



HOLY CROSS PRIORY CHURCH

SUNDAY 5 APRIL 2020

PALM SUNDAY (PASSION SUNDAY) (A)

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A WORD FROM THE PRIOR ...

These are without doubt extraordinary times. As we were getting the church ready for Holy Week today, it was very strange to think that we haven't seen you for a while, and we might not see you for another time to come. Meanwhile we're all in touch by various means – phone, internet, prayer. Let's keep that up at least!

Our community is now very vibrant online! All of our Masses are being celebrated, behind closed doors, and broadcast on our Facebook page. This allows you to interact with us and with one another. Please sign up for Facebook and like our page, introducing others to it where appropriate, and encouraging new people to come on board. We've developed our resources to improve this experience.

*We are working hard to ensure we maintain contact with those who are seriously ill in hospital, and we continue to provide emergency pastoral support and telephone contact. Many of our groups are starting to meet through **Crowdcast** – Fr Matthew is leading on this. Please also keep in touch with us and with one another. I'm trying to get round the parish by telephone.*

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

Fr David

CORONAVIRUS EPIDEMIC – A DEVELOPING SITUATION

The Conference of Bishops (CBCEW) has now suspended the public celebration of Masses and other services with a congregation. We are now celebrating our Masses behind closed doors, and broadcasting them **on our Facebook Page**. Please visit **Holy Cross Priory Leicester (Dominicans)** <https://www.facebook.com/holycrossleicester/>

CORONAVIRUS – WHAT ARE WE DOING AT HOLY CROSS?

Our church is closed to the public, **Masses are celebrated without congregations present, and all Masses are livestreamed at the usual times -please see our facebook - <https://www.facebook.com/holycrossleicester/> The Faithful are asked to make a spiritual communion during Mass, formulae for which are provided**

In the meantime, the following things will remain in place:

- **The Dominican Fathers continue to offer pastoral care of the dying, and chaplaincy support to the LRI and other hospitals, in collaboration with the arrangements made by the University Hospitals of Leicester (UHL) NHS Trust.**
- **Marriages and baptisms are suspended at this time, except in extreme emergencies, funerals are subject to guidance and can be discussed with us by email leicester@english.op.org – this is by far the best way to contact us. We are gradually catching up with everyone by phone, but please be aware we are dealing with an extraordinary number of calls**
- **Our Facebook page is the principal vehicle for communication at present.**

NOTICE BOARD

BAPTISM PREPARATION

Baptism are suspended preparation is now subject to considerations in relation to the coronavirus epidemic. Arrangements for baptisms of newborn children can be discussed with the Parish Priest.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION CONFIRMATION

Arrangements for catechesis and instruction of our children and young people is subject to considerations in relation to the coronavirus epidemic. Please await announcement.

MARRIAGE PREPARATION

Couples who are preparing for the Sacrament of Holy Matrimony should make an appointment with the Parish Priest, by email or telephone, in the first instance.

BECOMING CATHOLIC

Any adult who wishes to become a Catholic or receive Confirmation should join our RCIA programme, which will meet remotely very soon.

VISITING THE SICK

The Faithful who are sick and housebound cannot receive Holy Communion for the time being. The Parish Priest and his assistants are keen to remain in touch by telephone for the time being.

FAMILY VISITS

Families who would like to stay in touch with us by telephone or virtual contact can let us know. Please use our email address:

leicester@english.op.org

CORONAVIRUS – KEEPING IN TOUCH – USE FACEBOOK PLEASE!!

Now that public worship has been suspended we would hope to broadcast Masses and our community prayer via our Facebook page. We would encourage everyone to sign up to Facebook (even if you don't usually approve!) and to "like" our page, **Holy Cross Priory Leicester (Dominicans)**. <https://www.facebook.com/holycrossleicester/> Please ask us if you need assistance with this! But this is how we are keeping in touch now that we are in a 'lockdown' scenario.

MOST IMPORTANTLY!!!

CORONAVIRUS – CARING FOR ONE ANOTHER

As cases increase and anxiety rises, it is more likely that the more vulnerable members of our faith community may experience symptoms and have to self-isolate. This is especially the case for the elderly and for students, and also for those who might be outside this category, but living alone for whatever reason. ***Please let us know at the Priory if it becomes necessary for you to self-isolate, so that we can keep in touch and provide assistance as and when appropriate and necessary.*** Please also be ready if possible to offer assistance, in a safe and appropriate way, to anyone who might require our assistance. Keep an eye on our facebook presence and also communicate with us as necessary. We are in touch with the local organisations that are keeping things afloat during the pandemic. Please do get in touch and don't try to manage things yourself.

HOLY WEEK AT HOLY CROSS

Monday to Wednesday of Holy Week: Masses at the usual times, live streamed. Office of Readings and Morning Prayer daily at 9:30am, Vespers at 6:45pm. Holy Week Retreat Talk issued daily at 3pm on Youtube – please see our Facebook site!

Tenebrae: Thursday Friday Saturday at 9:30am

Triduum Liturgies: Thursday Mass of the Lord's Supper 7:30pm and watching until midnight; Friday at 3pm; Saturday Easter Vigil at 7:30pm

EASTER SUNDAY

Masses at 8am, 10:30am, 12:30pm (EF) Solemn Vespers at 6pm. Please note, no Holy Hour or 7pm Mass. All are livestreamed on Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/holycrossleicester/>

SCRIPTURE STUDY THIS WEEK – ON CROWDCAST

Fr Matthew will lead a session on St Paul on the Death and Resurrection of Christ this Tuesday 7 April at 7:45pm. This will happen through Crowdcast. You will need to register to take part, please email Fr Matthew matthew.jarvis@english.op.org Please see notices on our Facebook page about initiatives we have and how these will develop.

THANK YOU SO VERY MUCH!

Many of you have donated more to us at this difficult time. We're very grateful!

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*

Lay University Chaplain: *vacant*

Director of Music: *Mr Thomas Keogh* – keogh.thomas@hotmail.com

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For more details, visit: www.holycrossleicester.org

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

Suspended for now

MONEY MATTERS

***Holy Cross:
please give
some
consideration
to how you
might still be
able to help us
financially, as
we rely on your
support to keep
going!***

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