

HOLY CROSS PRIORY CHURCH



SUNDAY 20 MARCH 2016

PALM SUNDAY – YEAR C

HOLY WEEK

This week, we celebrate together the climax of the Church Year. In a special way we remember all those preparing for Baptism, Confirmation, and Holy Communion at the Easter Vigil. We welcome Fr Ciaran Dougherty OP for his first visit to Holy Cross. Please see the separate sheet with details of our Holy Week Services.

OUR FINANCIAL SECURITY

Grateful thanks to all those who have responded with such generosity to our recent appeal about finances here at Holy Cross. This week, an Interim Financial Report has been produced, to help explain in more detail what the challenges are, and our plans for addressing them. Standing Order and Gift Aid Forms are available.

800 JUBILEE VESPERS – WESTMINSTER CATHEDRAL

This special event, at which Cardinal Nichols will preside, marks our 800 years and will take place on Friday 29 April at 2:30pm. Please sign up if you wish to attend. A coach will travel from Holy Cross. We hope a great many people will join us.

PARISH SHOP

Easter cards are now available and there is a good deal of new stock. *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.*

LEICESTER CITY OF SANCTUARY – WE DID IT

There was great excitement at the Drop-In last Wednesday when, in front of ITV cameras, LCoS learned that they have gained £50k for their important work with refugees and asylum seekers in Leicester. Very well done, and many thanks to all at Holy Cross who helped!

MARCH FOR LIFE IN BIRMINGHAM

Saturday 14th May, starting at St Chad's Cathedral. Please contact Sica Martinez for more details.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- *Easter Sunday 27 March*
- *Wednesday 6 April, concert given by Romanesca Recorders, 7.30pm in the church*
- *Jubilee Vespers in Westminster – 29 April*
- *Dominican Pilgrimage to Walsingham, Sunday 8th May*
- *Blackfriars Market will be upon us again soon, so there will be planning and information after Easter.*
- *First Holy Communion on Sunday 12 June at 10:30am Mass*
- *Pilgrimage to Florence, 1-7th July*

BAPTISM PREPARATION

If you wish to have your child baptised, please attend one of our baptism preparation sessions. The next is Sunday 3 April, after the 10:30am Mass in St Clement's Hall.



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JUBILEE YEAR: DOMINICAN PILGRIMAGE TO WALSINGHAM

This year, the Annual Pilgrimage to Walsingham takes place on Sunday 8 May 2016. For the Jubilee Year of our Order, Archbishop Malcolm will join us and preach, so we are hoping for a big crowd from Leicester. The coach costs £20, please place your name on the list to attend.

DOMINICAN PROVINCIAL CHAPTER IN APRIL

During the week after Easter Week, the Dominican Province of England will celebrate the Provincial Chapter. This is a gathering of our brothers from across the Province of England to reflect on our life and ministry. It takes place every four years. During the Chapter, the Prior Provincial will be elected to succeed Fr John Farrell OP, who has been our Provincial since 2008. Fr David and Fr Robert from our Community will take part. Please keep this important moment of planning our ministry in your prayers.

UNIVERSITY CHAPLAINCY

We bid farewell to many of our students this weekend as another term comes to an end. In a few weeks, we welcome them back to embark on the exam period.

HOLY WEEK AND EASTER

Do consult the separate sheet providing details of Holy Week and Easter. Please take note that the clocks SPRING FORWARD one hour next Saturday. Masses will be at the same time, but don't get caught out! During Easter Week, there will be Mass at 8:00am and 12:30pm only.

HOLY HOUR ON EASTER DAY

The regular Holy Hour on Easter Sunday will be replaced by a solemn celebration of Vespers for Easter Day.

KIRBY MUXLOE PLAYERS

Ladies' Day, a comedy. Wednesday 27 to Saturday 30 April, 7.30pm. Kirby Muxloe Village Hall, Station Road, £8. See www.kirbyplayers.co.uk

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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For more details visit: www.holycrossleicester.org

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:

£1,643.92

(Gift aided: £728.10)

THANK YOU!