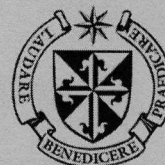


HOLY CROSS PRIORY CHURCH



10 APRIL 2016

YEAR C

THIS SUNDAY – THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

Entrance Antiphon:	Cry out with joy to God, all the earth; O sing to the glory of his name. O render him glorious praise, alleluia.
First Reading:	Acts 5:27-32.40-41
Psalm:	At 10.30: I will praise you Lord, you have rescued me. Otherwise: I will extol you, O Lord, for you have drawn me up. (Ps 30)
Second Reading:	Revelation 5:11-14
Alleluia:	Christ has risen, who created all things and has mercy on the human race.
Gospel:	John 21:1-19
Communion Antiphon:	Either: The disciples recognized the Lord Jesus in the breaking of the bread, alleluia. Or: Jesus said to his disciples: Come and eat. And he took bread and gave it to them, alleluia.

NEXT SUNDAY – FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Acts 13:14.43-52	Revelation 7:9.14-17	John 10:27-30
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WEEKDAY MASSES (YEAR II)

Monday:	St Stanislaus, Bishop and Martyr; St Leo the Great (EF)
Tuesday:	Easter feria
Wednesday:	Easter feria; St Hermenegild (EF)
Thursday:	Easter feria; St Justin (EF)
Friday:	Easter feria
Saturday:	Easter feria



Extraordinary Jubilee of Mercy - December 8th 2015 to November 20th 2016

Pope Francis has produced an insightful and inspirational document that calls Christians to realise the depths of the riches possible in marriage and family life. Here are 10 quotes that give a flavour of his thinking.

1. *"Since 'time is greater than space', I would make it clear that not all discussions of doctrinal, moral or pastoral issues need to be settled by interventions of the magisterium."*
2. *"The ideal of marriage, marked by a commitment to exclusivity and stability, is swept aside whenever it proves inconvenient or tiresome. The fear of loneliness and the desire for stability and fidelity exist side by side with a growing fear of entrapment in a relationship that could hamper the achievement of one's personal goals."*
3. *"We find it difficult to present marriage more as a dynamic path to personal development and fulfilment than as a lifelong burden."*
4. *"We treat affective relationships the way we treat material objects and the environment: everything is disposable; everyone uses and throws away, takes and breaks, exploits and squeezes to the last drop. Then, goodbye."*
5. *"No one can think that the weakening of the family as that natural society founded on marriage will prove beneficial to society as a whole. The contrary is true: it poses a threat to the mature growth of individuals, the cultivation of community values and the moral progress of cities and countries."*
6. *"The verbal, physical, and sexual violence that women endure in some marriages contradicts the very nature of the conjugal union."*
7. *"So great is the value of a human life, and so inalienable the right to life of an innocent child growing in the mother's womb, that no alleged right to one's own body can justify a decision to terminate that life, which is an end in itself and which can never be considered the 'property' of another human being."*
8. *"My advice is never to let the day end without making peace in the family. And how am I going to make peace? By getting down on my knees? No! Just by a small gesture, a little something, and harmony within your family will be restored. Just a little caress, no words are necessary."*
9. *"If, in the first years of marriage, a couple's experience of love grows stagnant, it loses the very excitement that should be its propelling force. Young love needs to keep dancing towards the future with immense hope."*
10. *"Discernment must help to find possible ways of responding to God and growing in the midst of limits. By thinking that everything is black and white, we sometimes close off the way of grace and of growth, and discourage paths of sanctification which give glory to God."*

