



HOLY CROSS PRIORY CHURCH

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FR ISIDORE'S REFLECTION

THE GOOD PHYSICIAN

Today's topic is very dear to me. Firstly, I come from a medical family of doctors and nurses. Next, I owe so much to the care of healers of various kinds, including those in the home where I will spend the rest of my days.

But most importantly, simply by becoming man the Son of God fashioned in His very person an indestructible bond between God and the human race. That relationship had been disrupted by sin. So, when Jesus was criticised for mixing with sinners He replied, 'Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick; I have come to call not the righteous but sinners to repentance.' (Lk. 5. 31-2). Jesus saw His life-long mission as being like that of a doctor, specialising in curing sinners through our repentance and His forgiveness. But His compassion reached to healing the whole person, whatever his or her ailment. That's what I'm going to explore. Matthew's Gospel simply states, 'When he went ashore, He saw a great crowd; and He had compassion for them and cured their sick,' (Matt. 14. 14). Again, Luke tells the crowd were like lost sheep without a shepherd, so He began to teach them. Their ignorance of the Kingdom needed to be cured. Throughout His life He showed compassion for those who were distressed.

But these cures meant much more than human compassion. They proclaimed that the new Messianic age had dawned. These cures foreshadowing the renewal of the whole person in the new creation.

In Matt. 25 Jesus gives a wonderfully new variation of the Good Physician theme. Surprisingly, the doctor identifies with the patient –the needy -so profoundly that what we do for them, we do or don't for Him.

Now the Church continues Christ's healing ministry through today's medics and carers. As He identifies with the needy there's a dialogue between Christ the healer and Christ the healed -the giver and receiver. Each of us at different times identified with one or the other.

– 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)

6:10pm

(open approx. 30 mins 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.

We will continue to livestream a daily Mass on YouTube on Holy Cross TV Leicester Live Stream

(<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eHcPOMmOvfs>).

THE DOMINICAN COMMUNITY

Fr John-Patrick Kenrick OP *PP Prior*; Fr Anthony Rattigan OP *Subprior*; Fr Luke Doherty OP *Bursar*; Fr John Farrell OP; Fr

Richard Ounsworth OP; *Interim Office Administrator: Mr Kelechi Ebirim – leicester.admin@english.op.org*

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NOTICE BOARD

First Holy Communion Preparation: If your child has been prepared or half-prepared for communion please see Fr JP. If your child is hoping to begin preparation, first find out if there is a programme in your child's school - if not then please see Fr JP.

Baptism Preparation & Funerals: These can now be held subject to regulations and 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: The sick and housebound can now receive Holy Communion if not *extremely* vulnerable but not yet in Leicester. Please let us know your name, telephone number and address for when the lockdown ends.

Confessions: Wearing a face mask is compulsory and the time has to be limited to 3 minutes -please prepare in advance.

*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 Catholic chaplain know through the duty or the chaplain will not know you are there.*

PARISH NEWS!

We warmly welcome to our community Fr Richard Ounsworth, who is a scripture scholar. For a number of years Fr Richard has been our Provincial Bursar, a very demanding job. He will be a familiar face to some of you and we all look forward to benefiting from his scholarship and preaching while the brethren can also look forward to enjoying his not inconsiderable culinary skills!

Requiem Mass: Mass will be celebrated on Saturday 10th October at 12.30 midday for those who died during the lockdown and could not have a funeral mass.

Diocese-wide Rosary Recitation: Tues 13th Oct. At Holy Cross we will do this after the 12.30 midday mass. We are also asked to recite the rosary on Sat 31st October. We will do this after the 10am mass that day.

Repository Summer Sale: All items reduced by 50% and all cards reduced to 50p! The repository is now in the back porch. If there is something you need not on display, please ask - it may be in our store cupboard.

Scripture study: Fr Richard continues to lead the weekly scripture study online, every Tuesday from 7.45pm–8.45pm. The next topic, which starts on Tuesday 13th October, features an exploration of Isaiah. Please come and tell all your friends. Visit <https://www.holycrossleicester.org/scripture-study/> for more details.

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.

November Mass list: November dead list envelopes are available in the church repository- please hand to a priest or you can send a donation with details of the Masses to be said, via the post or through our priory letter box on New Walk.

CATHOLIC STUDENTS AT UNIVERSITY OF LEICESTER AND DE MONTFORT UNIVERSITY

Welcome back to all, with a special welcome to our first year and international students. Please send your contact details to Fr JP at leicester.admin@english.op.org. Students usually attend the 7pm Sunday Mass; weekday Mass on campus will depend on Covid-19 regulations.

MONEY MATTERS

The **weekly collection** for the parish for September 27th was £1,006 (previous year £1034).

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.