



HOLY CROSS PRIORY CHURCH

SUNDAY 2 FEBRUARY 2020

THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD (CANDLEMAS) (A)

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A WORD FROM THE PRIOR ...

Candlemas falls this Sunday, and it really is a lovely feast for us to celebrate together. Marking forty days since we celebrated Christmas, it hints to us of springtime, and the proximity of the Lenten observance. We start to prepare for our Lenten sacrifice, and to use that as our opportunity to reflect more profoundly on the Paschal Sacrifice.

We're looking forward to 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. Please do come and join us to support our young people.

There's a great deal happening around the church and priory – various kinds of restoration work and we are currently installing a new security, access, and CCTV system. We also are experimenting with new candelabra which will make our system safer, cleaner, and more secure. The Frassati Centre is still evolving – keep us in your prayers.

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. ***Could you help us by volunteering to make this event a real success?***

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:

- 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. ***Thanks to those who have already enquired. We are getting in touch!***

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

We hope to announce a time and plan for this in the next few weeks. ***Thanks to those who have already enquired. We are getting in touch!***

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 255 3586.

FAMILY VISITS

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

RESTORATION WORK IN OUR CHURCH

During the past week, we have recommenced some work on the restoration of the stonework in the nave of the church, particularly on the pillars. In order to advance this, scaffolding will be erected in the church on Wednesday of this week, and we hope the works will be completed well in advance of the Confirmations. Working with our contractors, it may be necessary to celebrate some of our weekday Masses in the Lady Chapel. Thanks for your assistance

YEAR OF THE WORD

This year has been dedicated to 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 – ST KILLIAN'S SYSTEM

We have now installed, on a trial basis, a new safer and cleaner candle system which we hope can be developed. Please let us know 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.

FEAST OF ST BLAISE – BLESSING OF THROATS

The Blessing of Throats at all Masses on Monday 3 February and also next Sunday.

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*

Lay University Chaplain: *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

Holy Cross:

£1,224.90
(£241 GA)

Woodhouse:

£124
(£44 GA)

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