



HOLY CROSS PRIORY CHURCH

SUNDAY 17 NOVEMBER 2019

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A WORD FROM THE PRIOR ...

The colder weather certainly lets us know that we have arrived in the second half of November. The year draws to a close, and our minds turn to preparations for Christmas. There's a lot happening as we prepare for the Advent Market. Its especially important this year, as we campaign for significant renewal in the church and priory, and with the Frassati Centre project. There has been good news about grants in the past week!

Fr John Patrick Kenrick is settling into our community. He's spent the last few years guiding our community in Newcastle through the process of closure and withdrawal.. We should also be grateful that our presence in Leicester is strengthened, and work together to secure it for the future.

As we remember the Faithful Departed in this month, remember to put the Requiem Mass in your diaries – Wednesday 27 November at 7:15pm.

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 200th 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 17 - please collect a 'sponsorship' envelope by which you can pledge financial support for the market.

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. don't forget to bring back your bottle bag with any soft or alcoholic bottled drink and collect your raffle tickets to buy or sell.

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)

DEAN'S DISCUSSION – MONDAY AT LEICESTER CATHEDRAL

To mark the conclusion of an exhibition on reconciliation at the Cathedral, Fr David Rocks OP will join the Dean of Leicester at 6:30pm this Monday in the Cathedral for a discussion about their experiences of the Northern Ireland Peace Process.

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 1 December 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. During the past week, IICSA has concluded hearing evidence about 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 continues the scripture study for this term on Tuesday evenings, beginning at 7pm in St Clement's. These last few weeks, we will be looking at the Book of Exodus. Please join us for this special course of studies.

THE REPOSITORY – THE SHOP – CHRISTMAS!

The "Shop" is located behind the sacristy. Please do visit it! Now that it is beginning to look a lot like Christmas, we have restocked and have all you need for the Advent/Christmas season. Please help us to enlarge this apostolate through your support for cards and gifts, and devotional items. The shop is an important way of boosting income for the church and priory

CLEARANCE SALE AND THE HALLS

Many thanks to all who have helped with the clearance sale and freecycle events, and especially to Fr Luke, the Holy Cross answer to Del Boy.

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, and to install some new windows. An important step forward is the development of a vision for the apostolate of this new initiative.

PROGRESS WITH GRANTS AND MAINTENANCE

We have been delighted during the past week to receive two significant grants towards our 200th Anniversary projects. The first, for £7.5K, is from Leicestershire Historic Churches Trust, and will be used to address problems with the roof, stonework, and windows. The second, for £750, is from the J Reginald Corah Foundation, for developments in the Frassati Centre. Please continue to pray for the success of our appeals.

REQUIEM MASS

Please join us on Wednesday 27 November at 7:15pm for a special celebration of Mass to commemorate all those who have been part of our community and have gone before us.

THE DOMINICAN COMMUNITY

Fr David Rocks OP PP *Prior*; Fr John Patrick Kenrick OP; Fr Tony Rattigan OP;
Fr Matthew Jarvis OP CC; Fr Luke Doherty OP *Bursar*

Office Administrator: *vacant* – 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:

£ 1272.16

(Gift aided: £338)

Woodhouse Collection

£ 297.28

(Gift aided: £165)

*THANK YOU FOR YOUR
CONTINUED SUPPORT!*