



HOLY CROSS PRIORY CHURCH

SUNDAY 19 JANUARY 2020

SECOND SUNDAY OF THE YEAR (A)

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A WORD FROM THE PRIOR ...

Happy New Year and welcome to our first newsletter of 2020! There is much to relish in the year ahead, but in these January days it's a matter of getting things going! As I write, we're clearing up from the wonderful celebration of Blessed Tansi, which has become an annual part of our calendar. Already, our young people have been preparing for Confirmation, which will be celebrated with +Patrick our Bishop on 24 February – let's make this a real parish and Dominican occasion in our special year.

Thanks to your generosity, the Frassati Centre is becoming more and more of a reality as each day passes. We're nearly ready to go with our buildings! We need to tighten up on vision, and dot a few of the i's – but a lot of work is done to realise this. Thanks!

As we continue our preparations to mark the 200th Anniversary, and as we continue our time of renewal, I'm conscious of the contribution of so very many people. We are making this happen – let's stick together!

Please do look through our events, and get involved with the range of things that are happening.

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

Fr David

CONFIRMATION OF OUR YOUNG PEOPLE – 24 FEBRUARY 2020

We are looking forward to welcoming +Patrick our Bishop to celebrate our confirmations on Monday 24 February 2020 at 7pm. Our young people are working really hard with our team of catechists to prepare for the occasion. Over the next weeks, we are hoping that many of you will help with making this celebration a really memorable occasion for our young people. Let's make this a great occasion by working together.

CONFIRMATION CLASSES

It isn't too late yet for our young people to join our Confirmation programme. We are celebrating the sacrament in the middle of our year, so we welcome children and young people to join us! The next sessions are:

- Saturday 25 January at Woodhouse 2-5pm **Bus leaves from Priory at 1315hrs returning at 6pm**
- Saturdays 8 and 22 February 2-5pm at Holy Cross.

Please get in touch if you're missing out! Young people aged 12 – 18

RCIA AND ADULTS BECOMING CATHOLIC

We have had some interest in adult confirmations, baptisms, and reception into the Church. We are planning an alternative course to the one followed by the young people. We are in the process of getting in touch with those who have already asked, and we welcome other enquiries.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

We hope to announce a time and plan for this in the next few weeks.

NOTICE BOARD

BAPTISM PREPARATION

If you wish to have your child baptised, please attend one of our baptism preparation sessions. The next will be announced very soon, to be held after the 10:30am Mass in St Clement's Hall.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION CONFIRMATION

Confirmation is arranged with Bishop Patrick for 24 February 2020 at 7pm. We are still enrolling. First Communion will soon be set, watch the space.

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 252 1501.

FAMILY VISITS

Families who would like a house blessing or a pastoral visit at home, can make arrangements by calling 0116 255 3856

WHO IS BLESSED PIER GIORGIO FRASSATI?

He's the inspiration for our new initiative with developing our buildings and our apostolate, but who is he? He's a lay Dominican, whose life was marked by living the Dominican Charism in his everyday life. He was deeply devoted to prayer and study, and he inspired great fellowship with his contemporaries, and devoted himself to the service of others, especially the most vulnerable members of the community. We look forward to getting to know him more closely as we develop our apostolate.

YEAR OF THE WORD

Next Sunday is the first Sunday of the Word of God and we hope that our time together this year will help each of us, as individuals and families, to become:

- More deeply acquainted with the Scriptures
- Closer to Christ
- Ready to bring the Word to others

We hope to develop some initiatives across the next year to celebrate this. In addition, our new **Frassati Centre for Preaching and Evangelisation** is orientated in this kind of direction. Please God this can be realised as we go forward

ENGLAND – THE DOWRY OF MARY IN 2020

We are preparing as a nation to rededicate England to Our Blessed Lady in March of 2020. This is an excellent opportunity for all of us to reconsider our devotion to Our Blessed Lady and to look upon her as the Patroness of the New Evangelisation. Look out for our initiatives on this score.

CANDLEABRA IN OUR CHURCH

Over the last year, we have taken a significant hit in income from our devotional apostolate with candles. This is in contrast to a growing revenue from candles in previous years. We now intend to invest in a new candle system, which we hope to be installed for Candlemas. Please tell us what you think!

OTHER CHURCH FINANCES

We hope to have detailed and further information made available during the month of February, together with plans for a way forward. We are grateful for your ongoing support in these matters.

NEW CHURCH SIGNAGE

We have adopted a new system of signage outside our church and priory. We are experimenting with it for the time being. Ultimately, we hope it will enable us to more easily rectify signs when things change, and to be dynamic about different signs.

DEATH OF JOAN MARY CRAGGS (KATE CRAGGS)

The Dominican Fathers deeply regret the death of Kate Craggs, our late Parish Secretary, whose funeral will be celebrated at 10am on 4 February 2020. RIP.

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*

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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

***Collection
information will
be available
from next week
again***

***THANK YOU FOR YOUR
CONTINUED SUPPORT!***