, the pace will change. Please note that the commitments of the Dominican Fathers will mean Mass times may have to be altered for short periods on weekdays. We'll keep you informed.

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

Fr David

SHARE THE FRUITS – BUILDING OUR FUTURE TOGETHER

Last weekend was a wonderful occasion, with the Market and also beginning to celebrate 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.

BLACKFRIARS MARKET – A WONDERFUL ACHIEVEMENT - £13,000

The preparations all paid off in the end and Blackfriars Market was a great success. We surpassed our target of £10K with the **fabulous amount of £13,002.76** – so that's a massive boost to our efforts. Many thanks to everyone who contributed in any way. In particular we thank those who arranged stalls, and those who gave oversight and co-ordination for the whole event. It was great to have our Provincial, Fr Martin with us, and to celebrate the opportunities that are here for us in the year ahead. **Very many thanks once again for this fantastic achievement!**

SUMMER MONTHS AT HOLY CROSS

As the academic year reaches its conclusion, we look forward to another glorious English Summer! During the next few months, the Dominican Fathers will take the opportunity for some holiday time, as well as opportunity for retreat and training. In addition, Fr Matthew will represent our community at the General Chapter of the Order in Vietnam for the month of July, where he will serve as an interpreter. We will welcome Fr Gregory Pearson back among us, and four of our student brothers will join us for pastoral placements at various points. **While the times of Sunday Masses will be sustained, times of Masses on weekdays will be subject to alteration.** Thank you for your co-operation and understanding.

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 7 July 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 grateful to all those who have assisted us in obtaining quotations that we will now present to the Provincial and his Council for approval and decision. Hopefully we will get things started very soon.

THINGS TO REMEMBER

- Scripture Study sessions on Thursdays have concluded for the summer. There will be a new series in the autumn.
- Celebration of Pier Giorgio Frassati – for his feast day on 4 July from 6:15pm
- St Dominic's Day, 8th August: Solemn Mass at 12:30pm; Solemn Vespers and Benediction 6pm.
- First Holy Communion – Sunday 7 July at 10:30am Mass

SOLEMNITY OF CORPUS CHRISTI – NEXT SUNDAY

Next Sunday is the Solemnity of the Body and Blood of Jesus, Corpus Christi. The Corpus Christi Procession will take place from 11:30pm. Please gather in the church after the 10:30am Mass to take part in the Procession.

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 Saturday 29 June from 11:30am; following that, 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

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.

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:

£ 1243.88

(Gift aided: £377.50)

Woodhouse Collection

£ 139.50

(Gift aided: £90.50)

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CONTINUED SUPPORT!*