

HOLY CROSS PRIORY CHURCH



SUNDAY 15TH MAY 2016

PENTECOST – YEAR C

TONGUES OF FIRE!

Pentecost is the great feast that celebrates the action and power of the Holy Spirit in the Church. We give thanks to God for the gift of the Spirit, and for the wonderful things we receive from God's mercy. He is truly a God of Surprises, so we continue to hope for an abundance of blessings on all our efforts as a community.

HOLY CROSS ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

Rachael Powell is the latest addition to our team at Holy Cross. Her role is to support Holy Cross Church and Priory in all aspects of administration, from answering telephone calls and emails, to producing Certificates and booking special occasions. Please make contact with her on **0116 2521501** or leicester.admin@english.op.org.

VISITING CHOIR – MUSIC IN HONOUR OF OUR LADY

The choir of Nottingham Cathedral will visit on Saturday 21 May 2016 to perform a concert in our church at 7.30pm. Please come along and bring a friend. Flyers are available in church for this special event in the month of May.

LIGHT FOR THE BLIND - APPEAL SUCCESS

We raised a fabulous £1003.00 for Fr Thomas and St Joseph Hospices in India, with the charity that supports his work, Light for the Blind. We hope we can develop this partnership in the Year of Mercy. Thank you for your generosity.

SUNDAY GATHERINGS AFTER MASS

Each Sunday after 10:30am Mass we gather for tea, coffee, social time together in the Hall. Please do join us. This is an opportunity to get to know each other better, and to plan events and share ideas. It is an especially important opportunity to welcome new people to our community.



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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- *Saturday 21 May and Sun 22 May, Blackfriars Market*
- *Saturday 21 May, 7.30pm, Concert by Nottingham Cathedral Choir*
- *Wednesday 1 June 7.30pm, Organ Recital given by Laurence Caldecote*
- *12 June – First Holy Communion*
- *Saturday 18 June, Big Summer Festival (including an afternoon party for young people; evening sit down buffet followed by music and dance).*

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.

BLACKFRIARS MARKET 21/22 MAY

This event takes place next weekend, and is our most important fundraising event of the year, and we look forward to celebrating our success by raising funds together to secure the future of our buildings. Please see the various initiatives to make this a success, and continue to buy raffle tickets, tickets for Fr Isidore's raffle, and make donations. Volunteers are requested to contact Anne Chafer to help on the day.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

The next session for children and their parents will be today, following 10.30am Mass, and each week until First Communion Day. First Holy Communion will be celebrated on Sunday 12 June.

CONFIRMATIONS

Congratulations to all Tomas and Eva, who receive the Sacrament of Confirmation today at 10:30am Mass, and to Daniel who receives the Sacrament at Woodhouse.

TRAFFIC AND PARKING

Please do not park on the double yellow lines on Wellington Street during Mass. It is always distressing to see parishioners having been landed with hefty fines while at Mass. Traffic Wardens are obliged to issue fines when such breaches occur.

PROCESSIONS

May brings the finer weather and also the season of processions. The May Procession, in honour of Our Lady, takes place next Sunday after 10:30am Mass, and the following Sunday, the Corpus Christi Procession at the same time. Thank you for your support.

OURS IS THE VICTORY!

The jubilation continues for the Premier League win. Listen to Fr David's *Thought for the Day* on BBC Leicester this Monday to get a more sacred perspective on things! We hope everyone enjoys a happy and safe celebration on Monday.

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:

£1,008.92

(Gift aided: £349.33)

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR
CONTINUED SUPPORT!**

THE LITURGY THIS WEEK



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THIS SUNDAY – PENTECOST

Entrance Antiphon:	<i>Vigil:</i> The love of God has been poured into our hearts through the Spirit of God dwelling within us, alleluia. <i>Day:</i> The Spirit of the Lord has filled the whole world and that which contains all things understands what is said, alleluia. <i>Or:</i> The love of God has been poured into our hearts through the Spirit of God dwelling within us, alleluia.
First Reading:	Acts 2:1–11
Psalm +:	Lord send out your Spirit, and renew the face of the earth. (Ps 104)
Second Reading:	1 Corinthians 12:3–7.12–13
Alleluia:	Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in them the fire of your love.
Gospel:	John 20:19–23
Communion Antiphon:	<i>Vigil:</i> On the last day of the festival, Jesus stood and cried out: If anyone is thirsty, let him come to me and drink, alleluia. <i>Day:</i> They were all filled with the Holy Spirit and spoke of the marvels of God, alleluia.

NEXT SUNDAY – THE MOST HOLY TRINITY

Proverbs 8:22–31	Romans 5:1–5	John 16:12–15
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WEEKDAY MASSES (YEAR II)

Monday:	THE DEDICATION OF OUR PRIORY CHURCH, <i>solemnity</i>
Tuesday:	Feria; Whit Tuesday (EF)
Wednesday:	Feria; Whit Wednesday (EF)
Thursday:	Feria; Whit Thursday (EF)
Friday:	Feria; Whit Friday (EF)
Saturday:	Feria; Whit Saturday (EF)



*Extraordinary Jubilee of Mercy - December 8th 2015
to November 20th 2016*

Blackfriars Market, our major fundraising event for the year, is upon us!

Next weekend – 21-22 May

We need your help to make it a success!

Throughout the long history of Holy Cross, Blackfriars Market, in its varied incarnations, has been essential in raising funds to develop our church and priory buildings. Since May 2014, when we raised a massive £12,000, Blackfriars Market has raised £31,000 for Holy Cross. These funds have been used to bolster the Priory Fabric Fund, which has enabled us to carry out some important improvements within the priory buildings.

Why do we need to do this?

The complex of buildings that makes up Holy Cross Church and Priory are of different ages, and in need of varying levels of attention. We have been unable to afford this through our ordinary income. The additional funds raised through the Market have enabled us to address issues we would otherwise have been unable to address.

How do we do it?

We still need help to run the event next weekend, so any assistance you can give will be welcome. Most importantly, we need people to attend the event! As always, there is something for everyone, so do come along. We need a final push for raffle tickets, the last donations of goods for sale and prizes, and of course donations towards the final total. Come along and bring a friend.

Where are we going?

As we move towards our 200th Anniversary, we need to build on the firm foundations that have been established. The money raised by our efforts will enable us to formulate ambitious projects for our future. We want to look at: further improvements to the priory buildings; upgrade and development of the halls and meeting spaces; heating and lighting in the church.

It is only with your help and support that we will be able to build on our achievements.

Thank you for your support!

