



HOLY CROSS PRIORY CHURCH

SUNDAY 1 SEPTEMBER 2019

22ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (C)

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A WORD FROM THE PRIOR ...

September has sneaked around like a thief! The air is getting autumnal, and things are getting back to normal, whatever that means!

Autumn is a season of change. Every season changes, but in Autumn the change is from the luscious greenness to the mellow fruitfulness. We look forward to sharing the fruits, but our natural cycle is recalling us to attend to the sources of fruitfulness.

We're all looking forward to the exciting week ahead. Br Luke is being ordained to the Priesthood in London next weekend, an historic occasion for our community. If your name's not down for the bus, get it on the list! We've got Holy Cross Weekend coming up, and a great year ahead together.

Change is as good as a rest. But it isn't easy. Lots of our families have the change of new schools, universities, employment, and the challenges these present. Bereavement and illness present too. We're sorry to see Rachael leave us. But we welcome Kelechi, and look forward to making a substantive appointment.

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

HOLY CROSS WEEKEND – 14 AND 15 SEPTEMBER

We will hold our celebrations of the 200th Anniversary of the first Mass to be celebrated on this site on Holy Cross Weekend, 14-15 September. There will be Mass on Saturday at 11am, followed by celebrations in the halls. This will lead into a year of celebrations for our community

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 **NEXT 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. Fr Luke will celebrate his First Mass on Monday 9 September at 6.00pm here at Holy Cross. Please join us for that

STUDENT BROTHERS ON PLACEMENT

With great joy we welcome Br Isaac Wharton OP, who has been a regular and well-received visitor to our community over the last few years. We really like his cooking! We will also have Br Vincent Antony next week. Thank you for your welcome towards them.

A VERY FOND FAREWELL – RACHAEL POWELL

On 31 August, we said a fond farewell to Rachael, who has been an indispensable member of the Holy Cross Team since she joined us in May 2016. In that time, she has evolved this new role, both as a senior administrator and as PA to both the Prior and the Bursar. She will be greatly missed. We wish her well in her new appointment with the BEP Academy Trust, and we congratulate them on making such an excellent appointment. We have made interim arrangements to fulfil her duties and we are arranging the recruitment process for the substantive position.

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 255 3856

FAMILY VISITS

Families who would like a house blessing or a pastoral visit at home, can make arrangements by calling 0116 2553856

BREAKFAST CLUB TODAY

Its that time again, please join us after 8am Mass for Bacon Baps and Croissants. There is also refreshments after 10.30am Mass, so please join us in the hall if you can. These social events are a great time for fellowship and community.

ORGAN GALLERY AND NARTHEX

Our attention has been drawn to the potential health and safety issues regarding the organ gallery, and the risk of persons falling from it. Therefore, we reiterate that no person has permission to access it without the written permission of the Prior, and that by agreement with the Director of Music. For children, this is also a safeguarding matter.

40 HOURS ADORATION – A WORD OF THANKS

Many thanks to those who made such an effort to make this devotion such a success. Throughout this period, there were many people praying in the church before the Blessed Sacrament. It was a time of intense prayer and the graces that have been granted are manifold.

INTERIM ARRANGEMENTS FOR OFFICE ADMINISTRATION

We are delighted to have been able to recruit Mr Kelechi Ebirim as an interim person to replace Rachael, while the position is advertised. Kelechi will be with us until 30 September.

EUGENE CURLEY RIP

We have been deeply saddened to learn of the death of Eugene Curley. Eugene was one of the longest standing parishioners here at Holy Cross, having been part of our community all through his life. For many, many years he has been a familiar presence around the church and priory, ensuring collections got where they needed to be and that the halls were well stocked with loo rolls etc. The Dominican Community has lost a true friend and our parish has lost a great stalwart. Our condolences are with Rita and all the Curley family at this time, and indeed with his wide circle of friends Eugene's funeral arrangements are Thursday 5th 5pm Removal in church, Requiem Friday at 10:30am. As we would say at home, "Ar dheis Dé go raibh a anam dilis".

ROSSINI STABAT MATER

As a fitting celebration of 200 years of Holy Cross, we are welcoming the Knighton Chamber Orchestra and Coro Nostro Chamber Choir to perform the Rossini 'Stabat Mater' along with choral favourites by Monteverdi, Mozart, Bruckner and others. Please see the flyers and posters in the church and on our website for more information and ticket options. Volunteers will be sought in the coming weeks to help with hospitality and logistics on the night. For now, please save the date! Saturday 12th October, 7.30pm.

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

Interim Office Administrator: *Mr Kelechi Ebirim* – leicester.admin@english.op.org

Lay University Chaplain: *vacant*

Director of Music: *Mr Thomas Keogh* – thomas@thomaskeogh.co.uk

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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:

£ 1040.87

(Gift aided: £748.97)

Woodhouse Collection

£ 122.70

(Gift aided: £90.00)

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