



HOLY CROSS PRIORY CHURCH

JUNE 2022 NEWSLETTER

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IMPORTANT PARISH UPDATE

It's wonderful to see such great numbers attending all the masses again following a long couple of years with social distancing and restrictions. It has been such a difficult time for all of us and Fr John Patrick feels that now is the right time to get back to normal by meeting up, making some new acquaintances and finding out how, as a community, we can build on our strengths and grow as a parish.

This process is kicking off with an exercise to find out more about the people who worship regularly at Holy Cross, and who are happy to share some information about themselves. It would be great for Fr John Patrick and the other friars to be able to get to know parishioners better and enable more effective communication regarding the life and works of the parish. With this in mind, Fr John Patrick and the parish core group have designed a short data collection sheet (in peach) which we'd like all parishioners who wish to do so, to complete. Of course, any information collected will be carefully protected and not shared with any other persons or organisations.

We'd also like to improve what the parish can offer based on people's interests and ideas, so have compiled a tick box questionnaire (in white). There's also a section on how parishioners can get involved if they are willing and able to offer some of their spare time. The forms have been placed on your seats this weekend to facilitate completion. It only takes a few minutes to fill in and it would be really appreciated if you could do that today before you go (or as soon as possible after). Once completed, please post them in one of the labelled cardboard letter boxes at the entrances.

We are sad to announce that Fr Luke will be leaving the parish in early August to undertake further studies in Belgium. We have been blessed with his lovely masses and friendship and are also very grateful for the tremendous amount of work he has undertaken in the parish behind the scenes, which includes doing the finances and of course managing the refurbishment of the parish halls. It was a mammoth task, and he has worked tirelessly doing an excellent job. He will be greatly missed by everyone. We wish him all the best in his future studies and will continue to keep him in our thoughts and prayers.

Finally, to launch the start of our new parish ventures, we are organising a summer parish party on Sunday 3rd July after the 10:30 Mass. This will also be a chance to say farewell to Fr Luke. Everyone is warmly invited.

UPDATE REGARDING COVID-19 PROTOCOLS

Receiving Communion: Please could everyone either kneel or stand at the altar rails to receive Communion, which can now be taken on the tongue or in the hands. If you are taking it in the hands, please place one palm over the other, keeping them very flat.

- Please use the hand sanitizers and continue to keep a safe distance from others.
- Masks should still be worn, including when singing and please do not hold conversations in the church.

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MEMBERS OF THE DOMINICAN COMMUNITY

John-Patrick Kenrick OP *Prior*; Anthony Rattigan OP *Subprior*; Richard Ounsworth OP *Bursar*; Luke Doherty OP; John Farrell OP; Thomas Crean OP. **Sacristan:** Mr Nicholas Hoff; **Music Director & Organist:** Mr Thomas Keogh – keogh.thomas@hotmail.com

The daily 12.30pm and 10.30am Sunday masses will continue to be 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)

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

Wed. & Friday: 11.15am – 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.

PARISH NEWS & DATES

Our special thanks are also due to Kelechi Ebirim for doing such a great job as pariah administrator- we don't know how we would have got through the Covid period without his skill at drawing seat plans etc amongst many other things! We wish him all the very best in his new job.

Please can you put these dates in your diary:

- Parish data collection and questionnaire (see front page) from Sunday 12th June.
- Summer Parish Party & farewell to Fr Luke: Sunday 3rd July after the 10:30 mass. Food & drink provided.
- Feast day of St Dominic: Sunday 7th August.
- Advent Market: Sunday 20th November: 8:45am onwards.

We are aiming to publish a newsletter once per month with interim news and dates being published on the parish website. Please let Fr John Patrick know if you have some church-related, interesting or happy news to share with the parish.

UKRAINE APPEAL IS DOING WELL – THANKS TO YOUR GENEROSITY

We are continuing to collect money to buy food and medicine, and to provide transport to help people in Ukraine. So far well over £3,000 has been sent to our sisters and priests who work all over Ukraine. Many thanks!

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.
- **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 GROUPS

Scripture Study: the group has finished for this term but there is still an opportunity to listen to the recordings on the website regarding the studies on Hebrews. Thanks to Fr Richard for sharing all his expertise and making everyone so welcome. The group will start up again in September. What is studied will be decided in due course. <https://www.holycrossleicester.org/scripture-study/>

Rosary prayer group: Families are welcome. For more info & to confirm attendance, contact Ellie on 07961297228.

CHURCH HEATING UPDATE

The new boilers for the church heating system are now being installed so should be in action shortly. Costs were very high as expected (circa £50 000) and at some point, we will need new ceiling fans too. Contributions towards the cost would be gratefully appreciated.

DIOCESAN NEWS

It's always good to keep in touch with what is happening at diocesan level. This currently includes details of the 10th World Meeting of Families which started on 1st June. The theme for this year is 'Family Love'. To find out more about this or other events including the SYNOD 2023, follow this link. <https://www.dioceseofnottingham.uk/news>

VOLUNTEERS

If you are able to help out at one of our events or on a regular basis, please contact Jeff Henry on 07854525663

Many thanks.