

## Can't stand the heat

**T**hese last few days have cheered us up with the long awaited heatwave. It is very pleasant to see so many people out enjoying the good weather and making the most of the broad summer days. But these things come with a price. The heat can become overpowering, and so the radio issues reminders that people should drink plenty of water, cover their heads, and take all kind of measures to stay cool. The symptoms of sunstroke are rehearsed, and we are reminded to be vigilant for the sake of vulnerable people who may suffer the effects of the intense heat.

Not being used to such weather, many of us find the heat oppressive. Isn't it ironic that we wait all year for such good days and then bemoan them when they arrive? Some of us will even travel many miles to catch the sun, but when it comes to us, we can't cope with it. Our ordinary clothes, environments, and working routines become disrupted as we are overcome by the temperature. We are forced to take a step back – to rest a little, taking the time and the appropriate measures to adjust to the balmy conditions.

The heat never lasts for very long, and the summers on these islands are the subject of many jokes. But the heatwave can come as a timely reminder about stepping back, taking care, and examining our lives. Schools and other organisations move into summer mode, where the ordinary routines are broken and there is a time of stepping back. Our airports and roads become busy with people getting away from it all for a while. These things are very important. We need to recharge. Sometimes the grace of God turns up the temperature for us all a little. Sometimes God calls us into a balmy experience of his mercy, where we are slightly overcome and we feel unable to continue what we feel is our normal routine. In such times, we have an opportunity to feel loved by God, and realise the extent of our dependence upon him. Prayer, being an experience of God's presence, is something we long for, but it can so easily become something we regard as a chore or a burden. In these times, prayer has become something we use to oppress ourselves. We want to control it for the feel good factor, rather than experience the liberation of abandoning ourselves to God's mercy and allowing Christ to pray in us.

Stepping back for a while, feeling overcome, allows us to consider again how much we need times of authentic prayer to experience God's love. As we prepare to take our summer break, in whatever form that comes, let's all be reminded to take stock once more of our need for God's presence in our prayer.

Fr David

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<b>Entrance Antiphon:</b>	Your merciful love, O God, we have received in the midst of your temple. Your praise, O God, like your name, reaches the ends of the earth; your right hand is filled with saving justice.
<b>1<sup>st</sup> Reading:</b>	Ezekiel 2:2-5
<b>Psalm <del>118</del>:</b>	<i>At 10.30: Our eyes are on the Lord till he show us his mercy. Otherwise: Our eyes look to the Lord, till he have mercy upon us. (Ps 123)</i>
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Reading:</b>	2 Corinthians 12:7-10
<b>Alleluia:</b>	The Spirit of the Lord is upon me; he has sent me to preach good news to the poor.
<b>Gospel:</b>	Mark 6:1-6
<b>Communion Antiphon:</b>	<i>Either: Taste and see that the Lord is good; blessed the man who seeks refuge in him. Or: Come to me, all who labour and are burdened, and I will refresh you, says the Lord.</i>

**Baptism Preparation:** the next session is **TODAY, 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.

**Today, 5 July, the 10:30am mass will be led by our children and their families. Thank you for supporting our children in developing their faith. The 12.30pm Mass will be a sung Mass.**

**Please pray for Bishop Patrick McKinney** who was ordained to the episcopate by Cardinal Vincent Nichols in St Barnabas' Cathedral, Nottingham, on Friday.

**Evangelium Conference.** Set in the beautiful grounds of the Oratory School in Reading, the acclaimed Evangelium Conference combines a unique weekend break with the opportunity to learn more about the Catholic faith, assisting participants to live, share, and defend the faith today. Talks and workshops are combined with daily Mass, eucharistic adoration, and social events. The conference is intended especially for young Catholics age 18 - 35. From 31 July to 2 August. See [www.evangelium.co.uk/conference-posts-go-here/](http://www.evangelium.co.uk/conference-posts-go-here/).

**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](mailto:michaellstatham@hotmail.com), 01530 223529.

**MONEY MATTERS:** Last Weekend's collections – Offertory Collection £1173.23 (of which £337.50 was Gift Aided and £835.73 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; Solidarity Fund £8.50; Friends of Holy Cross £5.48; Holy Souls £4.52; Grenada Church Restoration £ - . The retiring collection for Peter's Pence came to £214.76.

The total for Blackfriars Market has reached **£6295.59** for which especial thanks is due to all those involved or who contributed in any way.

Very many thanks for your continuing generosity.

Please join us in the Parish Hall after the 10.30am Sunday Mass each week for tea, coffee, fruit juice etc. There is the opportunity for a chat with members of the Dominican Community and parishioners. We particularly welcome new students and other visitors.

**Rosmini Centre:** Please note – July 11th 'Single Life' cancelled.

**Meister Eckhart and Divine Justice.** The annual conference of the Eckhart Society will take place in Leeds from 4 to 6 September, including talks by three Dominicans, including Fr Greg. For details see [www.eckhartsociety.org](http://www.eckhartsociety.org).

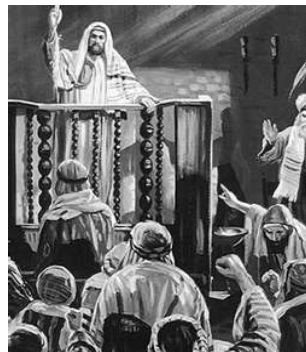
**Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament.** Adoration is a very important way of preparing for Mass and of deepening our understanding of the Mass. It takes place at Holy Cross on Sundays from 6.00-7.00 pm, on Wednesdays from 11.00am and on Saturdays from 10.30am.

**Fr Bruno's Challenge.** After months of hard training, Fr Bruno set off at midnight on Saturday for his 110-km Ultra-marathon Challenge in the Lake District. Following a strong start, and having covered 4 mountains and achieved 56km in nine hours, he was unfortunately forced by injury to retire soon after 9am. Fr Bruno ran just over half of the total distance, the equivalent of one and a third full-size normal marathons, and did so over a difficult Lake District terrain.

In pitch black, with only a head torch lighting his way, Fr Bruno made it to the first check point in one and a half hours – excellent timing. But soon after the check point, he encountered problems. He descended a deep valley, followed by a hugely steep ascent and an equally steep descent on the other side. Poor visibility caused him to trip, leading to the tendon injury that forced him to stop. We should report that only 190 out of the 414 participants managed to finish the Ultra-marathon. 'If it wasn't for my injury', Fr Bruno said, 'I would have finished it'. Then he added, 'that's why I'm planning to run it again next year.

Br Samuel Burke, on behalf of the Dominican student brothers, thanked Fr Bruno for his valiant efforts in raising over £3,600 for the Dominican Friars Training Fund, by saying: 'Last year three brothers and I raised funds for the Training Fund by walking from one side of the country to the other on our Coast-to-Coast trail. This year Fr. Bruno valiantly picked up the gauntlet in choosing to run across the same challenging Lake District terrain where we had but walked last year. Our deepest thanks go to Fr Bruno for his efforts, and to the generous benefactors that contributed to support the training fund.'

The Parish 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:** "A prophet is only despised in his own country among his own relations and in his own house."

Year 1	This week's calendar & Mass Intentions	Psalter Week 2
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Fourteenth Sunday per annum</b>	
Vigil	18.10	
	8.00 Prayers to the Blessed Trinity	
Sung	10.30 <i>Pro populo</i>	
OP Rite	12.30 ☩ Holy Souls	
	19.00	
<b>Monday</b>	<b>Feria</b>	
OP Rite	8.00 ☩ Holy Souls	
	12.30 ☩ Hilario Gonsalves	
	18.10	
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Feria</b>	
OP Rite	8.00 ☩ Dead of the Order of Preachers	
	12.30 In thanksgiving to St Thomas Becket	
	18.10 ☩ Holy Souls	
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Bl Adrian Fortescue, Father, Lay Dominican, Martyr</b>	
OP Rite	8.00 ☩ Holy Souls	
	12.30 ☩ Mrs Elizabeth Kelly	
	18.10	
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>St John of Cologne, Priest, and Companions, Martyrs</b>	
OP Rite	8.00	
	12.30 ☩ Lawrence Doyle	
	18.10 ☩ Holy Souls	
<b>Friday</b>	<b>Feria</b>	
OP Rite	8.00	
	12.30 ☩ Holy Souls	
	18.10	
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>ST BENEDICT, ABBOT, PATRON OF EUROPE</b>	
OP Rite	8.00	
	10.00 ☩ Lily & Daniel Cronin	
	12.30 Suzanne - thanksgiving Mass	
<b>Next Sunday – Fifteenth Sunday per annum. Readings:</b>		
	Amos 7:12-15	Ephesians 1:3-14
		Mark 6:7-13

**Friars Preachers.** The Summer issue of this, the Newsletter of the Dominicans in England and Scotland, is available on the tables by the doors. Please help yourself to a copy. Topics in this issue include a report on the Walsingham pilgrimage and an article on Exploring Science and Religion by Fr Robert Verrill OP. And there are details of how you may help support the general work of the friars and the Dominicans' Training Fund.

The Leicestershire Historic Churches Trust was formed in 1964, and is an independent charity. Its trustees (which include Fr Fabian) and helpers are volunteers. The majority of the Trust's income comes from legacies and the annual Ride+Stride which, since 1989, has raised more than £800,000 for historic churches in the City and County (and Holy Cross has been a beneficiary). This year's Ride and Stride day is **Saturday 12 September** and, nearer the time, there will be information on how you can participate.

**On Sunday evenings** you are very welcome to join us for Holy Hour from 6.00 pm – Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Rosary, Compline and Benediction. Mass follows at 7.00 pm.

REGULAR SERVICE TIMES
<b>SUNDAYS</b>
8.00 Mass
9.00 Lauds
10.30 Sung Mass
12.30 Mass (Dominican Rite)
18.00 Exposition, Rosary, Compline & Benediction
19.00 Mass
<b>MONDAYS TO FRIDAYS</b>
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
<b>*WEDNESDAYS ONLY</b>
<b>SATURDAYS</b>
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
<b>HOLIDAYS OF OBLIGATION</b>
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
<b>BANK HOLIDAYS</b>
7.30 Lauds
8.00 Mass (Dominican Rite)
12.30 Mass, after which the church is closed
<b>Royal Infirmary Chaplaincy:</b> 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.
<b>Universities' Chaplain:</b> Fr David Rocks: 0116 252 1512
<b>Baptism Preparation:</b> 1st Sunday of month after the 10.30 Mass.
<b>Baptisms:</b> Saturday afternoons.
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