



HOLY CROSS PRIORY CHURCH

SUNDAY 29 SEPTEMBER 2019

26TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (C)

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A WORD FROM THE PRIOR ...

As I write I'm returning from a short pilgrimage to Lourdes. It was a welcome few days, if not also busy with guiding our pilgrims through the various stages. I have remembered the various intentions that have been recommended to me.

Things are starting to get busy. We're looking forward to welcoming new students this weekend, and to getting things going. There'll be Mass on campuses this week. We're getting some people together to discuss development of catechesis for the year ahead. Fr Matthew is planning our scripture study for the term, and that starts next week. Then of course is the Rossini concert to come in a few weeks.

Congratulations and thanks again to Tony and Steve who have been raising important funds for the development plans. You can find out how to donate below. Temporary lighting will be installed in the hall on Monday of this week.

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. Thanks to all who attended the special welcome event for freshers and students following the 6:10pm Mass on Saturday. Mass for the Opening of the Academic Year will take place on Sunday 13 October at 10:30am.

MASS ON UNIVERSITY CAMPUSES BEGIN THIS WEEK

First Mass on campus is this Wednesday (2nd Oct): 12.30pm UoL in the Gatehouse Chaplaincy and 3pm DMU in the Chaplaincy (Portland building).

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. Please save the date! Saturday 12th October, 7.30pm.

ROSSINI VOLUNTEERS

Fr Matthew wishes to thank all those who attended the meeting last Thursday to plan for the various tasks, and he invites others who are interested to get in touch 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 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 255 3856

SCRIPTURE STUDIES FOR THIS TERM

Fr Matthew will commence the scripture study for this term on Tuesday 8 October, beginning at 7pm in St Clement's. This term will look at the book of Jonah.

FRASSATI CENTRE SPONSORED WALK

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. They have raised just over £500 at present. If you wish to support, you can place donations in the sacristy and you can still donate via the 'just giving' website at the address 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 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 this Sunday, and at 7pm on Friday 4 October.

ROSARY SUNDAY NEXT WEEK

Roses will be blessed and there will be a procession in Honour of Our Lady of the Rosary at 10:30am Mass.

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

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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:

£ 1309.73

(Gift aided: £394.50)

Woodhouse Collection

£ 203.00

(Gift aided: £121.00)

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