



HOLY CROSS PRIORY CHURCH

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FR ISIDORE'S REFLECTION

ALL SAINTS, ALL SOULS

At the beginning of November, we celebrate the **FEAST OF ALL SAINTS**, not just those who have been officially recognised by the Church, but also the countless number of good people whom only God appreciates. This feast reminded us that He has called each of us to be a saint -people from every walk of life –men, women, boys and girls. All that matters is that with God's help we follow His law of loving Him above all things and our neighbour as ourselves. How we do that will depend on our age, job etc.

Over thousands of years many billions of people have gone before us and are now dead. On the FEAST OF ALL SOULS and during November the Church focusses our prayers on them. We, who mourn their death, are not simply left with memories of our loved ones. St. Paul tells us (1 Thess. 4. 13), 'But we do not want you to be uninformed, brothers and sisters, about those who have died, so that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope.' Our faith teaches us death doesn't write the final chapter in our life-story. The best is yet come as our loved ones enter the Kingdom of Heaven and join the saints already there.

But before they are fit to enter the presence of the All-Holy God, His love must first cleanse them of every trace of sin. In His providence God has called the Church here on earth to work with Him in preparing them to enter His presence. Through the Celebration of All Souls Day and the month of November the Church wants us to help our deceased brothers and sisters by praying for them. That is a duty of love which we should gladly fulfil.

It's wonderfully reassuring to know that when we die we will be supported by the prayers of the whole Church, both in heaven and here on earth. That's why I've combined the feast of All Saints with the Commemoration of All Souls' Day.

– Fr Isidore Clarke O.P.

MASS TIMES

Sundays:

6:10pm (Vigil Mass on Saturday)

Open 5.30pm – 7pm

8am – Open 7.30am – 9am

10:30am (sung, livestreamed)

Open 10am – 12pm

7pm – Open 6.30pm – 8pm

Tuesday to Saturday opening:

10:00am (Saturday only)

12:30pm (livestreamed)

(Open approx. 30mins before & after Mass)

Closed all day on Mondays.

CONFESSION

Saturdays: 11am – 12pm

ACT OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in this Holy Sacrament of the altar. I love You above all things and passionately desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot now receive You sacramentally, come spiritually into my soul, so that I may unite myself wholly to You, now and forever, Amen

CORONAVIRUS – WHAT ARE WE DOING AT HOLY CROSS?

You should wear a mask in church unless exempt or a child and maintain a safe distance. Please note the following:

- Entrance is through the Wellington Street door and exit is through the New Walk door.
- Please do not hold conversations in church, and if you chat outside, maintain social distance.
- Toilets are not available at present.
- **Covid-19 NHS Test and Trace form:** Please note that this is voluntary, and you only have to fill it in once – the first time you come to Mass. For consequent visits, on entering the church, just sign the register, sanitising hands first.

Holy Cross Priory, 45 Wellington Street, LE1 6HW. Tel: 0116 255 3856 For more details, visit: www.holycrossleicester.org

MEMBERS OF THE DOMINICAN COMMUNITY

John-Patrick Kenrick OP Prior; Anthony Rattigan OP Subprior; Luke Doherty OP Bursar; John Farrell OP; Richard Ounsworth OP

Sacristan: Mr Nicholas Hoff; Office Administrator: Mr Kelechi Ebirim – leicester.admin@english.op.org;

Music Director & Organist: Mr Thomas Keogh – keogh.thomas@hotmail.com

The daily 12.30pm (10.30am Sunday) & 6.10pm Vigil Mass are livestreamed on YouTube @ [HolyCrossTV Leicester](https://www.youtube.com/HolyCrossTVLeicester).

SACRAMENTS

The Wednesday Word (For Children): <http://www.wednesdayword.org/school/index.htm>

First Holy Communion Preparation: If there is no programme in your child's school, then please see Fr JP.

Baptism Preparation & Funerals: These can be held subject to regulations & can be discussed with the Parish Priest.

Becoming Catholic: Any adult who wishes to become a Catholic or receive Confirmation should email the office.

Visiting the Sick: If you are not 'extremely vulnerable', let us know your name, tel. no. & address.

Confessions: Please wear a mask & keep the confession to 3 minutes; and please prepare in advance.

Christmas Masses: If you intend to come to Mass on Christmas eve or Christmas day, it is best to book by filling in one of our orange booking slips available in the church.

*The Dominican Fathers continue to offer **pastoral care to the Prison, and to the LRI**, in collaboration with the University Hospitals of Leicester (UHL) NHS Trust. If you or a relative are in hospital, please let the hospital Chaplain know through the duty Nurse on the ward.*

PARISH NEWS!

November Mass list: November dead list envelopes are available in the church porch – please hand to a priest or send a donation with the names to be remembered, via the post or our priory letter box on New Walk.

Grand Draw: There will be a grand draw at Christmas but no Advent Market.

Repository: The repository is now in the back porch. If there is something you need not on display, please ask.

Scripture study: Fr Richard continues to lead the weekly scripture study online, every Tuesday from 7.45pm–8.45pm, currently exploring the book of Isaiah. Please come and tell all your friends. For more details, please visit <https://www.holycrossleicester.org/scripture-study/>.

Wailing alert! Some people have been unable to hear mass because of small children crying or making a noise. If your child is upset, please use the back porch where you can hear mass without disturbing the rest of the congregation. Many thanks for showing this consideration to others.

HELP PROTECT BABIES WITH CLEFT LIP, CLEFT PALATE AND CLUB FOOT

Sadly abortion is currently available in the UK, right up to birth, including babies with cleft lip, cleft palate and club foot – these conditions can be corrected. A group of MPs in Parliament are bringing forward the Abortion (Cleft lip, cleft palate and club foot) Bill. The Bill will change the law to clarify that cleft palate, cleft lip, and club foot are not grounds for abortion in the UK. To get your MP to support the Bill, visit www.standupandsmile.org.uk. It only takes 30 seconds and you may help to save the lives of the most innocent.

VACANCY

St Thomas Aquinas Catholic Multi-Academy Trust are seeking to appoint a new headteacher at Holy Cross Catholic Voluntary Academy, Leicester, (salary scale L15-21). To apply, please call HR on 0116 296 8164 or email pcooper@aquinas-cmat.org. To arrange a school visit please contact Elizabeth Routledge (school office) on 0116 283 3135 or email eroutledge@holy-cross.leicester.sch.uk **CLOSING DATE:** Monday 23 November 2020

MUSIC AND MEDITATION

The next music and meditations will be in the church at 1.15pm on Thursday 5th November 2020 & Thursday 3rd December 2020 respectively with our parish organist playing. Entrance is free & there will be a retiring collection.

MONEY MATTERS

The **weekly collection** for the parish for October 25th was £1,011 (including Gift Aid).

Many of you have donated online or have set up standing orders – thank you for your continued support!

We rely on donations for our ministry and upkeep of the church. To donate, visit:

- <https://www.holycrossleicester.org/200-campaign/200th-anniversary-campaign-donate-now/>

Mass Intentions: Please put an envelope with your intention, donation and telephone number through our letter box or visit this page: <https://www.holycrossleicester.org/donate/request-a-mass/>

Sanctuary Lamps: If you would like a sanctuary lamp to be lit for your intention, visit:

- <https://www.holycrossleicester.org/donate/sponsor-a-sanctuary-lamp/>

Candle Stands: Please visit <https://www.holycrossleicester.org/sponsor-a-candle-stand/> for details.

Replacement Gift Aid Envelopes: If unable to come to church and would like to request Gift Aid envelopes or to donate by cheque, contact Fr Luke Doherty: **Email:** luke.doherty@english.op.org or send to the above address.

Cheque donations to the 'Parish' or 'Priory' should be made to 'Holy Cross Parish' or 'Holy Cross Priory' respectively.