



# HOLY CROSS PRIORY CHURCH

SUNDAY 4 AUGUST 2019

18<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (C)

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## A WORD FROM THE PRIOR ...

*As I write, the Leicestershire countryside streams past, and I return from a time of leave to be back with you all in Leicester. It was wonderful to have such a nice break. I've had some health challenges in the past year, and after two rounds of minor surgery, it was lovely to have some uninterrupted rest. And it is going to be great to be back!*

*This week, we celebrate the Solemnity of Our Holy Father, St Dominic. We've arranged a whole day of celebration, and we hope everyone will be able to take part in some of it! As we prepare to get our renewal going in the months ahead, we can take this opportunity to begin to reflect on the theme of discipleship, which St Dominic places before us. Each of us has a unique contribution to make, living out the call of our Baptism, as members of this Dominican Community*

*Don't forget to sign up to join us for Br Luke's Ordination. We really need a strong turn-out for this great day. Many other things are taking a bit of a rest, all ready for our new push in the year ahead!*

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

*Fr David*

## SOLEMNITY OF OUR HOLY FATHER ST DOMINIC – THIS THURSDAY

On Thursday of this week, 8 August, we celebrate the Solemnity of Our Holy Father St Dominic. We will be joined by our Provincial, Fr Martin Ganeri OP, who just might have recovered from jetlag after the General Chapter. According to a venerable custom, a Franciscan Friar will preach for us on the day. This year we're pleased to welcome **Father Martin Mikuskiewicz OFM Cap**, Guardian of the Capuchin Friary in Erith, Kent. Fr Martin was a student with Fr David many many years ago. Please see the plan for the day below.

## TIMETABLE FOR ST DOMINIC'S DAY – THIS THURSDAY

Please join us for the Solemnity. There are things happening throughout the day:

- Office of Matins and Lauds at 9am
- Solemn Mass at 12:30pm (Fr Martin Mikuskiewicz OFM Cap preacher)
- Community celebration in the Hall after Mass
- Solemn Vespers and Benediction at 6pm
- Please note – no Mass at 6:10pm

Please do make a very special effort to join us and help us celebrate our feast!

## ORDINATION OF FR LUKE DOHERTY OP – 7 SEPTEMBER 2019

Bro Luke will be ordained to the Priesthood in St Dominic's London by Archbishop Malcolm on Saturday 7 September, together with Bro Toby Lees. A coach will depart from Holy Cross at 8:30am on the day. Please put your name down to attend, as we require a healthy number of people to show their support, the list is in the Shop or please email the office on [leicester.admin@english.op.org](mailto:leicester.admin@english.op.org). Fr Luke will celebrate his First Mass on Monday 9 September at 6.00pm at Holy Cross.

## 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 8 September 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

## DOMINICAN STUDENTS ON PLACEMENT AT HOLY CROSS

During the summer months, our Dominican students for the priesthood take the opportunity to visit our different foundations and experience the different aspects of the life of our Order, as well as enriching our life and ministry by their presence and example. This month, we welcome Br Bede Mullens OP, having just completed his first year of studies. We hope to also welcome Br Thomas Mannion OP, but his arrival is delayed by a family bereavement. They will mostly be working with Fr David on a project focussed on discipleship, as we develop the reflections *Share the Fruits*. Please make them feel welcome and engage with the initiatives we're developing.

## 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 during their meeting in August for approval and decision. Hopefully we will get things started very soon.

## COMMUNION FOR THE SICK AND HOUSEBOUND

We have a small and dedicated team of Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, who visit the sick and housebound with Holy Communion each week. Each of these clients is visited by the Parish Priest once each month, in accordance with arrangements. In order to comply with safeguarding regulations, and with GDPR (data protection), we need to ensure this is done carefully. We will soon develop a form for visits, especially those that need to be arranged outside of the boundaries of the parish. We are very committed to ensuring that all our vulnerable parishioners stay in touch with us. We just have to be sure it is safe for everyone.

## LAY DOMINICANS LEICESTER FRATERNITY – SATURDAY 10<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST 2019

Fr David Goodill will be speaking at the Lay Dominicans meeting on Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> August from 11.00am – 2.30pm including Mass at 12.30pm, (Please bring a packed lunch) his talk is about Morality in the Modern World. It would be great if you could join us, we will be meeting in St Clements Hall. For more information, please contact Peter Kilty on 0116 2701404

## THURSDAY 15 AUGUST, THE ASSUMPTION BVM – DAY OF OBLIGATION

Advance reminder that Thursday of next week is a Holy Day of Obligation, meaning we all have to get to Mass! Vigil (Weds) at 6:10pm, Thurs at 8am, 12:30pm, 6:10pm.

## SUMMER BREAK

Much of our regular activity is relaxed for a summer break. We'll be back with Frassati Groups, Breakfast Club, Scripture Study, and so much more, in just a few weeks ...

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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; Bro Luke Doherty 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:

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:

**£ 1089.27**

(Gift aided: £272.50)

### Woodhouse Collection

**£ 96.50**

(Gift aided: £21.50)

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