



HOLY CROSS PRIORY CHURCH

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WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR CARE OF CREATION- POPE FRANCIS

“Listen to the voice of creation” is the theme and invitation of this year’s Season of Creation (1st September – 4th October). It is a special time for all Christians to pray and work together to care for our common home. If we learn how to listen, we can hear in the voice of creation a kind of dissonance. On the one hand, we can hear a sweet song in praise of our beloved Creator; on the other, an anguished plea, lamenting our mistreatment of this our common home.

The sweet song of creation invites us to practise an “ecological spirituality” (Laudato Si’, 216), attentive to God’s presence in the natural world. It is a summons to base our spirituality on the “loving awareness that we are not disconnected from the rest of creatures but joined in a splendid universal communion”. For the followers of Christ in particular, this luminous experience reinforces our awareness that “all things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being” (John 1:3).

Tragically, that sweet song is accompanied by a cry of anguish. In the first place, it is our sister, mother earth, who cries out. Prey to our consumerist excesses, she weeps and implores us to put an end to our abuses and to her destruction. Then too, there are all those different creatures who cry out. At the mercy of a “tyrannical anthropocentrism” (Laudato Si’, 68), completely at odds with Christ’s centrality in the work of creation, countless species are dying out and their hymns of praise silenced. There are also the poorest among us who are crying out. Exposed to the climate crisis, the poor feel even more gravely the impact of the drought, flooding, hurricanes and heat waves that are becoming ever more intense and frequent. Likewise, our brothers and sisters of the native peoples are crying out. As a result of predatory economic interests, their ancestral lands are being invaded and devastated on all sides, “provoking a cry that rises up to heaven” (Querida Amazonia, 9). Finally, there is the plea of our children. Feeling menaced by shortsighted and selfish actions, today’s young people are crying out, anxiously asking us adults to do everything possible to prevent, or at least limit, the collapse of our planet’s ecosystems.

Listening to these anguished cries, we must repent and modify our lifestyles and destructive systems. The Gospel calls us to “repent, because the kingdom of heaven has come near” (Matthew 3:2); it summons us to a new relationship with God, and also entails a different relationship with others and with creation. (Abridged version)

UPDATE REGARDING COVID-19 PROTOCOLS

Receiving Communion: Kneel or stand at the rail to receive Communion & place one hand over the other keeping hands 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*; John Farrell OP; Benedict Jonak 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

St Dominic's Day Celebrations: a beautiful mass followed by mouth-watering ice creams. It was brilliant to see so many in attendance enjoying our feast-day celebration.

We warmly welcome **Fr Benedict Jonak** to our Leicester community. A member of the English province, he was born in Poland and educated in England. After his studies in Oxford, he spent some time in the Cambridge house before doing a placement in Berlin. He is a great cook and speaks English, German and Polish!

Coming soon...Children's Liturgy for ages 3-6: Our weekly 'Catechesis of the Good Shepherd' sessions run by Ellie Calderon will be starting on Sunday 11th September at 10am. To sign up please pick up an information sheet at the exits or see our parish website.

Future events:

- **Ride & Stride:** Saturday 10th September
- **Fundraising Buffet at the Chef & Spice:** Monday 24th October at 7pm to raise money for the heating system here at Holy Cross. (For more details see the Parish News [website](#) Parish page or contact Tony Scarborough on 07940 9065 or 0116 2707953). Buffet includes Indian, pizza and Chinese with vegetarian, vegan & gluten-free options.
- **Advent Market:** Sunday 20th November: 8:45am onwards.

Please let Fr JP know if you have some church-related, interesting or happy news to share with the parish.

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: details and recordings of previous studies are on the website.

<https://www.holycrossleicester.org/scripture-study/>

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

FINANCE MATTERS

Thank you to all parishioners for the financial support that you give to the parish community over the years. Without your ongoing contributions it would be impossible to make ends meet. Please support all our fundraising events even if you can't attend. Please also consider putting a legacy in your will to support the long-term future of the parish.

If you are able to help out at one of our events, or on a regular basis, please contact Jeff Henry on 07854525820

OTHER MATTERS

SVP Camp Mablethorpe Appeal

The Society of St Vincent de Paul (SVP) are fundraising to redevelop their camp site and building in Mablethorpe, Lincs. The site provides holidays for up to 200 children from the diocese of Nottingham every summer. If you would like more information on the project or if you would like to donate to this appeal or are able to provide materials or resources for the project, please contact Dom Merrison by email at mablethorpe@svp.org.uk.

To find out more about available **support for Catholic families**, and opportunities **for marriage counselling** go to the parish website under [News & Events](#).