



HOLY CROSS PRIORY CHURCH

SUNDAY 26 APRIL 2020

3RD SUNDAY OF EASTER (A)

· A ROMAN CATHOLIC PARISH · THE DOMINICAN PRESENCE IN LEICESTER SINCE 1247 ·

A WORD FROM THE PRIOR ...

Another week into the lockdown, and the situation continues to bring us tragic news. It is very sad to be united with our bereaved families in these very lonely days for them, but they have told me – without exception – how much they appreciate the love and support of our whole community. What a blessing that we have so many ways to be in touch. Don't forget to use them!

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.

I've got a lot to say this weekend! Following from last week's Zoom meeting of some of our community, we've been able to develop some things already. I'm offering a pastoral message this week, and also a Covid-19 Pastoral Plan. Please download these, and see what you think. There is coffee after the 10:30 Mass, on Zoom!

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 – 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.**

ROSARY RALLY – THIS WEDNESDAY 29 APRIL AT 9PM

The Master of the Dominican Order has commissioned a Rosary Rally to be celebrated throughout the Order on Wednesday 29 April at 9pm, the feast of St Catherine. We'll be present on the livestream to take part in this as a community. Please join us as a family on the livestream and pray for the protection of the whole world at this time. Please also comment to let us know you are there!

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!

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.

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.

SERVICE FOR MADELEINE AND ALL MISSING CHILDREN

Next Sunday, 3 May, marks the 13th anniversary of the abduction of Madeleine McCann. Usually, we meet in Rothley to support Gerry and Kate and the whole family, and to pray for Madeleine and all missing children. This year, we will hold the service via livestream on the Holy Cross Facebook page at 5pm on Sunday 3 May. Please join us for this time of prayer and solidarity.

ALTERATION OF MASS TIME ON SUNDAYS

From this week, 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/>

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.

SCRIPTURE STUDY THIS WEEK – ON CROWDCAST

Fr Matthew will lead a session on St Paul on the Body this Tuesday 28 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

COVID-19 – A PASTORAL RESPONSE – OUR PASTORAL PLAN

Following a very positive meeting on Zoom, we have been able to develop an 'interim' Pastoral Plan for the current crisis. Please see this on our webpage.

THANK YOU SO VERY MUCH!

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

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);
12:05pm (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!***