



HOLY CROSS PRIORY CHURCH

SUNDAY 10 MAY 2020

5TH SUNDAY OF EASTER (A)

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A WORD FROM THE PRIOR ...

As we enter "the next phase" of lockdown, I'm sure that all of you, like myself, are still in a state of disbelief about the situation in which we find ourselves. Looking at the notes I've got on my desk from just a few weeks ago, I'm thinking of all the things we were planning for the month of May – all on hold. However, we are all still trying to stick together through the means we have. We give thanks to one another, and thanks for one another.

We are trying our best with the online ministry! 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.

There is coffee after the 10:30 Mass, on Zoom! If you've been before, it's the same code as last week. Otherwise, email leicester@english.op.org for login.

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. Please contact the on-call Catholic Chaplain through the ward staff if you require assistance.**
- **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.**

OUR FINANCIAL SITUATION AT THE PARISH AND PRIORY

These are difficult times financially for very many people, but we have been astounded at the priory by your continued generosity to our apostolate and sustaining our way of life. Thank you for ensuring we continue to receive your contributions. You are all very much in our prayers.

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!

THE MONTH OF MAY

The month of May is dedicated in a special way to devotion to Our Blessed Lady. We are inviting you to erect devotional altars in her honour in your homes, and to send us your pictures of these. You can use simple images of Our Lady and flowers from your garden. Please send us your pictures of these altars, so we can have a virtual May Procession to crown the end of the month!

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. Please see the mission section of our Covid-19 Pastoral Plan

NEXT SUNDAY – VIRTUAL PILGRIMAGE TO WALSINGHAM

Next Sunday should be our Dominican Pilgrimage to Walsingham. We will do something 'virtual' instead. The word will be spread during the week ahead

ALTERATION OF MASS TIME ON SUNDAYS

For the duration of the church closure, 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/> - we will review these timings when opening becomes possible, to see what happens next.

THE EASTER DUTY

Our Easter Duty is dispensed this year. Fr Gregory explains it in this excellent video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=G2q9S2RC9Pw>

SCRIPTURE STUDY THIS WEEK – ON CROWDCAST

Fr Matthew will begin a new series "Acts of Apostles – The Birth of the Church" this Tuesday 12 May on 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

Please see our Covid-19 Pastoral Plan – link on Facebook!

THE DOMINICAN COMMUNITY

Fr David Rocks OP PP *Prior*; Fr John Patrick Kenrick OP *Subprior*; Fr Tony Rattigan OP;
Fr Gregory Pearson OP; Fr Matthew Jarvis OP CC; Fr Luke Doherty OP *Bursar*

Office Administrator: *Mr Kelechi Ebirim (temp)* – leicester.admin@english.op.org
Lay University Chaplain: *vacant*

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

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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!**