

The Newsletter of
HOLY CROSS PRIORY CHURCH, LEICESTER

www.holycrossleicester.org



It hardly seemed a moment since the schools closed when, on Tuesday morning last, I was in school again ready for the new term. So many children all preparing for the adventure of another academic year, with its excitement and challenges. New beginnings are always times for growing and learning. Who knows what wonderful new experiences await us. But they are also a time for reflecting on the pattern of our lives, thinking about what we can improve in our lives, what we need to leave behind, how we need to grow. The regular routine that term time brings can sometimes be very welcome again following the more relaxed routines in the summer.

So as parish and chaplaincy things begin to get going again at Holy Cross, it is a good opportunity to reflect on our past and look forward. The past year has been very eventful, with all the excitement that surrounded the reinterment of Richard III, and the refurbishments we were able to carry out in the church at that time. We have changed some of our Mass times, and have been working together to organise our community so that the faith we profess can shine through all our lives more strongly, and the Gospel can be preached more clearly. Fundraising, too, has been a great success in the past year, and our efforts, though sometimes hard, are making our community stronger. Not least in the past year, we have been pleased to receive +Patrick as our Bishop, and we will look forward to his visitation in due course

As we look forward to the year ahead, we have been pleased to welcome back Fr Thomas Crean, and later this week we will welcome another new priest to our Community, Fr Robert Gay. We will be blessed to have their ministry to support all our efforts. At the end of this week, we will have the joy to witness the Priestly Ordination of Kevin Athaide, a past parishioner, for service in our Diocese of Nottingham. Our Patronal Festival next Sunday is always an opportunity for us to think about how we can develop things, and ask for God's help. In the year ahead, we will celebrate 800 years of the Dominican Order, and we will wait to be surprised by the many graces we expect during the Year of Mercy which our Holy Father, Pope Francis, has announced for us in his generosity and wisdom. As we approach our Patronal Feast, we commend all these things to God's loving action in our lives.

On Wednesday this week, our bells will ring to mark the longevity of Queen Elizabeth's reign over our nation. Our bells were blessed by Archbishop Malcolm when he was our Bishop, and they ring each day to announce God's Salvation. When we hear them on Wednesday, we will give thanks for the justice and freedom in our society which we enjoy under the rule of law that is represented by Queen Elizabeth. But I hope that you, like me, will spare a special thought for those who do not enjoy this same freedom. Especially at this time, we must remember the many despairing people who are fleeing for their lives and seeking refuge in other nations. Their plight cannot fail to touch our hearts. Let's all pray that we can find practical ways to help them, moved by God's grace.

Fr David

Entrance Antiphon:	You are just, O Lord, and your judgement is right; treat your servant in accord with your merciful love.
1st Reading:	Isaiah 35:4-7a
Psalm 138:	<i>At 10.30: My soul give praise to the Lord. Otherwise: Praise the Lord, O my soul! (Ps 146)</i>
2nd Reading:	James 2:1-5
Alleluia:	Jesus was preaching the gospel of the kingdom, healing every disease and infirmity among the people.
Gospel:	Mark 7:31-37
Communion Antiphon:	<i>Either: Like the deer that yearns for running streams, so my soul is yearning for you, my God; my soul is thirsting for God, the living God. Or: I am the light of the world, says the Lord; whoever follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life.</i>

Baptism Preparation: the next session is **TODAY, 6 September**; 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.

Ordination to the priesthood here at Holy Cross

- ◆ **Next Saturday, 12 September, Bishop William Kenney, Auxiliary Bishop in Birmingham, will ordain Kevin Athaide to the priesthood.** Mass will be at 11.30am. Kevin is a former student in the chaplaincy, parishioner and server, and we hope as many people as possible will be able to attend this very special occasion.
- ◆ *There will be no Masses on Saturday at 10am and 12.30pm, and no Exposition and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. Confessions will be from 10.30 to 11.15am.*
- ◆ **On Sunday, 13 September, Fr Kevin will celebrate his first Mass at 10.30am, and impart his blessing.** This day will be the transferred titular feast of our church, the Exaltation of the Holy Cross, and there will be the opportunity to venerate the relic of the True Cross.
- ◆ After Sunday's Mass, there will be a Bring & Share lunch in the parish hall. **Please bring food to the hall for this before Mass.**
- ◆ We have a selection of Ordination cards available in the Parish Shop.

On Wednesday 9 September, Her Majesty the Queen will, *Deo volente*, become our longest reigning monarch. The Lord Lieutenant of Leicestershire, Lady Gretton, has asked churches to ring their bells to mark the occasion, and we will do so from 7pm to 7.30pm on that day.

MONEY MATTERS: Last Weekend's collections – Offertory Collection £1291.97 (of which £409.50 was Gift Aided and £882.47 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 £1.68; Friends of Holy Cross £2.44; Holy Souls £4.65; Grenada Church Restoration £ - .

Very many thanks for your continuing generosity.

Congratulations to Michael Timson and Samantha Milankovic who were married last Saturday here at Holy Cross. And also to parishioners Michal and Anna Nerc who were married at the Dominican church in Gdansk in July.

Refugee Crisis: Sunday afternoon (today), at 1pm, there will be a Prayer Vigil at Leicester Cathedral Gardens in solidarity with those suffering as part of this difficult situation. Please keep this matter in your prayers. We will be looking into other ways to give help and support to our brothers and sisters in crisis. Please join the Vigil if at all possible

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.



From today's Gospel:
"He has done all things well; he makes the deaf to hear and the dumb speak."

This year's Ride & Stride day, visiting churches in the area, will be held **next Saturday, 12 September**. Each year around £40,000 is raised for the Leicestershire Historic Churches Trust and we have been a beneficiary of the Trust. How does it work? Cyclists and walkers seek sponsorship for the number of churches they visit on the event day. The money raised by each participant is shared equally between a church they nominate and the Trust. Riders and walkers plan their own routes using a list of open churches. Around 400 churches will be open, ten of which are in and around the City centre, and this is a golden opportunity to visit churches not normally open outside service times. See noticeboard. Please collect a sponsorship form and list of churches from the table by the Wellington Street door.

Comings and Goings in the Dominican Community: Earlier in the summer we were pleased to welcome back Fr Thomas Crean OP to our Community, after two years of studying in Vienna. We are pleased to announce that he has completed a Doctorate.

This week, we will welcome Fr Robert Gay OP among us, and he will shortly be assigned to us from Oxford, to be permanently resident in Leicester. Fr Robert has previously been University Chaplain in Edinburgh and Hall Bursar at Blackfriars Oxford. We look forward to welcoming him.

Br Toby Lees OP, one of our Dominican students for the priesthood, will be with us for this coming week.

Year I	This week's calendar & Mass Intentions	Psalter Week 3
Sunday	Twenty-third Sunday per annum	
Vigil	18.10 Irena & Roman Olszewski 8.00 <i>Pro populo</i>	
Sung	10.30 ✠ Edmund Dutton	
OP Rite	12.30 ✠ Anthony Hayward 19.00 ✠ Dennis Biddles	
Monday	Feria	
OP Rite	8.00 Jean Biddles 12.30 For world peace 18.10 Conrad - health	
Tuesday	THE NATIVITY OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY	
OP Rite	8.00 ✠ Dead of the Order of Preachers 12.30 ✠ Ann O'Connor 18.10 William Spendilow RIP	
Wednesday	Feria	
OP Rite	8.00 ✠ Eileen Quinn 12.30 ✠ John & Mary Pinto 18.10 ✠ Holy Souls	
Thursday	Feria	
OP Rite	8.00 ✠ Holy Souls 12.30 Mr N Rodrigues, Mrs Feliciana Dias, Mr Diego Rodrigues 18.10 ✠ Eileen Quinn	
Friday	Feria	
OP Rite	8.00 ✠ Eileen Quinn 12.30 ✠ Deceased members of Quinn & O'Hare families 18.10 ✠ Holy Souls	
Saturday	The Most Holy Name of Mary. Confessions will be from 10.30 to 11.15, and there will be no Devotions and Exposition.	
OP Rite	8.00 ✠ Eileen Quinn 11.30 <i>Ordination of Kevin Athaide</i> 12.30 <i>No Mass at this time today</i>	
Next Sunday – THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS, TITULAR OF OUR PRIORY CHURCH. Readings:		
Numbers 21:4b-9	Philippians 2:6-11	John 3:13-17

News from the Parish Shop:

- ◆ The September edition of the Diocesan newspaper, *Catholic News*, is available, price 20p.
 - ◆ We have a selection of Ordination cards.
- 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.*

VOLUNTEERS WANTED. More volunteers are needed to serve tea/coffee/refreshments after the 10.30am Sunday Mass. If you can support the current team of servers please contact Tony on 0116 270 7953 or tonyscarb@outlook.com. This is an enjoyable opportunity to get to know other parishioners in an informal setting. Any offers of help on an occasional basis would be most welcome.

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.
Parish Website: www.holycrossleicester.org Website & Newsletter Editors: web@holycrossleicester.org holycrossnewsletter@gmail.com
CONTACT DETAILS Holy Cross Priory 45 Wellington Street, LE1 6HW Priory phone: 0116 255 3856 For home visits/recorded times of services: 0116 255 3856 Fax: 0116 255 5552 Parish Priest Fr David Rocks 0116 252 1512 leicester@english.op.org