



HOLY CROSS PRIORY CHURCH

SUNDAY 31 MAY 2020

PENTECOST SUNDAY (A)

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A WORD FROM THE PRIOR ...

Restrictions are beginning to ease, and as I write today, I'm reading that Cardinal Nichols and some of our Bishops are requesting that our churches should be included in plans for the reopening of our society and economy. This is our fervent hope, as we would dearly love to be able to welcome you back amongst us. It is great that we have been able to connect virtually over the last few weeks and months, but getting the church open safely is in the best interests of all of us. Let's take the time for this.

It is with a particularly strange feeling that I write to you this weekend. This is my last Sunday as prior of Holy Cross. I complete my second term on Tuesday coming. Each week for the past six years (or almost) I've done this, and it is strange to end in these circumstances. I miss you all the more! Please pray for our community as we choose a new prior and look to the future. There's much for Holy Cross to look forward to when lockdown finishes – you've helped to secure those firm foundations!

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!

A NEW PRIOR – FR DAVID COMPLETES HIS SECOND TERM OF OFFICE

Fr David will complete his term of office as prior on Tuesday 2 June, and the process to find his successor will begin in earnest on Wednesday 3 June. Please join us in asking the Holy Spirit to assist us in choosing a new prior. Fr David has completed two consecutive terms. He remains in position as parish priest until new arrangements have been made.

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

JOIN US FOR COFFEE AFTER 10:30AM MASS ON SUNDAYS

Each Sunday we have an opportunity to gather together on Zoom for a coffee or a catch-up. These are really good opportunities to see one another and just check in. If you've been before, it's the same details; if you haven't, email leicester@english.op.org for the login.

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 continues his series on "Acts of Apostles – The Birth of the Church" this Tuesday 2 June on Crowdcast. You will need to register to take part, please email Fr Matthew matthew.jarvis@english.op.org

ROSARY RALLY – 10AM TODAY

Please join us on the livestream for the Rosary Rally this Sunday at 10am

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*

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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!