



# HOLY CROSS PRIORY CHURCH

SUNDAY 13 OCTOBER 2019

28<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF THE YEAR (C)

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## A WORD FROM THE PRIOR ...

*This weekend I'm off to Cardigan in Wales, to preach at the National Shrine of Our Lady of the Taper. It is something I have done before during the Month of the Holy Rosary. So I will be remembering all your intentions there.*

*The Academic Year is now in full swing, and today we ask God's blessing on all the efforts we have commenced in the year ahead. Hopefully the new faces have settled in, and that the challenges put before us are within our reach. There's a great deal for us to work towards, and a rich variety of ways to support one another.*

*I'm sorry to be missing out on the Rossini concert – unfortunately I had accepted the preaching engagement before the date for that had been arranged. I trust it has all gone very well, and will be memorable for the right reasons! Please continue to promote the Holy Rosary during this month, and join us for the other events we have arranged during the next few weeks.*

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

*Fr David*

## BLESSING OF ROSES FOR THE MONTH OF THE HOLY ROSARY

The Dominican Order has a long tradition of blessing roses in honour of Our Lady of the Rosary, and asking the faithful to take these roses on mission to the sick and housebound, to prisoners, and to those who might need prompting to recognise God's call to them in their lives. Please do bring roses to be blessed throughout this month, so that they can be shared with those who need them.

## MONTH OF THE MOST HOLY ROSARY AT HOLY CROSS

We are having some special events for the Month of the Most Holy Rosary at Holy Cross:

- Friday 18 October @ 7pm – Holy Hour and Rosary Vigil for vocations to the Priesthood and Religious Life, and intercession for priests
- Saturday 19 October from after 10am Mass – Rosary Vigil of Prayer for Life until 6pm
- Saturday 26 October – Day of Prayer in Honour of Our Lady of the Rosary

Please do make an effort to help us propagate devotion to the Holy Rosary this month.

## WELCOMING STUDENTS – LEICESTER AND DMU

We have been very glad to welcome students both new and old to our university chaplaincies. We have Mass every week on campuses – Tuesdays, 12:30pm at Leicester and Wednesdays 3pm at DMU. Our priest chaplains will be on campus throughout the day on each campus on these days, and are available at other times. Please do keep in touch with us.

## ST MARTIN NOVENA 2019

This will be celebrated between the feasts of the two St Martins, 3-11 November.

## 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

## ROSSINI STABAT MATER – THANKS AND WELL DONE

Many thanks to all who have worked so hard to make this special occasion possible. At the time of writing, preparations are at an advanced stage, so hopefully you are reading this following a triumph! The musicians, singers, and volunteers have all made an extraordinary contribution. But there must be a special word of thanks to Fr Matthew who has been the mastermind and enabler of the event. What's up next?

## SCRIPTURE STUDIES FOR THIS TERM

Fr Matthew will lead the scripture study for this term on Tuesday evenings, beginning at 7pm in St Clement's. This term will look at the book of Jonah. Please join us for this special course of studies.

## WORKS AROUND THE CHURCH AND PRIORY

A gas leak on Wellington Street adversely affected the church and priory during the past few weeks. British Gas have been working to address this leak, necessitating works that have inhibited passage on Wellington Street. Following the rains, Wayne and his team have plugged the latest holes on the roof of the church and priory. Piece by piece!

## 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 temporary lighting has now been installed. 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.

## VACANCIES

We have now advertised for the two vacant positions of Office Administrator and University Chaplaincy Pastoral Assistant. Please pray that we find the right people to fill these roles and develop our team.

## CATHOLIC MORAL TEACHING AND BIOETHICS

On Wednesday 23 October, we will hold an event led by Michael Wee, the education officer for the Anscombe Centre, which is the national Catholic study centre for important questions relating to the moral and bioethical teaching of the Church. We start at 7pm. Please do come along to learn more and take part in the discussions.

### THE DOMINICAN COMMUNITY

Fr David Rocks OP PP *Prior*; Fr Tony Rattigan OP *Bursar*;

Fr Matthew Jarvis OP CC; Fr Luke Doherty OP

Office Administrator: *vacant* – [leicester.admin@english.op.org](mailto:leicester.admin@english.op.org)

Lay University Chaplain: *vacant*

Director of Music: *Mr Thomas Keogh* – [thomas@thomaskeogh.co.uk](mailto: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:

**£ 1034.34**

(Gift aided: £240.50)

### Woodhouse Collection

**£ 177.00**

(Gift aided: £95.00)

*THANK YOU FOR YOUR  
CONTINUED SUPPORT!*

# 28<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF THE YEAR – BE FAITHFUL

## A THOUGHT FOR THIS SUNDAY

Cardinal Newman[’s] ... life and work could be described as a single great commentary on the question of conscience. Newman was much more taken by the necessity to obey recognised truth than his own preferences – even against his own sensitivity and bonds of friendship and ties due to similar backgrounds. ... He emphasised truth’s priority over consensus, over the accommodation of groups. I would say that when we are speaking of a man of conscience, we mean one who looks at things in this way. A man of conscience is one who never acquires tolerance, well-being, success, public standing, and approval on the part of prevailing opinion, at the expense of truth ... In this respect, Newman is related to Britain’s other great witness of conscience, Thomas More, for whom conscience was not at all an expression of subjective stubbornness or obstinate heroism. He numbered himself, in fact, among those fainthearted martyrs who only after faltering and much questioning succeed in mustering up obedience to conscience, mustering up obedience to the truth which must stand higher than any human tribunal or any type of personal taste. ... Conscience cannot be reduced to social advantage, to group consensus or to the demands of political and social power.

– *Pope Benedict XVI*

**Responsorial Psalm: O that today you would listen to his voice, harden not your hearts**

## THE WISDOM OF THE SAINTS OF THE CHURCH

What more do we desire from such a good friend at our side? Unlike our friends in the world, he will never abandon us when we are troubled or distressed. Blessed is the one who truly loves him and always keeps him near. Let us consider the glorious Saint Paul: it seems that no other name fell from his lips than that of Jesus, because the name of Jesus was fixed and embedded in his heart. Once I had come to understand this truth, I carefully considered the lives of some of the saints, the great contemplatives, and found that they took no other path: Francis, Anthony of Padua, Bernard, Catherine of Siena. A person must walk along this path in freedom, placing himself in God’s hands. If God should desire to raise us to the position of one who is an intimate and shares his secrets, we ought to accept this gladly. Whenever we think of Christ we should recall the love that led him to bestow on us so many graces and favours, and also the great love God showed in giving us in Christ a pledge of his love; for love calls for love in return. Let us strive to keep this always before our eyes and to rouse ourselves to love him. For if at some time the Lord should grant us the grace of impressing his love on our hearts, all will become easy for us and we shall accomplish great things quickly and without effort.

– *St Theresa of Avila*

## CONTEMPORARY WITNESS

Belief When Jesus tells them all to go to the priest, he uses priests in the plural, not specifying whether the priest should be Jewish or Samaritan. But what this Samaritan does is quite startling. When he sees that he has been healed, he turns back and prostrates himself not before his priest, but at the feet of Jesus. Faith has been found in the one cast out. Jesus tells him that it is in fact his faith which has made him well. In Jesus, God is indeed observing the boundaries, which his people have so fiercely observed for so long for these are the very places where he goes to seek out the lost. So there along the boundary between Samaria and Galilee something more than healing has happened. Division and not just leprosy is dispelled. God is gathering a people to himself from all the nations of the earth, and it cannot be denied that he gathers in all sorts of people. This man is an outsider in so many ways, and yet he is the one who is chosen for such grace. The greatness and fullness of what he has received is seen most clearly in his singular gratitude.

– *Fr Dermot Morrin OP*

**NEXT SUNDAY: 29<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (YEAR C)**

*“To the Pope, if you please, – still, to Conscience first, and to the Pope afterwards.”*

*St John Henry Newman’s toast*

# SAINT JOHN HENRY NEWMAN

## SOME THOUGHTS FROM THE NEWLY CANONISED SAINT

*As we mark the historic occasion of the canonisation of St John Henry Newman, we select some quotations from his writings. May St John Henry Newman intercede for the Church in our country.*

### *...on The Catholic Church*

**From the sermon *The Communion of Saints* (1837)**

This then is the special glory of the Christian Church, that its members do not depend merely on what is visible, they are not mere stones of a building, piled one on another, and bound together from without, but they are one and all the births and manifestations of one and the same unseen spiritual principle or power, "living stones," internally connected, as branches from a tree, not as the parts of a heap. They are members of the Body of Christ. That divine and adorable Form, which the Apostles saw and handled, after ascending into heaven became a principle of life, a secret origin of existence to all who believe, through the gracious ministration of the Holy Ghost. This is the fruitful Vine, and the rich Olive tree upon and out of which all Saints, though wild and barren by nature, grow, that they may bring forth fruit unto God.

**From *An Essay in aid of a Grammar of Assent* (1870) (Chapter 5-2)**

To [the Church] is committed the care and the interpretation of the revelation. The word of the Church is the word of the revelation. That the Church is the infallible oracle of truth is the fundamental dogma of the Catholic religion; and "I believe what the Church proposes to be believed" is an act of real assent, including all particular assents ... and, while it is possible for unlearned as well as learned, it is imperative on learned as well as unlearned. And thus it is, that by believing the word of the Church *implicitè*, that is, by believing all that that word does or shall declare itself to contain, every Catholic, according to his intellectual capacity, supplements the shortcomings of his knowledge without blunting his real assent to what is elementary, and takes upon himself from the first the whole truth of revelation.

### *... On Christian Prayer*

**From the sermon *Mental Prayer* (1829)**

This habit of prayer then, recurrent prayer, morning, noon, and night, is one discriminating point in Scripture Christianity, as arising from the text with which I began, "our conversation is in heaven." In a word, there was no barrier, no cloud, no earthly object, interposed between the soul of the primitive Christian and its Saviour and Redeemer. Christ was in his heart, and therefore all that came from his heart, his thoughts, words, and actions, savoured of Christ.

**From *A Letter Addressed to the Rev. E. B. Pusey* (1856) (Section 3)**

Christians ... were thereby knit together in one body, different, as they were, in races, ranks, and habits, distant from each other in country, and helpless amid hostile populations. ... Christians could not correspond; they could not combine; but they could pray one for another. Even their public prayers partook of this character of intercession; for to pray for the welfare of the whole Church was in fact a prayer for all the classes of men and all the individuals of which it was composed. It was in prayer that the Church was founded.