



HOLY CROSS PRIORY CHURCH

SUNDAY 23 FEBRUARY 2020

SEVENTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR (A)

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A WORD FROM THE PRIOR ...

As spring becomes ever more evident, we enjoy the signs of new life following the stormy weather of late. Lenten days are approaching, and this time of renewal is always a welcome period in the liturgical year. We hope you will all make an effort to celebrate Ash Wednesday and support one another in taking up our Lenten observances.

We're looking forward to Confirmation, which will be celebrated with +Patrick our Bishop on Monday of this week, 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.

Meanwhile many other good things are happening. We are working away at our restoration and the development of the Frassati Centre. The next months will be a time of great change and development of our buildings, which will enable us to develop our outreach. Thanks as always for your support and hard work.

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

Fr David

CONFIRMATION OF OUR YOUNG PEOPLE – 24 FEBRUARY 2020

Tomorrow evening, Monday 24 February 2020 at 7pm, we welcome +Patrick our Bishop to celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation. Our young people have been working really hard with our team of catechists to prepare for the occasion. We really hope that as many of you as possible will make the effort to join us for this celebration, to encourage our young people who are the leaders of our parish community in the future. **We are grateful to those who have volunteered in a variety of ways to help make this event a truly memorable occasion for our young people and their families.**

ASH WEDNESDAY – 26 FEBRUARY 2020

This week we will celebrate Ash Wednesday, the beginning of the Holy Season of Lent. This is a day of fast and abstinence, when we abstain from meat and restrict our intake of food to one simple meal and two small collations of food. Mass times will be 8am (In Latin), 12:30pm, 6:10pm. Ashing services will also take place in our schools. Let's pray for one another as we begin the Lenten observance.

LENT AT HOLY CROSS

The Stations of the Cross will be celebrated each Wednesday and Friday of Lent after 12:30pm Mass, with Veneration of the Relic of the True Cross on Friday. Stations with Blessed Pier Giorgio Frassati on Fridays at 7pm. There will also be Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament on Thursdays from 5-6pm

MISSION APPEAL THIS WEEKEND

We welcome Sr Ann Ugoh from the Sisters' Mission Committee who will make a Mission Appeal at all Masses this weekend. This is an opportunity to learn about mission development throughout the church and particularly about the apostolic and missionary work of congregations of religious women. Please be generous.

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. Further details about next academic year will be available in due course. 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.

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

THE REPOSITORY (PARISH SHOP)

The shop is open daily, and now has a range of items for St Patrick and Easter.

RESTORATION WORK IN OUR CHURCH

Recently, we have had some restoration works completed on the pillars of our church, and we are grateful to the benefactors who made this possible. Unfortunately, this meant some inconvenience and a cancelled organ recital, but at least things are now completed to that end. Recent weeks have also seen some remedial electrical works in the church, which are ongoing. Our new Paxton security system is upgrading our CCTV and giving us better oversight and control of access to our priory. There are quite a number of works in the pipeline as we move into the spring. Many thanks for your co-operation and understanding.

LENTEN EVENTS AT THE FRASSATI CENTRE

As we look forward to the development of the Frassati Centre for Preaching and Evangelisation, we have already three Lenten events and programmes for you to enjoy:

- ***This Tuesday, Shrove Tuesday, Pancake Party, 7.15pm*** in St Clement's. All welcome. (Organised by Frassati Young Adults and Leicester Catholic Students, but open to everyone.)
- ***Scripture Study: Through Lent with St Paul***: Tuesdays in Lent, 7pm-9pm in the Frassati Centre. Dates: 3, 10, 17, 31 March, 7 April (final session in Holy Week).
- ***Talk on Christians in the Holy Land*** (Professor Robin Graham-Brown) on Wednesday 4 March, 7.15pm. All welcome.

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! If you are interested in sponsoring a candle stand, or part of one, the cost is £650 each and a dedication notice can be affixed to the stand. This would really help the parish to bear the cost of the stands and secure the income from this apostolate in our church.

OTHER CHURCH FINANCES

We hope to have detailed and further information made available over the next few weeks, together with plans for a way forward. We are grateful for your ongoing support in these matters.

THE DOMINICAN COMMUNITY

Fr David Rocks OP PP *Prior*; Fr John Patrick Kenrick OP *Subprior*; 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

Holy Cross:

£1,251.93
(£318.29 GA)

Woodhouse:

£142
(£57 GA)

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