

During the past week, the Church has welcomed the latest teaching exercise of the Holy Father in his much anticipated Encyclical Letter on the care of our common home. As with every action of Pope Francis, pundits engage in detailed analysis about how his actions and teaching is a surprise. There have been many reactions, positive and negative, none of which can do justice to a 40,000 word document which has many important things to say to us. Even this small reflection in a Sunday newsletter comes after only brief and initial reflections on a comprehensive text. We would all do well to imitate the humility of our Holy Father and reflect on this special gift of his teaching to us.

Pope Francis has warmed the hearts of many with his simple and cheerful style. He has spoken often of the joy of the Gospel, and his previous encyclical took this as its title. The kind of joy he speaks about is no short-lived superficiality or quick-fix for happiness, but a joy that transforms us. Pope Francis, by his example, shows how we can be joyful at all times, even when faced with great challenges or weighed down by heavy burdens. This kind of joy is infectious, and genuine. It is rooted in the firm knowledge of our God, who loves us into being and draws us to himself. God has given us so great an abundance of good things, but we struggle to rejoice in his gift to us.

The ironic thing in the plethora of reactions to the publication of this text is that these reactions characterise exactly the kind of attitude that is in all of us, which the Pope wishes to challenge. There is too much noise, an over-keen excitement to devour everything, to consume things always. This highlights a deep hunger within us. Pope Francis contrasts the speed of human development with the slow workings of biological evolution. And this, I believe, is his principal message - look around, and see how God is praised in his creation, and rejoice in the knowledge of that, feasting on it. This should help to put our human need in a proper context. "Rather than a problem to be solved, the world is a joyful mystery to be contemplated with gladness and praise." Paragraph 10, Saint Francis.

As we turn our minds to engaging with this new passage of Papal teaching, let's be thankful for the ministry of Peter in the Church, and let's all seek to listen with quiet and humble hearts.

Fr David

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Entrance Antiphon:	The Lord is the strength of his people, a saving refuge for the one he has anointed. Save your people, Lord, and bless your heritage, and govern them for ever.
1st Reading:	Job 38:1.8-11
Psalm 118:	<i>At 10.30: O give thanks to the Lord, for His love endures forever. Otherwise: O give thanks to the Lord, for his mercy endures for ever!</i> (Ps 107)
2nd Reading:	2 Corinthians 5:14-17
Alleluia:	A great prophet has arisen among us, and God has visited his people.
Gospel:	Mark 4:35-41
Communion Antiphon:	<i>Either:</i> The eyes of all look to you, Lord, and you give them their food in due season. <i>Or:</i> I am the Good Shepherd, and I lay down my life for my sheep, says the Lord.

Baptism Preparation: the next session is on **5 July**; 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.

Please pray for the candidates who will receive their First Holy Communion today, 21 June, at 10.30am.

BLACKFRIARS MARKET: Many thanks for the huge effort on behalf of so many people in recent weeks. The Market has so far raised **£5,954.69** which is a huge achievement. This money is used to maintain and improve the ageing buildings at Holy Cross Priory, safeguarding our life and heritage for future generations. Thank you for your continued support.

The results of the Blackfriars' Market raffle are: 1st Prize (£100) Niamh Woods; 2nd Prize (£75) C. Fitzgerald; 3rd Prize (£50) B. Lyons; + 7 smaller prizes. A full list of prize winners can be found on the church noticeboards and prizes collected at the church.

This Sunday there will be a retiring collection to bolster the funds from Blackfriars Market. Gift aid envelopes are available.

GIFT AID DONATIONS. We now have separate envelopes for one-off donations to either the Parish or the Priory. Please check the wording at the top of the envelope. Gifts to the **Parish** go in **yellow** envelopes, and to the **Priory** in **blue** envelopes. There are also **white** envelopes for late donations to Blackfriars Market, and for Sanctuary Lamp donations.

MONEY MATTERS: Last Weekend's collections – Offertory Collection £1768.38 (of which £969.00 was Gift Aided and £799.38 was not) (previous week £1143.65 of which £221.50 was Gift aided and £922.15 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. For two weeks: Solidarity Fund £1.80; Friends of Holy Cross £23.86; Holy Souls £87.63; Grenada Church Restoration £20.00.

Very many thanks for your continuing generosity.

Please support **Holy Cross Gospel Choir** performing five of their top numbers live at Hansom Hall, Belvoir Street, from 6.00-8.00pm on Thursday June 25. Book your ticket by calling Jeff on 0116 243 1289.

Rosmini Centre: Saturday Afternoon Retreat, 27th June, 3.00-7.00pm, including Reflection "Praying in the Family". Last retreat before September. **Please note – July 11th 'Single Life' cancelled.** Contact: Rosmini Centre House of Prayer, 433 Fosse Way, Ratcliffe on the Wreake, Leicester LE7 4SJ (Half mile north of Ratcliffe College on A46). Tel 01509 813078, email rosminicentreinfo@gmail.com, web www.rosminicentre.org.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. Adoration is a very important way of preparing for Mass and of deepening our understanding of the Mass. It takes place at Holy Cross on Sundays from 6.00-7.00 pm, on Wednesdays from 11.00am and on Saturdays from 10.30am.

A Concert at Holy Cross. *Spem in Alium*, involving 40 singers spread around the church. **Next Saturday** 27 June, 7.30pm. You are warmly invited to join the Leicestershire Chorale for this concert. **Please note that the Church will be used for rehearsals on Saturday afternoon, so the Blessed Sacrament will be removed to the private chapel in the Priory after the 12:30pm Mass.** Tickets £10 (£12 on the door); £5 NUS; or £1 under 19's. Email tickets@leicestershirechorale.org.uk, phone 07992 123 630, or visit www.leicestershirechorale.ticketsource.co.uk.

Fr Bruno Clifton OP, is looking for sponsors for his Ultimate Trail Challenge in the Lake District on 27 June. Fr Bruno is volunteering his time and effort in the hope of raising money for the training of Dominicans to preach the Gospel, making his contribution towards the £1 million target of The Dominican Friars Training Fund Campaign. Please sponsor Fr Bruno by going to <https://www.justgiving.com/BrunoCliftonOP> or sending a cheque payable to the Dominican Council to Fr Bruno's Challenge, Development Office, 17 Beaumont Street, Oxford OX1 2NA.

A Millennium of Christian Biblical Exegesis: Augustine to Aquinas. Day conference at the Aquinas Institute at Blackfriars, Oxford. Aquinas launches his *Summa Theologiae* by quoting II Tim. 3:16: "Every divinely inspired Scripture is useful for teaching..." Focusing on significant exegetes, this conference will examine how great theologians of East & West drew on the Scriptures, and so illustrate continuities and contrasts within the tradition they represent. **Saturday 27 June**, 9am to 5.30pm. £10, including lunch, students free. For further information, and to request a place, contact Cyril Chilson, c/o Blackfriars, St. Giles', Oxford, OX1 3LY; 07954 633 103; cyril.chilson@keble.ox.ac.uk.



Today's Gospel: "Master, do you not care? We are going down!" Jesus said, "Be calm!" and the wind dropped, and all was calm again.

Year /	This week's calendar & Mass Intentions	Psalter Week 4
Sunday	Twelfth Sunday per annum	
Vigil	18.10 ✠ Jorgia Lim	
	8.00 Thanksgiving to St Dominic	
Sung	10.30 Maureen Fernandes	
OP Rite	12.30 ✠ Gonzaga Inacio Gonsales	
	19.00 <i>Pro populo</i>	
Monday	STS JOHN FISHER, BISHOP, & THOMAS MORE, MARTYRS	
OP Rite	8.00 ✠ Ella Hogg	
	12.30 ✠ Fred Furey (anniversary)	
	18.10 ✠ Jimmy Gallagher	
Tuesday	Feria	
OP Rite	8.00 ✠ Dead of the Order of Preachers	
	12.30 ✠ Gregory & Rosada D'Silva	
	18.10	
Wednesday	THE NATIVITY OF ST JOHN THE BAPTIST, solemnity	
OP Rite	8.00 ✠ Holy Souls	
	12.30 ✠ Rosy Trinidad	
	18.10	
Thursday	Feria	
OP Rite	8.00 Anthony Parker	
	12.30 ✠ Holy Souls	
	18.10	
Friday	Feria	
OP Rite	8.00 ✠ Holy Souls	
	12.30	
	18.10 ✠ Holy Souls	
Saturday	Feria	
OP Rite	8.00	
	10.00 ✠ Holy Souls	
	12.30 Thanksgiving (Gloria)	
Next Sunday – STS PETER AND PAUL, APOSTLES. Readings:		
Vigil:	Acts 3:1-10	Galatians 1:11-20
Day:	Acts 12:1-11	2 Timothy 4:6-8, 17-18
		John 21: 15-19
		Matthew 16:13-19

Everyone is invited to join in the Annual Rosary Rally at Grace Dieu Manor, to pray for World Peace and the Young People of our Diocese, on **Sunday 23 August**, beginning with Mass at 3pm. After a break for refreshments, the Rally resumes at 5pm with the crowning of a statue of Our Lady, Rosary procession, Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Blessing of the sick, and Benediction. Grace Dieu Manor, LE67 5UG, is on the A512 about 3 miles from Junction 23 of the M1 motorway in the direction of Ashby. You should bring a folding chair or stool. Information from michaellstatham@hotmail.com, 01530 223529.

The Book of Hours owned by King Richard III, and which was placed on his coffin at the reinterment ceremony, has gone on display at the New Walk Museum. It is on display at the New Walk Museum, but only until next Sunday, 28 June.

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
HOLIDAYS 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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