



HOLY CROSS PRIORY CHURCH

SUNDAY 15 DECEMBER 2019

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT (A)

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A WORD FROM THE PRIOR ...

Listen very carefully, I will say this only once – if it's worth saying, it's worth saying twice! The old ones are the best! Our Mass today begins with a double instruction – Rejoice! Again I say, Rejoice!

Approaching Christmas, there is much reason for rejoicing at Holy Cross. We surpassed ourselves at the Advent Market – the total has gone up again - £13,399.22, and we have received another grant for £1,500. We have installed new windows, and our plans for church restoration are advancing.

There's plenty happening for Advent too – please take part in our retreat next weekend – there is something for everyone. There are extra opportunities for confessions also

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

Fr David

BLACKFRIARS MARKET – AN ASTOUNDING SUCCESS!!

Celebrating our 200th year, Blackfriars Market was a special opportunity to make a concerted effort to develop our ministry and outreach for the future. And we have all excelled ourselves! Following the build-up period of several weeks, **we have now topped the total of £12,399.22 to £13,399.22!!!** We will also be able to claim significant gift aid on some of the donations. ***We are very grateful to all of you for responding to our fundraising efforts.***

THE MARKET IS YOUR SUCCESS, YOUR FUTURE

Blackfriars Market does not happen by itself and so in advance we would like to thank all those who have made it happen! **It really is a cast of thousands!** From those who get things moving months before in the planning stages, to those who arrange the timelines of what needs to happen when, and those who co-ordinate the bringing of goods for the market and overseeing the various things that happen. We are grateful to every single person. Your contribution is vitally important to securing the future of Holy Cross and realising our ambition to make the place ready for the next 200 years of ministry. Many thanks!

THE MARKET IS MAKING THINGS HAPPEN!!

The many steps forward that we have been able to make in our buildings over the last number of years have been amazing! From relighting the church to upgrading the living and working facilities in the priory, to tackling the deficit, these things have only been possible because of your efforts and generosity. This week alone, we have received a further grant of £1,500 towards our development goals. **This means we have now managed to raise over £43K since we launched the appeal in June.** Many thanks to everyone!

THE PROVINCIAL ASSEMBLY

This week the Dominican Fathers meet together in Oxford to discuss their plans for the next four years from Monday until Wednesday. There will only be Mass at 12:30pm on these days. Please pray for us as we engage in this important 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 in January 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

WINDOWS

We are delighted that the Lady Chapel now has its full compliment of windows, following the vandalism last year. The window that was missing required specialist repairs. We have been costing and commissioning specialist window repairs for the remaining issues, which will be addressed in the new year. We are also planning and commissioning extensive works to the roof and brickwork.

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

Thanks to those who attended our meetings on Saturday and Sunday. Please let us know if you missed out, and we'll fit you in! We continue in earnest in January!

THE FRASSATI CENTRE – DEVELOPMENTS AND UPDATES

The signs have gone up, which means we're moving forward! We've also replaced the windows in the largest room this week. 2020 will be the year for realising our vision! Please pray for our continued success with this as we seek to make our dreams a reality!

ADVENT RETREAT – AS WE AWAIT THE BLESSED HOPE

Next weekend, we will be assisted in our Advent Retreat by three of our student brothers from Oxford – Br Albert, Br Vincent, and Br Bede.

- Friday 20th – Holy Hour 7 – 8pm
- Saturday 21st – Missa Cantata (Dominican Rite) 8am; reflections throughout the morning; Lunch and Reflection after 12:30pm Mass, followed by Adoration and Holy Hour 2-3pm
- Sunday 22nd – Breakfast after 8am Mass with Advent Reflection.

CAROL SERVICE – SUNDAY 22 DECEMBER AT 4PM AT HOLY CROSS

A traditional service of nine lessons and carols at 4pm next Sunday. Please come and bring your friends. This is a great opportunity to welcome others to church who wouldn't otherwise come. Please wear Christmas jumpers, and stay afterwards

ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS SOCIAL – 19 DECEMBER

From 5:30pm – 9pm on Thursday 19 December we have our Advent to Christmas Social with carols in St Clement's Hall. There will be refreshments and an 'international festive snacks' theme for bring and share, plus mulled wine. Entrance free – please bring family and friends

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:

£ 1301.99

(Gift aided: £390)

Woodhouse Collection

£ 185.01

(Gift aided: £121)

*THANK YOU FOR YOUR
CONTINUED SUPPORT!*