



# HOLY CROSS PRIORY CHURCH

SUNDAY 22 SEPTEMBER 2019

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

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## A WORD FROM THE PRIOR ...

*It's been a very busy week for me, as I've had several meetings to attend, together with spending some days away with Fr Matthew and Fr Luke, coming up with our plans for developing our pastoral work in the coming year. There's been lots to think about, and now there's much to get started with! Welcoming our new university students is a joyful part of this time of year, but it has also been great to catch up with our Catholic schools this week, and see the exciting work planned for the year ahead.*

*During the week, we said goodbye to Fr Nicholas Crowe, and so our community is in transition again. As I note in the newsletter, there will be some coming and going during the autumn months. Our student brothers have returned to their studies after their placements. Thanks for your warm welcome to our brothers.*

*There's a second collection for the sponsored walk for the Frassati Centre. Do please give generously to that. And Congratulations to Tony and Steve!*

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

*Fr David*

## WELCOMING STUDENTS – FRESHERS' MASS AND EVENTS

Over the next few weeks we welcome students from our two universities to our city and our parish community for the new academic year. We extend a warm welcome to freshers, or new students, in particular. We want to give them a 'home from home' within our community during their time with us. There will be a special welcome event for freshers and students following the 6:10pm Mass next Saturday 28 September. Mass for the Opening of the Academic Year will take place on Sunday 13 October at 10:30am.

## ROSSINI STABAT MATER – 12 OCTOBER

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.

## FAREWELL TO FR NICHOLAS CROWE

We have had a wonderful year with Fr Nicholas in our community, but the time has come for him to return to London, from where he can more easily discharge his duties as Director of Vocations for the English Dominicans. We are very grateful for everything he has done in the last year and we will miss his kind and faithful presence. Fr Nicholas has now moved on, and wishes to express his gratitude for the many kind words you shared with him

## MEMORIAL CARDS FOR FR FABIAN RADCLIFFE OP

These are now available from the church and priory. Please take and share.

## 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 3 October 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 255 3856

## SPONSORED WALK SUCCESS – SATURDAY 21 SEPTEMBER

Two of our very active parishioners, Steve Scott and Tony Scarborough, held a very successful sponsored walk from Mount St Bernard Abbey to Holy Cross, to raise funds for the Frassati Centre project. A second collection will be made this weekend to support their fundraising efforts, or you can donate via the 'just giving' website at the address [www.justgiving.com/fundraising/frassati-centre](http://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/frassati-centre)

## 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.

## THE DOMINICAN COMMUNITY AT HOLY CROSS

We have been pleased to welcome Fr Luke over the summer and we congratulate him on his ordination last weekend. Later in the autumn, we will welcome Fr John Patrick Kenrick OP to our community, who will be coming to us from Newcastle. During October, our community will be strengthened by the presence of Fr Bruno Clifton OP. After a challenging year with low numbers of Friars, we are grateful for this growth in our community. Please continue to keep Fr Isidore in your prayers.

## THE FRASSATI CENTRE – DEVELOPMENTS AND UPDATES

We are already receiving an encouraging response to our initial fundraising efforts with this project. Some external drainage works have already commenced, and this means we can now start to move forward with plans to get things started inside the buildings. We will keep you informed as things emerge. Do please continue to assist with our fundraising any way you can.

## CONFIRMATION AND SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMMES

Bishop Patrick will celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation on Monday 24 February 2020 at 7pm. We are now receiving names of young people of secondary school age who would like to make confirmation this year. Information about the programme of preparation will be announced soon. We also invite any university students or adults who require confirmation to make themselves known to us. During the month of October, we will be enrolling for various sacramental programmes.

## MEETING FOR THOSE INTERESTED IN CATECHESIS

We are looking for more people to be able to assist with the various kinds of catechesis that takes place in the life of our community. Please join us for a meeting to find out a bit more, after 10:30am Mass next Sunday, and at 7pm on Friday 4 October.

### THE DOMINICAN COMMUNITY

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

Interim Office Administrator: *Mr Kelechi Ebirim* – [leicester.admin@english.op.org](mailto:leicester.admin@english.op.org)  
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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:

**£ 1067.46**

(Gift aided: £211.50)

### Woodhouse Collection

**£ 123.00**

(Gift aided: £69.00)

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CONTINUED SUPPORT!*