

**W**e don't really want November to come – it brings with it the bleak arrival of winter months. But when it does come, we have various strategies to make things easier. The bright lights everywhere represent our valiant attempts to not allow the darkness to triumph. It's a bit like storing up our energies for the tougher times ahead.

The Church, and indeed our culture, turns our minds in two directions during November. Much of our attention focusses on those we have loved and lost, and the ongoing pain of their absence is recalled as we pray each day for those on the November Dead List, and look towards our the annual Holy Cross Requiem, for all the deceased members of the Holy Cross Family. But we are never completely overcome by the darkness of grief, for our pain is eased by the comfort of hope.

The Solemnity of All Saints calls for us to reflect on the promise of future glory that is promised by our faith. We rejoice with and for those whose eternal rest is already won. Far from being jealous of them, we delight in the hope they represent for all of us, because we are working for each person to reach that same glory, and that's what we want for all those we remember, and especially during this month.

As we move through this month, we look forward to the new life that is represented at Christmas, and beyond that the return of spring. It is great to see such strength and enthusiasm surrounding our preparations for the Advent Market. This really is helping us to begin to secure the future of Holy Cross, so let's all pull together to make sure we have a strong foundation to hand on to the next generation.

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<b>Entrance Antiphon:</b>	Let us all rejoice in the Lord, as we celebrate the feast day in honour of all the Saints, at whose festival the Angels rejoice and praise the Son of God.
<b>1<sup>st</sup> Reading:</b>	Revelation 7:2-4.9-14
<b>Psalm <math>\text{R}</math>:</b>	<i>At 10.30: Such are the men who seek your face O Lord. Otherwise: Lord, this is the generation of those who seek your face.</i> (Ps 24)
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Reading:</b>	1 John 3:1-3
<b>Alleluia:</b>	Come with me, all who labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest, says the Lord.
<b>Gospel:</b>	Matthew 5:1-12
<b>Communion Antiphon:</b>	Blessed are the clean of heart, for they shall see God. Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called children of God. Blessed are they who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness, for theirs is the Kingdom of Heaven.

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

**Next Sunday is Remembrance Sunday** and the 10.30am Mass will be a Requiem Mass for the dead of all wars.

**Donations for the Advent Market on Sunday November 29.** We appreciate your efforts to donate any of the following goods. Prizes, cakes and biscuits, unwanted gifts, bottled goods, fair-trade goods (chocolates, coffee, sugar, honey, etc), good-quality paperbacks, DVDs, bric-a-brac, toiletries, raffle prizes, chocolate, sweets, pickles and jams, toys, games all welcome. (Sorry – we cannot accept video cassettes, clothes or electrical items). If you would like to run a stall at the Advent Market, your input and ideas would be very welcome; please contact any member of the community or email [social@holycrossleicester.org](mailto:social@holycrossleicester.org). For further ways you can help, see overleaf.

**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 the patron saint of mixed-race people and all those seeking interracial harmony. There will be a book available for you to list your intentions.

**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.

**MONEY MATTERS:** Last Weekend's collections – Offertory Collection £1028.55 (of which £313.00 was Gift Aided and £715.55 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. The collection for the Universities Chaplaincy came to £260.68.

Very many thanks for your continuing generosity.

The next meeting of the Holy Cross Lay Dominican Fraternity will be held after the 12.30pm Mass in Holy Cross Centre on Saturday 14 November, and will focus on the Pope's encyclical *Laudate Si, the care of our common home*. Anyone interested in this key environmental document will be most welcome to join us. Bring a packed lunch – tea and coffee will be provided. For further information, tel 01507 481072.



“Let us all rejoice in the Lord as we celebrate the feast day in honour of all the Saints” - *Introit*

The Leicester Theological Society's next talk, the Newman Ecumenical Lecture, will be given on Friday 13 November by Dr John Florance, the Radio Leicester Faith and Ethics Producer, and the talk is entitled “Theology and the Media: Evil communications and corrupt good manners”. Meetings are held here at Holy Cross, in St Clement's Hall on Fridays at 7:30pm. Visitors are welcome (£5; students no charge).

Last week's Mass intentions. Please note that the intentions for the 6.10pm Masses on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday should all have read “✠ Eileen Martinez”. Apologies for the errors.

Starting today, the 12.30pm Mass on the first Sunday of each month will be a sung Mass.

This year's Advent Market will be held on Advent Sunday, 29 November. This is a very important fund-raising event and there are six easy ways you can support our fund-raising and help us to maintain and improve Holy Cross Priory and Church:

- ◆ Buy and sell raffle tickets in advance of the Advent Market – please take some books of tickets to sell;
- ◆ Order your Christmas puddings and desserts from the church shop – deadline **TODAY** Sunday, November 1;
- ◆ Bring in donations for the Advent Market (see the list on page 1);
- ◆ Come to the Advent Market and have a great time!
- ◆ Visit the Christmas shop for all your cards, calendars and gifts;
- ◆ Join us for the parish Christmas lunch (provisional date, Saturday December 5) and Advent/Christmas Carols Social (Tuesday December 15).

**News from the Parish Shop:**

- ◆ Our stock now includes Advent candles and calendars, and Christmas cards and gifts, plus 2016 diaries (£2 and £3) and calendars (£1), all of which represent very good value.
- ◆ The November issue of *Catholic News*, the diocesan newspaper, is now available, price 20p.

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.

Year 1	This week's calendar & Mass Intentions	Psalter Week 3
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>All Saints</b>	
Vigil	18.10 ✠ Mary Eyre 8.00 ✠ November Dead List	
Sung	10.30 <i>Pro populo</i>	
OP Rite	12.30 ✠ Deceased members of the Byrne family 19.00 Helen Furey (thanksgiving)	
<b>Monday</b>	<b>THE COMMEMORATION OF ALL THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED (ALL SOULS' DAY)</b>	
OP Rite	8.00 Bernice Litchfield 12.30 ✠ Neena & Jack Gonsalves 18.10 ✠ November Dead List	
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>ST MARTIN DE PORRES, RELIGIOUS</b>	
OP Rite	8.00 ✠ Dead of the Order of Preachers 12.30 For World Peace 18.10 ✠ November Dead List	
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>St Charles Borromeo, Bishop</b>	
OP Rite	8.00 ✠ November Dead List 12.30 ✠ Mary Eyre 18.10 ✠ Fabio Sylvester	
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Feria</b>	
OP Rite	8.00 Bernice - spiritual and temporal welfare 12.30 ✠ November Dead List 18.10 ✠ Ellen Connell	
<b>Friday</b>	<b>Bl Alphonsus Navarrete, Priest, &amp; Companions, Martyrs of Japan</b>	
OP Rite	8.00 Bernice - for Holy Souls in Purgatory 12.30 Thanksgiving 18.10 ✠ November Dead List	
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>ALL SAINTS OF THE ORDER OF PREACHERS and the start of the Jubilee Year to mark the 800th anniversary of the Order of Preachers</b>	
OP Rite	8.00 Bernice - for Holy Guardian Angels 10.00 ✠ Deceased members of the Fernandes family 12.30 ✠ November Dead List	
<b>Next Sunday – Thirty-second Sunday per annum (Remembrance Sunday). Readings:</b>		
1 Kings 17:10-16	Hebrews 9:24-28	Mark 12:38-44

Children's Liturgy in St Clement's Hall 10.30 Mass. The Children's Liturgy takes place during the 10.30 Mass on Sundays and will continue each weekend until Christmas. This Liturgy is aimed at 1 to 10 years and parents are encouraged to attend. We are now using St Clement's Hall and we leave the church just before the Readings. We will open the Wellington St door into the Hall so that if anyone has a pushchair or is a bit late you will easily be able to join us. If you haven't joined us before, or even if you are just visiting Holy Cross, you and your children will be very welcome.

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 on Wednesday 25 November at 7.15pm for everyone who is on the List, and for those who have died in the last year. There will be no 6.10pm Mass that day.

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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