



# HOLY CROSS PRIORY CHURCH

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## POPE FRANCIS SPEAKS TO US

### THE HYPERINFLATION OF THE INDIVIDUAL

Today our peoples lack joy: there is sadness that no pleasure or distraction can relieve. As long as one part of humanity is suffering the most abject misery, how can any of us be joyful? But at the same time we see an awakening, a call for change, a sense that what has been is not all there is to come. The joy of the Lord is their strength, but they know they have a road ahead before they can eat, drink, and rejoice in the new way of living.

Today we have to avoid falling back into the individual and institutional patterns that have led to Covid and the various crises that surround it: the hyperinflation of the individual combined with weak institutions and the despotic control of the economy by a very few. I see, above all, the pressing need to strengthen institutions, which are a vital reserve of moral energy and civic love.

Of all the institutions, the family has taken the hardest knock of all. It has lost or at least blurred its social identity as the “first society,” where the person is formed as a member of something larger, with rights and duties and security. To erode the family is to fatally weaken the bonds of belonging on which all depend. You can see this in the tragedy of young and old isolated from each other. It’s an intuition, but I’ve long believed that if we pay attention to both of these groups, bring them in from the outside and bring them together, great things will happen.

The hyperinflation of the individual goes along with the weakness of the state. Once people lose a sense of the common good, history shows that we are left with anarchy or authoritarianism or both together: a violent, unstable society. We are there already: just consider the numbers of people who die each year from gun violence in the Americas. Since the outbreak of the crisis in the United States, sales of guns have broken all records.

Without the “we” of a people, of a family, of institutions, of a society that transcends the “I” of individual interests, life quickly fractures and becomes violent, a battle for supremacy between factions and interests; and if the state is no longer capable of managing violence for the sake of social peace, it can end up fomenting violence to defend its interests.

We are not there yet. This crisis has called forth the sense that we need each other, that the people still exists. Now is the time for a new Nehemiah project, a new humanism that can harness this eruption of fraternity, to put an end to the globalization of indifference and the hyperinflation of the individual. We need to feel again that we need each other, that we have a responsibility for others, including for those not yet born and for those not yet deemed to be citizens. We can reorganize the way we live together in order better to choose what matters. We can work together to achieve it. We can learn what takes us forward, and what sets us back. We can choose.

– from Pope Francis ‘Let us dream’

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### MEMBERS OF THE DOMINICAN COMMUNITY

John-Patrick Kenrick OP *Prior*; Anthony Rattigan OP *Subprior*; Luke Doherty OP *Bursar*; John Farrell OP; Richard Ounsworth OP; Thomas Crean OP. **Sacristan:** Mr Nicholas Hoff; **Office Administrator:** Mr Kelechi Ebirim – [leicester.admin@english.op.org](mailto:leicester.admin@english.op.org); **Music Director & Organist:** Mr Thomas Keogh – [keogh.thomas@hotmail.com](mailto: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).**

### MASS TIMES

LS = Livestreamed

**Sunday:** 8am, 10.30am (LS), 7pm

**Saturday:** 10am, 12.30pm (LS) & 6.10pm (Vigil, LS)

**Tues – Friday:** 12.30 (LS) & 6.10pm

Open **10am – 2pm Tues. to Fri., & 30mins** before evening and weekend Masses  
Closed all day on Mondays

**Confessions:** Saturdays 11am – 12pm

### ADORATION TIMES

**Sunday:** 6pm – 6.40pm (with Rosary)

**Saturday:** 10.30am – 12.15pm

**Tues – Friday:** 11.45am – 12.15pm

### 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 & forever, Amen.

## UPDATE REGARDING COVID-19 PROTOCOLS

**Receiving Communion:** Please place one palm over another. **THEY NEED TO BE FLAT.** A few people are still cupping their hands which makes it difficult to avoid touching them. Those who prefer to receive on the tongue should wait until the end of Communion.

- Please sign the register when you come into the church and use the hand sanitizers. Continue to keep a safe distance from others.
- Entrance is through the Wellington Street door and exit is through the New Walk door.
- Masks are still worn, including when singing and please do not hold conversations in church.
- **Please Note:** From Fri. 10<sup>th</sup> Dec, face coverings in places of worship became mandatory by government law.

## COVID AND FLU JABS

The Pope is urging us all to get a covid vaccine jab, and it is useful to have a flu jab too to protect others as well as ourselves - so if you still have not had one then do contact your GP.

## SACRAMENTS

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

Please contact the office for any of the following:

- **First Holy Communion:** If there is no programme in your child's school, contact the parish office.
- **Infant Baptisms, Marriages, Becoming Catholic:** Please apply to the parish office.
- **Funerals:** These can be held in church.
- **Visiting the Sick:** If you would like a visit, leave a tel. message with your name, tel. no. & address.

*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 ask the Nurse to inform the hospital Chaplain. If someone is dying, ask the duty Nurse to call the Catholic chaplain – do not call yourself.***

## PARISH NEWS!

**Scripture Study Group** will resume on Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> February 2022. Audio recordings of previous study group meetings can be listened to, using the following link: <https://www.holycrossleicester.org/scripture-study/>

## FRS FABIAN & ISIDORE MEMORIAL APPEAL

Fr Fabian and Fr Isidore were very keen on the refurbishment of the parish centre and were involved in the planning from the onset. Fr Isidore always asked about the progress made when we visited. In their memory, we are appealing for the final £5,000 needed to pay for audio-visual equipment in the Frassati Centre. So far, we have spent roughly £425,000 including grants and donations. A plaque will be installed in the hall in their memory.

You can donate on the card machine or online by donating towards the Frassati Centre. Alternatively, cheques can be made to **Holy Cross Parish** and sent to: **The Bursar, Holy Cross Priory, 45 Wellington Street, Leicester LE1 6HW**

For Mass intentions, sanctuary lamps sponsorship, donations to the Holy Cross 200<sup>th</sup> anniversary campaign and regular giving by standing order, please visit <https://www.holycrossleicester.org/donate/>

## THE UNIVERSE CATHOLIC WEEKLY (UCW)

UCW announces the launch of a new online newspaper with the full support of Cardinal Vincent Nichols. Order by going to [www.universecatholicweekly.co.uk](http://www.universecatholicweekly.co.uk) or call Michelle on 0743661 7650. **Special offer:** Only £20 for 3 months.

## VACANCIES

- Holy Cross school will be in need of at least 2 new foundation governors for the beginning of the next academic year in August. If interested, please see details on our website.
- St Thomas Aquinas Catholic Multi-Academy Trust have vacancies for a Headteacher (English Martyrs', Leicester) and a Deputy Headteacher (St Martin's, Stoke Golding). Closing date for applications is 26 January 2022. For further details of these and other vacancies within this trust please visit [www.aquinas-cmat.org/vacancies](http://www.aquinas-cmat.org/vacancies)

## WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY

The week runs from 18 to 25 January 2022: This year's theme is inspired by the story of the Magi. Daily reflections can be found on **Churches Together** website at <https://ctbi.org.uk/week-of-prayer-for-christian-unity-2022/>