



# HOLY CROSS PRIORY CHURCH

SUNDAY 3 NOVEMBER 2019

31<sup>ST</sup> SUNDAY OF THE YEAR (C)

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## A WORD FROM THE PRIOR ...

*November, November, a time to remember! As Dominicans, we celebrate at this time of year our Novena in Honour of St Martin de Porres, a great saint of our Order. We also celebrate the lives of the saints we look towards for hope, and we remember with affection our loved ones gone before us, and we are united in hope that we will meet them again.*

*We're trying to drive things forward at Holy Cross. That is in no small way reflected in what you all do for us. The clearance sale demonstrates our movement between generations – moving things forward for the Frassati Centre and trying to be in a different place. The shop is an important part of our development, and we must commend Michael who has helped us raise more than £15K over the years.*

*I'll be checking out again for the wedding of my cousin Martin in Ohio. I've not had much time to spend with family in recent years, so please pray for us all as we convene for Martin's marriage to Deborah. I'll be glad to be back with you after that!*

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

*Fr David*

## BLACKFRIARS MARKET – SUNDAY 1 DECEMBER 2019

The Advent "Blackfriars Market" will take place on Advent Sunday, 1 December 2019. This year, when we celebrate our 200<sup>th</sup> Year, we're hoping to reach the ambitious target of £10K for the Advent event, so that we can drive forward our plans for redevelopment and renewal in this important year for us.

## MARKET COUNTDOWN

Please see the flyers and posters for details of what you can enjoy at the market. Here are some of the important preparations with which we would appreciate your help:

**TODAY!!! Sunday, November 3 - please collect your flyer and pick up a bottle bag from the tables near the doors.**

Sunday November 10 - bring back your bottle bag with any soft or alcoholic bottled drink and collect your raffle tickets to buy or sell.

Other donations can be brought in at any time: good books/dvds; chocolate and sweets; toys and games; bric-a-brac; unwanted gifts; raffle prizes; cakes etc.

**Sunday November 17 - please collect a 'sponsorship' envelope by which you can pledge financial support for the market.**

Sunday November 24 - please bring in your sponsorship envelope and hand to any member of the community.

**Donations for the cake stall can be brought in at any time.**

Saturday November 30 - from 3-6pm, setting up in Blackfriars' Hall (the large hall in the centre, next door)

## NOTICE BOARD

### BAPTISM PREPARATION

If you wish to have your child baptised, please attend one of our baptism preparation sessions. The next will be today Sunday 3 November 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

## LETTER CONCERNING IICSA AND THE CATHOLIC CHURCH

IICSA is the Independent Inquiry into Child Sexual Abuse and is working to establish the truth about the grave wrongs done to children in the past, and ensuring that best practice is in place to prevent this in the future. IICSA has been investigating the practices of the Catholic Church. This week, IICSA are examining current safeguarding standards and practice in the Catholic Church and assessing the effectiveness of these. ***Please see copies of a letter from +Patrick our Bishop that outline his reflections on the matter.*** We pray that lessons will be learned well.

## 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. At this stage in term, we now move from Jonah to the Book of Exodus. Please join us for this special course of studies.

## THE REPOSITORY – THE SHOP – A SUCCESS STORY!

The "Shop" is located behind the sacristy. Please do visit it! Since its opening in 2014, the shop has raised more than £15k for the ministry of the church and priory. All of us are grateful to Michael Stanley especially for bringing this ministry forward so successfully. Please help us to enlarge this apostolate through your support for cards and gifts, and devotional items

## BREAKFAST CLUB AND CLEARANCE SALE

After our 8am Mass this week, the Breakfast Club! Bacon and egg rolls freshly prepared, tea, coffee, vegan and healthy options. Come along and have a blast! This weekend, we are also having our clearance sale for things we need to shift from the priory and halls. Come up and see what we've got!

## THE FRASSATI CENTRE – DEVELOPMENTS AND UPDATES

We are making progress with architectural drawings and contractors are collaborating. We have already begun to address some of the drainage and damp issues in the building. An important step forward is the development of a vision for the apostolate of this new initiative.

## 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.

## LOOKING FORWARD – THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER

- This week; Sunday 3 November until 11 November, St Martin Novena
- Wednesday 27 November – Requiem Mass at 7:15pm

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### THE DOMINICAN COMMUNITY

Fr David Rocks OP PP *Prior*; Fr Tony Rattigan OP *Bursar*;  
Fr Matthew Jarvis OP CC; Fr 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:

**£ 1128.45**

(Gift aided: £239)

### Woodhouse Collection

**£ 119.30**

(Gift aided: £63)

*THANK YOU FOR YOUR  
CONTINUED SUPPORT!*