

# HOLY CROSS PRIORY CHURCH



SUNDAY 28 FEBRUARY 2016

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT – YEAR C

## A VERY FULL LENT!

As we bid farewell to February and look forward to Easter, it is certainly a very busy time here at the Priory. This week, **we welcome our Bishop** who will visit us for the first time on **Tuesday**, and we look forward to greeting parishioners from our neighbouring parishes both then and on **Wednesday** for our **Station Mass**. We encourage you to take part in the various Lenten Activities at Holy Cross. Our **Mass Sheet** this week carries the Diocesan **Statement on Marriage**, which is required to be published twice each year.

## HOLY WEEK RETREAT

The **times of our services in Holy Week** will be available for you to take away with you soon, and we hope that Holy Week in this Year of Jubilees will be very special for all of us. A new feature of our Holy Week programme in recent years has been the **Holy Week Retreat**, helping us to go deeper into the mystery that we celebrate at this great time. This year, we welcome **Fr Ciaran Dougherty OP**, a native of Belfast and resident in our Priory in Dundalk. He is the Vocations Director for the Irish Dominicans.

## LEICESTER CITY OF SANCTUARY

Each **Wednesday lunchtime** here at Holy Cross, **Leicester City of Sanctuary** offers a warm welcome to **refugees and asylum seekers**. A drop-in service is provided here, where those who come can receive some food, make friends, and find out how they can receive different kinds of help and advice. This is a **great work of mercy** during this Holy Year.

## MUSIC @ 10:30AM MASS

During Lent, we are singing the **Entrance Antiphon** before Mass and trying to **develop our congregational singing**. Please do sing out

## FIRST HOLY COMMUNION THIS YEAR

There will be a meeting for children preparing for **First Holy Communion** and their parents **next Sunday after 10:30am Mass**. We hope that the big day will be **Sunday 12 June 2016**.



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## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- *Tues 1 March, 7pm – Bishop Patrick for Penitential Service*
- *Wed 2 March – Station Mass here at 7.30pm*
- *Wed 9 March – Organ Recital by Mr. Thomas Keogh at 7.30pm*
- *Sunday 13 March – St Patrick's Day Parade after 10:30am Mass*
- *Thurs 17 March – Mass at St Patrick's Beaumont Leys with Bishop Patrick*
- *Palm Sunday 21 March*
- *Easter Sunday 28 March*
- *Dominican Provincial Chapter begins on 5<sup>th</sup> April in the Oxford Priory*

## BAPTISM PREPARATION

If you wish to have your child baptised, please attend one of our **Baptism Preparation Sessions**. The next is **Sunday 6 March** after the 10:30am Mass in St Clement's Hall.

## HOLY DOOR @ HOLY CROSS

Each Sunday during Lent we welcome a different group of pilgrims to the Holy Door to reflect on our need for God's Mercy. This week, we turn our focus to the **Sacrament of Reconciliation**, and we will begin our 10:30am Mass with a procession from the Hall into Church via the Holy Door. This is an opportunity to reflect on our need for the mercy that is expressed in an intimate way in this Sacrament. There will be the **extra opportunity for Confession** this Sunday.

## LAETARE SUNDAY – 4<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF LENT @ HOLY CROSS

Next Sunday is **Laetare Sunday** when we are encouraged to lift our hearts in praise to God in the midst of our fasting and prayer. We welcome to the Holy Door pilgrims who are **agents of God's Mercy**. After Mass, our minds will focus on the important **Lenten practice of almsgiving**, and there will be an Indian **"brunch"** to follow the 10:30am Mass in the Hall. The proceeds will be split between several worthy causes.

## LENT @ HOLY CROSS

Each Wednesday and Friday, **Stations of the Cross** following the 12:30pm Mass. *Lectio Divina*, the prayerful study of Scripture, takes place each Friday of Lent at 7:15pm.

## SUNDAY COLLECTIONS AND ENVELOPES – WE NEED HELP!

In recent months, our **Sunday Collections** have taken **quite a dip**, and at the end of our first quarter of the year, our parish income is **greatly reduced**. We rely on the Sunday Collections to keep Holy Cross going, and **gift aid** is an important part of this. Those who are eligible to gift aid their donations are strongly encouraged to do so, and equally, those who are no longer eligible are asked to let us know. The next batch of envelopes will be available soon. **We are very grateful for your generosity**, but **we need your help** to bring our finances out of their **current deficit**.

## HAPPY ST DAVID'S DAY TO ALL OUR WELSH FRIENDS!

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### THE DOMINICAN COMMUNITY

Fr David Rocks OP PP *Prior*; Fr. Isidore Clarke OP; Fr. Fabian Radcliffe OP;  
Fr. Neil Ferguson OP; Fr Thomas Crean OP; Fr Gregory Murphy OP;  
Fr. Robert Gay OP CC *Subprior, Bursar*.

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## MASS TIMES

### Sundays:

8am; 10:30am (sung);  
12:30pm (old rite);  
7pm

### Weekdays:

8am (old rite);  
12:30pm; 6:10pm

### Saturdays:

8am (old rite);  
10am; 12.30pm;  
6:10pm *Vigil Mass for Sunday*

## CONFESSION

### Saturdays:

10:30-11:30am  
5:00-6:00pm

## MONEY MATTERS

Last week's collection total:

£985.57.

(Gift aided: £264.50)

*THANK YOU!*

*Next Sunday – Retiring Collection for our Lenten Projects.*