

Mothering Sunday

Today is Mothering Sunday – doubtless a profitable weekend for card retailers, florists and chocolatiers! But did you know that the origins of Mothering Sunday lie in going to church on this day?

In the Middle Ages in England, boys and girls who lived away from home (as apprentices, servants, etc) were allowed on mid-Lent Sunday, as it was called, to go home to visit their ‘mother church’, where they had been baptised or had been brought up (the church which had given them spiritual birth in baptism was known as the ‘mother church’). They brought gifts to be placed on the altar and then visited their own mothers, bringing them flowers and cakes and doing all the housework for them!

The Fourth Sunday of Lent has also has other names: Mid-Lent Sunday, Laetare Sunday, Rose Sunday, Refreshment Sunday, Sunday of the Five Loaves.

The original name was ‘Laetare’, from the first words of the Introit at Mass, ‘Laetare Jerusalem’: ‘Rejoice, O Jerusalem’. As a symbol of this day, Popes used to carry a golden rose in their right hand when returning from Mass – hence Rose Sunday. The Golden Rose was then blessed and given by Popes to Catholic sovereigns, or bestowed upon important shrines or churches as a token of esteem. King Henry VIII received three golden roses, from Popes Julius II, Leo X and Clement VII!

A Prayer for Mother’s Day:

All-loving God, we give you thanks and praise for mothers young and old.

We pray for young mothers, who give life and tend to our every need; may they be blessed with patience and tenderness to care for their families and themselves with great joy.

We pray for our own mothers who have nurtured and cared for us; may they continue to guide us in strong and gentle ways.

We remember mothers who are separated from their children because of war, poverty, or conflict; may they feel the loving embrace of our God who wipes every tear away.

We pray for women who are not mothers but still love and shape us with motherly care and compassion.

We remember mothers, grandmothers, and great-grandmothers who are no longer with us but who live forever in our memory and nourish us with their love. Amen.

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Entrance Antiphon:	Laetare Jerusalem! Rejoice, Jerusalem, and all who love her. Be joyful, all who were in mourning; exult and be satisfied at her consoling breast.
1st Reading:	1 Samuel 16:1b.6-7.10-13a
Psalm ℟:	<i>At 10.30am: The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want. Otherwise: The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want. (Ps 23)</i>
2nd Reading:	Ephesians 5:8-14
Gospel ℟:	Glory and praise to you, O Christ. ∇ I am the light of the world, says the Lord; he who follows me will have the light of life.
Gospel:	John 9:1-41
Communion Antiphon:	The Lord anointed my eyes: I went, I washed, I saw and I believed in God.

Baptism Preparation: the next session is on 12 April; please come to the sacristy at the end of the 10.30am Mass. If you wish to have your child baptised at Holy Cross, you need to attend one of these sessions, usually held on the first Sunday of each month.

KING RICHARD III

- ◆ If you have been allocated a seat for the Mass on Monday 23 March, **please collect your ticket(s)** from Dorothy Yates after the 8am or 10.30am Sunday Masses. **If you have not contacted Dorothy by tomorrow, Monday 16 March, either in person or by providing a stamped addressed envelope to the Priory, your ticket(s) will be reallocated.**
- ◆ The renovation work on the church is now largely finished. **Please come and help to clean the church** next Saturday, 21 March, after the 12.30pm Mass. Furniture has to be moved, and much cleaning and polishing is needed to ensure that the church is spick and span.
- ◆ On Tuesday 24 March there will be a **special Parish Mass for Richard III** at 4pm, welcoming visitors to our city. Following that, the Dominican brethren will process to the Cathedral to sing Vespers for Richard III at 5.30pm, and you are invited to join the procession and attend Vespers.
- ◆ **Concert for a King - Music from the Time of Richard III.** There will be a concert of music and readings from the time of Richard III here in the church on Tuesday 24 March at 8.30pm. See overleaf.
- ◆ **There will be no evening Mass at 6.10pm** on either Monday or Tuesday next week, 23 and 24 March.

Thursday is the Solemnity of St Joseph and there will be Mass at 7.15pm, sung in the Dominican rite, and this will be in place of the usual evening Mass at 6.10pm.

HOLY WEEK. A Retreat will be given by Fr Simon Gaine OP. More news soon. The evening Masses on the Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday of Holy Week will be at 7.15pm. Cards, giving details of all Holy Week services, should be available next week.

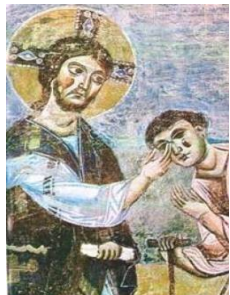
MONEY MATTERS: Last Weekend's collections – Offertory Collection £1217.65 (of which £357.00 was Gift Aided and £860.65 was not) and in addition the parish receives approximately £240 per week in donations made by standing order, nearly all of which are Gift Aided; SVP £3.88; Friends of Holy Cross £4.35; Holy Souls £5.13; Grenada Church Restoration £20.00.

Very many thanks for your continuing generosity.

News from the Parish Shop:

- ◆ We celebrate St Patrick's Day in two days' time. We stock cards, rosettes, lapel pins, rosary bracelets, key rings, etc for the occasion. **There will be a 'pop-up' shop in the church before and after the 10.30am Sunday Mass.**
- ◆ We have cards for Mothers' Day; and Easter cards from 20p.
- ◆ We have a stock of "A Short History of the Dominicans in Leicester: Commemorating the 750th Anniversary of the Foundation of St Clement's Priory in 1247", written by Fr Isidore. Available at its 1996 price of £2.

The shop is open after the 12.30pm Masses during the week, on Saturdays from 11am until after the 12.30pm Mass, and after every Sunday Mass. The shop is in the room beyond the sacristy.



Today's Gospel: He made paste with spittle, put this over the eyes of the blind man ... who washed himself and came away with his sight restored.

Stations of the Cross during Lent: Wednesdays and Fridays after the 12.30pm Mass.

Help needed please: The Student Cross pilgrimage leaves Holy Cross on the morning of Saturday March 28. If you can offer Student Cross pilgrims a lift at 8.15am, from Holy Cross to Keyham (near-ish Houghton on the Hill), where their walk begins, please let me know and state how many pilgrims you can fit in. Thank you. Jeff 0116 243 1289.

Concert for a King - Music from the Time of Richard III. The Ricardian Music Guild will present a concert by Aitone of early music which will be held here in the church on Tuesday 24 March at 8.30pm. The concert will pay homage to the life of King Richard III through the music of his time. The programme will include music that he might have heard when he lived, and will present this music in honour of his memory. The musical pieces will be interspersed with readings from contemporary accounts of King Richard III.

The occasion will be a bringing together of two important elements in the character of King Richard III: his deep and sincere religious devotion and his love of music. There will be no charge for the concert but donations will be accepted, the proceeds of which will be directed to the Leicester Cathedral King Richard III Appeal. **Reservations absolutely must be made** so that there will be a fair and equitable distribution of available seats on a first-come basis. Go to www.Aitone.org.uk, follow the link to the concert, and from there follow the link to the Eventbrite website.

To donate to the appeal please visit <http://don8.to/leic003>. Further information is available at: www.Aitone.org.uk or by contacting: Sonia Tower at stower@ovationtv.com or Rob Durk at rob@aitone.org.uk. See noticeboard. If you do not have access to the internet, please see Fr David.

Parish Pilgrimage to Lourdes: Please note that the dates have changed to 8-12 June. From Stansted, staying at the Agena Hotel. £425 per person sharing. Please contact Fr David.

VACANCY: St George's Catholic Voluntary Academy, Littleover, Derby are looking for a Key Stages 1 & 2 class teacher for September (NQT/MPS/UPS). Please apply via jobs.derby.gov.uk/ or ring the school on 01332 766815. Closing date: Thursday 26th March.

Year 1	This week's calendar & Mass Intentions	Psalter Week 2
Sunday	FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT, 'LAETARE SUNDAY'. Prayers are asked for candidates for the sacraments.	
	Vigil 18.10 ✕ Eamonn Keyes 8.00 ✕ Beatrice Johnstone	
	Sung 10.30 ✕ Nora Freaney	
	OP Rite 12.30 ✕ German-Fernando Guerrero-Eluia Arango 19.00 Private intention	
Monday	Feria	
	OP Rite 8.00 Gloria & David Roberts - intentions 12.30 ✕ Luis Manuel Fernandez 18.10 ✕ Kathleen Moore	
Tuesday	ST PATRICK, BISHOP, PATRON OF IRELAND	
	OP Rite 8.00 ✕ Dead of the Order of Preachers 12.30 ✕ Michael O'Connell 18.10 ✕ Patrick Moore	
Wednesday	Feria	
	OP Rite 8.00 ✕ Harry Collier 12.30 ✕ Nora Freaney 18.10 Francisca Martinez - deceased family members	
Thursday	ST JOSEPH, SPOUSE OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY, solemnity. Please note change to time of evening Mass.	
	OP Rite 8.00 ✕ Mark Flynn 12.30 ✕ Mary O'Connell OP Rite 19.15 ✕ Aluaro Henaofly Hendo Valencia	
Friday	Feria	
	OP Rite 8.00 Edmund Olaf & Anita 12.30 Michaela Lyons thanksgiving 18.10 Edmund Olaf & Anita	
Saturday	Feria	
	OP Rite 8.00 ✕ Paddy Reilly 10.00 Karolina - intention 12.30 Alex & family	
Next Sunday – FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT. Prayers are asked for candidates for the sacraments. Readings:		
Ezechiel 37:12-14	Romans 8:8-11	John 11:1-45

Rosmini Centre Lenten Retreat on Saturday 21st March 10.30/11.00am - 4.00pm. Guide - Fr Pierluigi Girolì, a Rosminian priest. For several years he was the Rector and Parish Priest of the Basilica of San Giovanni at Porta Latina, Rome. Currently he is the Rector of Sacro Monte Calvario, Domodossola, the Mother House of the Rosminians. He has published books and articles on Rosminian Spirituality. Lunch and coffee/tea provided. Suggested donation £15. Please phone 01509 813078, or email rosminicentreinfo@gmail.com.

VACANCIES: Good Shepherd Primary Catholic Voluntary Academy, Nottingham, are seeking to appoint a Deputy Headteacher. Please contact the school office (tel: 0115 926 2983) or email office@goodshepherd.notts.sch.uk for further details and to receive an application pack. Closing date 20th March. **St John Fisher Catholic Voluntary Academy, Derby** are looking to appoint a full-time Key Stage 2 Teacher from September. For more information and an application pack please call the school office and speak to Mrs Harlow 01332 572154 or email admin@stjohnfisher.derby.sch.uk.

REGULAR SERVICE TIMES
SUNDAYS 8.00 Mass 9.00 Lauds 10.30 Sung Mass 12.30 Mass (Dominican Rite) 18.00 Exposition, Rosary, Compline & Benediction 19.00 Mass
MONDAYS TO FRIDAYS 7.30 Lauds 8.00 Mass (Dominican Rite) 11.00*Devotions & Exposition 12.15*Benediction 12.30 Mass (Rosary at 12.00) 18.10 Mass followed by Vespers *WEDNESDAYS ONLY
SATURDAYS 8.00 Mass (Dominican Rite) 9.00 Lauds 10.00 Mass 10.30 Devotions & Exposition 10.30 Confessions until 11.30 12.30 Mass (Rosary at 12.00) 17.00 Confessions until 18.00 17.45 Vespers 18.10 Vigil Mass for Sunday
HOLYDAYS OF OBLIGATION 18.10 (previous day) Vigil Mass followed by Vespers 7.30 Lauds 8.00 Mass (Dominican Rite) 12.30 Mass 18.10 Mass followed by Vespers
BANK HOLIDAYS 7.30 Lauds 8.00 Mass (Dominican Rite) 12.30 Mass, after which the church is closed
Royal Infirmary Chaplaincy: For urgent visits, ask ward staff to bleep the Roman Catholic Chaplain. For non-urgent visits, leave a message at the Priory or at the LRI Chaplains' Office. Messages may not be picked up until the end of the day.
Universities' Chaplain: Fr David Rocks: 0116 252 1512
Baptism Preparation: 1st Sunday of month after the 10.30 Mass. Baptisms: Saturday afternoons.
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