



HOLY CROSS PRIORY CHURCH

SUNDAY 7 JUNE 2020

TRINITY SUNDAY (A)

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A WORD FROM THE PARISH PRIEST ...

The fine weather has broken and brought us some fine, strong, refreshing rain. We can give thanks to God for the good weather, and also thanks for the rain. We need it. The beauty of our gardens, in these days of lockdown, is something we appreciate all the more. Hopefully it won't be too long before we're able to venture out more widely, with confidence.

Today we're presented with the mystery of the Holy Trinity. What a wonderful image that is for us – undivided unity, yet distinction of persons. It's a source of hope, that we are called to rely on unity yet not lose our uniqueness, in fact we're loved in our uniqueness. Unity is something we will want to celebrate as we think of coming back together.

As I write this weekend, news comes through that churches may open again in mid June for private prayer. We are delighted! But we recognise that there are precautions we need to take as we reopen slowly. We'll be back, soon as we can.

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!

REOPENING OF CHURCHES FOR PRIVATE PRAYER

It has recently been announced that the Government have provided permission for church buildings to plan to reopen from 15 June. The detailed guidance is subject to compliance with regulations and the completion of complex risk assessments, which will raise a number of issues for us. **We are committed to opening the church as soon as we can, but we must comply with the advice in order to do so.**

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.

DIOCESAN MASS FOR HEALTH CARE WORKERS AND NHS

This Thursday, 11 June, the Feast of St Barnabas, +Patrick our Bishop will celebrate the national Mass for the Sick, their families, care workers, and the NHS. The Mass will be livestreamed at 7pm on <https://www.youtube.com/bishoppatrickmckinney>

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 9 June on Crowdcast. You will need to register to take part, please email Fr Matthew matthew.jarvis@english.op.org

CORPUS CHRISTI VIRTUAL PROCESSION – NEXT SUNDAY AT 3PM

Please join us on the livestream for this year's virtual procession in honour of the Blessed Sacrament. Perhaps you could erect an image of the Lord in your homes, and send us in pictures to take part in the virtual procession. In particular this year, we remember all those preparing for their First Holy Communion (children and adults), and all those who regularly visit the housebound and the hospital.

FINDING A NEW PRIOR FOR HOLY CROSS

Fr David thanks everyone for their kind words last weekend as he concluded his time as prior. Please pray for us as we conduct the business of electing a new prior.

THE DOMINICAN COMMUNITY

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

Office Administrator: *Interim: Mr Kelechi Ebirim* – leicester.admin@english.op.org

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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!**