



# HOLY CROSS PRIORY CHURCH

SUNDAY 19 APRIL 2020

2ND SUNDAY OF EASTER (DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY) (A)

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## A WORD FROM THE PRIOR ...

*As we come to the end of the Easter holidays, it is certainly not the case that things are going back to normal. Indeed, 'normal' is now a very different experience for us all as we come towards the end of our first month on lockdown. While there is much that can be done usefully during this period, we all long to spread our wings again, and establish a new and different 'normal'. Let's pray for that!*

*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.*

*Please pray for those families who have lost loved ones, and whose funerals are taking place very quietly these days. Please remember all those people who are ill in hospital and isolated. Please also remember that we are here for you, and close to you all, as your pastors, during this time of immense difficulty.*

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

Fr David

## CORONAVIRUS EPIDEMIC – A DEVELOPING SITUATION

### 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](mailto: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.**

### USE FACEBOOK PLEASE!! – BUT WHY FACEBOOK?

We are very pleased that many of you have continued to follow us on Facebook, both taking part in the services and keeping in contact. It is because we can connect to each other that we chose Facebook rather than Youtube or other platforms. Please do keep this social media platform safe for our young people and supervise their access to it. We are considering safeguarding for all online work.

## 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!

## **MOST IMPORTANTLY!!!**

### **CORONAVIRUS – CARING FOR ONE ANOTHER**

We are in touch with the local organisations that are keeping things afloat during the pandemic, and especially those community organisations that are seeking to assist the most vulnerable people in our communities. These organisations are regulated and all volunteers are DBS checked. If you are in need, please do get in touch and don't try to manage things yourself.

### **MASS TIMES AT HOLY CROSS**

This week, we will return to the usual schedule of Masses and services in our church, livestreamed on the Facebook page. Please join us.

### **ALTERATION OF MASS TIME ON SUNDAYS**

From next Sunday 26 April, Dominican Rite Mass will be celebrated at 12:05pm on Sundays and not at 12:30pm, livestreamed at the link below: <https://www.facebook.com/holycrossleicester/>

### **SATURDAY MASS TIMES**

There will be an additional Mass in the Dominican Rite on Saturday mornings at 8am during the lockdown.

### **THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION**

It is not possible to provide for the Sacrament of Reconciliation under the present restrictions, and this is not a sacrament that can be livestreamed or administered on the phone. Instead, an Act of Perfect Contrition can be made. This is essentially your usual formula for the act of contrition made under the special conditions. We will provide further opportunities to follow services of reconciliation online.

### **THE EASTER DUTY**

The obligation for the Easter Duty is dispensed for this year, however, we can still practice our faith, and we ought to be doing so!

### **SCRIPTURE STUDY THIS WEEK – ON CROWDCAST**

Fr Matthew will lead a session on St Paul on the Body this Tuesday 21 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](mailto:matthew.jarvis@english.op.org)

### **COVID-19 – A PASTORAL RESPONSE – ZOOM MEETING ON THURSDAY**

Fr David has invited our parishioners to have a discussion on Zoom this Thursday 23 April at 5:30pm about how we can develop our apostolate and care for one another in these challenging times. Please surround this meeting with your prayers, and email [Leicester.admin@english.op.org](mailto:Leicester.admin@english.op.org) if you wish to take part.

### **THANK YOU SO VERY MUCH!**

**We have been astounded by the generosity of so many at Easter. Thank you all!**

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#### **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*

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## **MASS TIMES**

### **Sundays:**

8am; 10:30am (sung);  
12:05pm (old rite);  
7pm

### **Weekdays:**

8am (old rite);  
12:30pm; 6:10pm

### **Saturdays:**

8am; 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!***