



# HOLY CROSS PRIORY CHURCH

SUNDAY 24 NOVEMBER 2019

OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST UNIVERSAL KING (C)

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## A WORD FROM THE PRIOR ...

*The last Sunday of the liturgical year is an important opportunity for all of us to take stock. We now have a week of preparation to 'begin again' in the new church year, and to focus our minds and hearts on regrowth and renewal. Much has happened in the last year, and there is much to come in the year ahead. It's a special year for us, so let's pray for the courage to grasp the opportunities*

*Blackfriars Market is all set up to be a huge success, so we're looking forward to enjoying that with you all next week. Then we have an exciting Advent coming up, and we will tell you more next week! Please take note of the proposed arrangements for meeting to begin sacramental programmes in the coming weeks. We will also be planning a Nativity Play.*

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

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

*Fr David*

## BLACKFRIARS MARKET IS NEXT 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.

## THE FINAL 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. Three things that we hope everyone can do this week

1. Please donate goods or cash: cakes, bottled drinks, unwanted gifts, bric-a-brac, good books/dvds, chocolate and sweets, toys and games (especially welcome)
2. Buy raffle tickets available after Mass or from the shop
3. Come to the market and enjoy refreshments, bacon and egg breakfast, roast turkey, African lunch, Irish coffee, cakes, Christmas cards and gifts, toys, games, book/dvd stall, bric-a-brac and ...Fr Luke's fine-wine raffle.

Saturday November 30 - from 3-6pm, setting up in Blackfriars' Hall (the large hall in the centre, next door) **Donations for the cake stall can be brought in at any time - fresh cakes from 3-6pm on Sat Nov 30 or by 8.30am on December 1 .**

## ST DOMINIC'S NEWCASTLE - BENEFACTIONS

We are grateful to Fr John Patrick OP and our brothers formerly of Newcastle, and the people of the parish there, for the gift of two beautiful crucifixes and statue of Our Lady. One of the crucifixes is now part of our calvary shrine, while the statue holds a place of honour in the sacristy.

## NOTICE BOARD

### BAPTISM PREPARATION

If you wish to have your child baptised, please attend one of our baptism preparation sessions. The next will be Sunday 8 December (please note the change) 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. ***Please see copies of a letter from +Patrick our Bishop that outline his reflections on the matter.***

## 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, before moving to an advent theme. Please join us for these.

## 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

## CONFIRMATION, FIRST COMMUNION, RCIA

We would like to meet with the people concerned at the following times:

- First Holy Communion children and their parents on Sunday 8 December after 10:30am Mass (c11:30am)
- Confirmation candidates and their parents on Saturday 14 December at 11:30am.
- RCIA candidates on Saturday 14 December at 1:15pm.

## THE FRASSATI CENTRE – DEVELOPMENTS AND UPDATES

This week, we had an important meeting with the persons responsible for various parts of the project, and we expect to hear back by the end of this week about the next steps in making our vision a reality. An important step forward is the development of a vision for the apostolate of this new initiative.

## PROGRESS WITH GRANTS AND MAINTENANCE

In addition to the grants we mentioned receiving last week, for £7.5K from LHCT and £750 from the RJ Corah Foundation, we have this week received two legacies amounting to £2.7K, so things are moving in the right direction. 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. Please note, no 6:15pm Mass this Wednesday.

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### 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*

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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:

**£ 1290.68**

(Gift aided: £454.50)

### Woodhouse Collection

**£ 138**

(Gift aided: £100)

*THANK YOU FOR YOUR  
CONTINUED SUPPORT!*