

## *In tempore belli*

Once again we are all appalled by the cowardly, dishonourable and psychotic behaviour of Islamist extremists. Our hearts and minds are moved with compassion for the victims of the Paris outrage and for their bereaved friends and relatives. Perhaps many of us are overwhelmed by a sense of powerlessness in the face of such events. However, at times like this the Christian virtues of hope, fortitude and perseverance are brought into play. Many people who come to Holy Cross lived through the dark days of WWII when we were facing an equally psychotic foe, just across the channel, who seemed at one stage to be carrying all before them. In the end that particular evil was defeated.

We have good grounds to believe the Isis and their sociopathic little playmates will be defeated too. For a start they are either unbelievably ignorant or whopping great liars (and probably both). Let me explain. In their statement claiming responsibility for the Paris outrage they said they had targeted that city as it was a standard bearer for the Cross and a leading 'Crusader' state. However, *as any fule kno*, since the 18th century Paris has been *the* great powerhouse of the corrosive anti-christian and anti-european thought, that has so weakened the moral fibre of the West. It was from Paris during the 18th century that the *philosophes* poured scorn on Christianity and traditional political forms; from Paris during the Revolutionary Terror that the project for the mass "dechristianization" of France was launched. It was during the Revolution that the streets of Paris and Lyons and Orange and Toulon literally ran with the blood of butchered nuns and priests and faithful French laity. Historically, even when France was a Catholic country it regularly allied itself with anti-Catholic causes such as that of Ottoman Turkey and Lutheran Sweden. If anything Isis would surely approve of Paris's outstanding anti-christian record. So this means they are either unbelievably stupid or deliberately lying about what they do know. Even in purely evolutionary terms, organisms that are stupid and can't accept the truth, don't have much chance for long term survival.

Given that secular Europe has no moral strength left, it is up to Christians everywhere to provide the hope, fortitude, perseverance and above all prayer that is necessary not only to survive the current waves of crises, but to come out the other side with our strength renewed.

Fr Neil OP

Christ the King

Year B

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## The Newsletter of **HOLY CROSS PRIORY CHURCH, LEICESTER**

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<b>Entrance Antiphon:</b>	How worthy is the Lamb who was slain, to receive power and divinity, and wisdom and strength and honour. To him belong glory and power for ever and ever.
<b>1<sup>st</sup> Reading:</b>	Daniel 7:13-14
<b>Psalm <del>118</del>:</b>	<i>At 10.30: The Lord is king with majesty enrobed. Otherwise: The Lord reigns; he is robed in majesty. (Ps 93)</i>
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Reading:</b>	Apocalypse 1:5-8
<b>Alleluia:</b>	Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Blessed is the kingdom of our father David that is coming!
<b>Gospel:</b>	John 18:33b-37
<b>Communion Antiphon:</b>	The Lord sits as King for ever. The Lord will bless his people with peace.

**Baptism Preparation:** the next session is **Sunday 6 December**; 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.

**Donations for the Advent Market NEXT 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 and games all welcome
- ◆ Cash donations are very welcome – please place in an envelope and hand to any member of the community
- ◆ (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 email [social@holycrossleicester.org](mailto:social@holycrossleicester.org) or contact any member of the community. For further ways you can help, see overleaf.

The next organ recital will be on Wednesday 2 December at 7:30 pm. Simon Headley (Assistant Director of Music at the Cathedral) will play a programme of Advent organ music.

**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 is 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.

**MONEY MATTERS:** Last Weekend's collections – Offertory Collection £986.89 (of which £371.00 was Gift Aided and £615.89 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 £2.88; Friends of Holy Cross £13.08; Holy Souls £26.51; Grenada Church Restoration £ - .

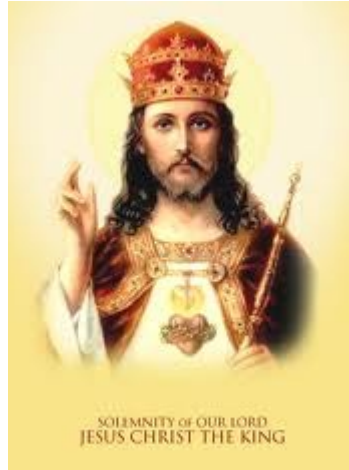
Very many thanks for your continuing generosity.

The organ sortie after the 10.30 Mass today: Sortie in G minor *Lefebure-Wely*.

Interested in becoming a Catholic? The RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) course takes place each Monday 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.

The Parish Christmas lunch and Advent retreat. The lunch is on Saturday 5th December and the Advent retreat will also be given on that day, after the 10am Mass, by Fr Gregory Pearson OP from London.

Follow us on 'Facebook Holy Cross Priory Leicester (Dominicans)' for the latest news and updates on events here at Holy Cross.



Pray for Priests: A new prayer group has started on Thursdays following the 12:30pm Mass and will continue throughout the year. This is a meditative Rosary to pray for priests and is part of our celebration of 800th Anniversary of the approval of the Order of Preachers. All welcome. If you cannot join us on a Thursday, we invite you to consider offering your family prayers for priests each Thursday.

The Advent Market will be held next 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;
- ◆ Enter the raffle for Fr Isidore's latest painting;
- ◆ 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 (Saturday December 5) and Advent/Christmas Carols Social (Tuesday December 15).

VACANCY: A Programme Facilitator (1 year fixed term contract with hope to extend), to assist in leading retreat programmes for young people age 11-18 at the Briars Youth Retreat Centre, Derbyshire. £14k pa, plus accommodation suitable for a single person. Contact Angela Gillespie at [angela@ndcys.com](mailto:angela@ndcys.com) or 01773 852044. Closing date: Friday 4 December.

Rosmini Centre: Retreat in Preparation for Advent, Saturday 28 November, "Walk with me, O my Lord", Fr. Anthony Meredith IC. 10.30am for 11.00am to 4.00pm; lunch/tea/coffee provided. Suggested donation £10. Rosmini Centre House of Prayer, 433 Fosse Way, Ratcliffe on the Wreake, LE7 4SJ. (Half mile north of Ratcliffe College on A46).

Year I	This week's calendar & Mass Intentions	Psalter Week 2
Sunday	OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE. <i>Today is Youth Day.</i>	
	Vigil 18.10 ✠ Lucy & Armando Pinto 8.00 ✠ Deceased members of the Quigley family	
	Sung 10.30 ✠ Maria Fernandes	
	OP Rite 12.30 ✠ November Dead List 19.00 Natasha, Chris & family's intentions	
Monday	St Clement I, Pope and Martyr	
	OP Rite 8.00 ✠ November Dead List 12.30 Greg & Rosa D'Silva 18.10 <i>Pro populo</i>	
Tuesday	Sts Ignatius Delgado, Bishop, Vincent Lim, Priest, Dominic An-Kham, Father, & Companions, Martyrs of Vietnam	
	OP Rite 8.00 ✠ Dead of the Order of Preachers 12.30 ✠ November Dead List 18.10 ✠ Sean Joseph Grady	
Wednesday	St Catherine of Alexandria, Virgin and Martyr. <i>There is NO MASS today at 6.10pm.</i>	
	OP Rite 8.00 ✠ Michael Duignan 12.30 ✠ Martin Brassil 19.15 ✠ November Dead List - <i>Parish Requiem</i>	
Thursday	Feria	
	OP Rite 8.00 Thanksgiving to St Martin de Porres 12.30 ✠ November Dead List 18.10 ✠ Deceased family members	
Friday	Feria	
	OP Rite 8.00 ✠ Sean Grady 12.30 ✠ Mary Eyre 18.10 ✠ November Dead List	
Saturday	Feria	
	OP Rite 8.00 ✠ Eileen Martinez 10.00 ✠ Loretta & Loyolla Pinto 12.30 ✠ November Dead List	
<b>Next Sunday – First Sunday of Advent (Year C). Readings:</b>		
	Isaiah 63:16-17.64:1.3-8	1 Corinthians 1:3-9 Mark 13:33-37

#### News from the Parish Shop:

- ◆ For the coming weeks there is a **pop-up shop in the church before and after the 10.30am Mass on Sundays**. Please make a bee-line for it and purchase Christmas presents, cards, etc, all at very competitive prices.
- ◆ The Autumn issue of *Friars Preachers*, the newsletter of the English Province, is now available, *gratis*. It has an interview with Fr Bob Eccles, and an article by Fr Richard Conrad, both of whom will be remembered by many parishioners; also there is information on some of the events for the Jubilee Year.

*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.*

REGULAR SERVICE TIMES
<b>SUNDAYS</b> 8.00 Mass 9.00 Lauds 10.30 Sung Mass 12.30 Mass (Dominican Rite) - sung on 1st Sundays 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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