

The Sacred Scripture has lots to say about jubilees. They are times of release and favour. Old debts are passed over, and there is freedom from bondage to all kinds of problems. In many ways, they are a clear example in the Scripture of the release from servitude to sin that is encountered in our relationship with Christ.

Jubilees are going to become something that we will think about quite a bit in the year ahead. In a few short weeks, the Dominican Order will begin to celebrate its 800<sup>th</sup> Jubilee of Foundation. Throughout the world, the Order will mark this milestone - locally, nationally, and internationally - bearing witness to the fact that our Order has grown in all the corners of the world over the past eight centuries, and continues to grow in many places. It is a time to give thanks for the manifestation of God's grace in the context of our Order, but also a time to pray for renewal, and for us Dominicans to reconnect in a very profound way with our original calling to this way of life, and to recognise its all-consuming demands on our lives, while recognising the joy and privilege afforded to us in our Dominican calling.

It seems to me an action of the Holy Spirit, that this Dominican Jubilee coincides with the Extraordinary Jubilee of Mercy that will also start in a few short weeks, on the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception. This Jubilee Year of Mercy is a real gift to the whole Church from our beloved Holy Father, Pope Francis. In giving it to us, he is reminding the Church and the world our the extent of the damage our sins cause, both to ourselves and to those around us. He is inviting us to confront this together, and to ask God for mercy. Asking for mercy is no laughing matter: to ask for mercy means acknowledging weakness and sinfulness, lack of strength, vulnerability. This Jubilee of Mercy is not for the faint of heart, or for the lukewarm soul. It demands courage.

There are three moments of admittance to the Dominican Order: the Clothing in the Habit; the Simple Profession of Vows; the Solemn Profession of Vows. Each of us Dominicans have encountered these three moments as we have sought entry to the Order. They have come after lived experience in the Order, and fraternal examination and reflection with our brethren. At each occasion, we have been asked the same question: "What do you seek?" And our Obedience demands the same answer: "God's Mercy and yours"; "God's Mercy and the Mercy of the Order". Each Dominican Priest has marked his journey by begging publicly for mercy from God and from his brethren. These moments are moments of jubilee - they are moments of release from the demands of the world and abandonment on the Providence of God that is demanded by the Holy Vow of Obedience that we profess. They involve a lifelong resignation, and promise an eternal freedom.

There will be many events and occasions in the coming months that will help us to think about the significance of the 800<sup>th</sup> Jubilee and the Extraordinary Jubilee of Mercy. Hopefully they will serve above all to remind us of the need to ask for mercy - as individuals, as members of a religious order, as a community, and as the Church. The jubilees will bring freedom, yes. But there is pain and angst at times, for the promise we hope for is not yet realised.

As we begin to journey together on this stage of our story, let's encourage each other as we face what is hard for us with what is healing for us. I would encourage you to attend the opening Mass for the Jubilee Year on Saturday 7 November at 12:30pm, and to bring all your needs to St Martin de Porres in the Novena we offer in his honour during this time. There will be a special Mass for Healing to open the Jubilee of Mercy at Immaculate Conception Oadby on 8<sup>th</sup> December to which all are invited also, and +Patrick our Bishop has begun to organise various events that we will hear about in due course. No doubt we have much to learn from each other in the coming year. No doubt we will be surprised by grace once again

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<b>Entrance Antiphon:</b>	To you I call; for you will surely heed me, O God; turn your ear to me; hear my words. Guard me as the apple of your eye; in the shadow of your wings protect me.
<b>1<sup>st</sup> Reading:</b>	Isaiah 53:10-11
<b>Psalm <del>118</del>:</b>	<i>At 10.30: May your love be upon us O Lord as we place all our hope in you. Otherwise: Let your mercy, O Lord, be upon us, even as we hope in you. (Ps 33)</i>
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Reading:</b>	Hebrews 4:14-16
<b>Alleluia:</b>	The Son of man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.
<b>Gospel:</b>	Mark 10:35-45
<b>Communion Antiphon:</b>	<i>Either:</i> Behold, the eyes of the Lord are on those who fear him, who hope in his merciful love, to rescue their souls from death, to keep them alive in famine. <i>Or:</i> The Son of Man has come to give his life as a ransom for many.
<b>Baptism Preparation:</b> the next session is on Sunday 1 November; please come to the sacristy at the end of the 10.30am Mass. If you wish to have your child baptised here, you need to attend one of these sessions, usually held on the first Sunday of each month.	

**Refugee Crisis.** Our response is being co-ordinated by Christina Mottram. Please see our website and Facebook page, or contact her on [cj.mottram@ntlworld.com](mailto:cj.mottram@ntlworld.com).

**October is the month of the Holy Rosary.** Throughout October we should be thinking about our devotions, and especially the praying of the Rosary, long associated with our holy father Dominic and the Order. We pray the Rosary here at Holy Cross every day at 12 noon, except Sundays when it is at 6pm.

**November is the month in which we remember the dead.** Envelopes are available for names to go on the Dead List, and Mass will be offered every day in November for the repose of the souls of those on the Dead List. There will be a Parish Requiem in November for everyone who is on the List, and for those who have died in the last year.

**This year's Advent Market** will be held on Advent Sunday, 29 November. This is a very important fund-raising event and we will soon be asking for people to become involved.

**The Novena to St Martin de Porres** begins on Tuesday 3 November. He was a lay brother of the Dominican Order who was beatified in 1837 and canonized in 1962. He is a powerful intercessor for many needs and intentions. There will be a book available for you to list your intentions.

**Pastoral Core Group.** Thanks to the generosity of a number of parishioners, we are setting up this group which will communicate and discuss matters to do with the parish chaplaincies and apostolates. Please keep the group in your prayers.

**MONEY MATTERS:** Last Weekend's collections – Offertory Collection £998.41 (of which £303.65 was Gift Aided and £694.76 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 £3.32; Friends of Holy Cross £13.27; Holy Souls £26.15; Grenada Church Restoration £ - . The collection for *Home Mission Sunday* came to £294.21.

This week there is a retiring collection for *World Mission Sunday*. Every year the needs of the Church in the Missions grow – as new dioceses are formed, as new seminaries are opened, as areas devastated by war or natural disaster are rebuilt, and as other areas, long suppressed, are opening up to hear the message of Christ and His Church. That is why the involvement and commitment of Catholics from around the world is so urgently needed.

Next week there is a retiring collection for the Universities Chaplaincy, and Gift Aid tax refunds will be devoted to the Parish. George Ralph has been appointed the Lay Chaplain.

Very many thanks for your continuing generosity.

2016 marks the 800th anniversary of the approval of the Order of Preachers. The Jubilee Year begins on Saturday 7 November, the Feast of All Saints of the Dominican Order. There will be a special Mass at 12.30pm followed by refreshments. There will be a variety of activities to mark the Jubilee, and there will be more information in due course.

**Safeguarding.** From the beginning of November until Advent Sunday there will be a systematic and thorough review of our practices. All DBS (Disclosure & Barring Service) certificates will be checked, and there will be a tightening of procedures across the parish and our apostolates.

**Organ Recital.** Our Director of Music, Mr Thomas Keogh, will be giving a recital here on Wednesday 28 October at 7.30pm. It is the first of a series, and will be in aid of the music ministry at Holy Cross.



Today's Gospel: "The Son of man did not come to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many."

**First Holy Communion and Confirmation.** If your children are of the age to receive these sacraments (7+ for First Communion and 12+ for Confirmation), please see Fr David immediately for forms and information on instruction.

**Interested in becoming a Catholic?** The RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) course will begin on Monday 16 November at 7pm. This programme is aimed at those who are interested in becoming Catholics, whether they have not been baptised or baptised in a different Christian tradition, and it is geared to the reception of sacraments at Easter. It also caters for adult Catholics who have not been confirmed, or those who simply feel it is time for a refresher course. Please see Fr David.

**200 Club:** Members of the 200 Club may have noticed that we have not sent out reminders for the new Club year beginning this month. This is because the Club has ceased to be viable, and so must close. We do thank all its members for their loyalty over the years.

Year 1	This week's calendar & Mass Intentions	Psalter Week 1
Sunday	Twenty-ninth Sunday <i>per annum</i> . Today is <i>World Mission Day</i> .	
	Vigil 18.10	✠ John Joseph Shearer 8.00 <i>Pro populo</i>
	Sung 10.30	Chrystal Andrade - intentions
	OP Rite 12.30	Stephanie
		19.00 John Keely - intentions
Monday	Feria	
	OP Rite 8.00	Stephanie
		12.30 ✠ Michael O'Connor
		18.10 For world peace
Tuesday	Feria	
	OP Rite 8.00	✠ Dead of the Order of Preachers
		12.30 O'Connor family
		18.10 ✠ Marie Cleekin
Wednesday	Feria	
	OP Rite 8.00	✠ Holy Souls
		12.30 Edward & Catherine Lavelle
		18.10 ✠ Eileen Quinn
Thursday	Feria	
	OP Rite 8.00	✠ Simon Ya'a
		12.30 ✠ Marie Cleekin
		18.10 Catriana Marrinan - to get well
Friday	Feria	
	OP Rite 8.00	✠ Holy Souls
		12.30 ✠ Mr & Mrs D'Silva, Gregory & Rosada D'Silva
		18.10 Gerard & Nina Andrade (wedding anniversary)
Saturday	Feria	
	OP Rite 8.00	✠ Eileen Quinn
		10.00 Crystal & Arun D'Suza (wedding anniversary)
		12.30 ✠ Mba François
<b>Next Sunday – Thirtieth Sunday <i>per annum</i>. Readings:</b>		
Jeremiah 31:7-9	Hebrews 5:1-6	Mark 10:46-52

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.

**News from the Parish Shop:**

- ◆ We have been asked by a poor parish in Malawi to sell some handmade rosaries on their behalf to raise much needed funds. These are available at £2.50.
- ◆ We now have stock of 2016 diaries (£2 and £3) and calendars (£1), all of which represent very good value.

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.

**VACANCY:** At St Margaret Clitherow Primary and Nursery School, Nottingham, a Site Manager. For further details please contact the school, tel: 0115 915 0296. Closing date 21st October.

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 *WEDNESDAYS ONLY
<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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