



HOLY CROSS PRIORY CHURCH

OCTOBER 2022 NEWSLETTER

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Extract from Apostolic Letter, 'Desiderio Desideravi'- Pope Francis

This letter reflects on 'the liturgy, a dimension fundamental for the life of the church.'

Here lies all the powerful beauty of the liturgy. If the resurrection were for us a concept, an idea, a thought; if the Risen One were for us the recollection of the recollection of others, however authoritative, as, for example, of the Apostles; if there were not given also to us the possibility of a true encounter with Him, that would be to declare the newness of the Word made flesh to have been all used up. Instead, the Incarnation, in addition to being the only, always-new event that history knows, is also the very method that the Holy Trinity has chosen to open to us the way of communion. Christian faith is either an encounter with Him alive, or it does not exist.

The Liturgy guarantees for us the possibility of such an encounter. For us a vague memory of the Last Supper would do no good. We need to be present at that Supper, to be able to hear his voice, to eat his Body and to drink his Blood. We need Him. In the Eucharist and in all the sacraments we are guaranteed the possibility of encountering the Lord Jesus and of having the power of his Paschal Mystery reach us. The salvific power of the sacrifice of Jesus, his every word, his every gesture, glance, and feeling reaches us through the celebration of the sacraments. I am Nicodemus, the Samaritan woman at the well, the man possessed by demons at Capernaum, the paralytic in the house of Peter, the sinful woman pardoned, the woman afflicted by haemorrhages, the daughter of Jairus, the blind man of Jericho, Zacchaeus, Lazarus, the thief and Peter both pardoned. The Lord Jesus who dies no more, who lives forever with the signs of his Passion continues to pardon us, to heal us, to save us with the power of the sacraments. It is the concrete way, by means of his incarnation, that he loves us. It is the way in which he satisfies his own thirst for us that he had declared from the cross. (John 19: 28)

Our first encounter with his paschal deed is the event that marks the life of all believers: our Baptism. This is not a mental adhesion to his thought or the agreeing to a code of conduct imposed by Him. Rather, it is a being plunged into his passion, death, resurrection, and ascension, a being plunged into his paschal deed. It is not magic. Magic is the opposite of the logic of the sacraments because magic pretends to have a power over God, and for this reason it comes from the Tempter. In perfect continuity with the Incarnation, there is given to us, in virtue of the presence and action of the Spirit, the possibility of dying and rising in Christ. *(Given in Rome, at St John Lateran, on 29th June 2022, the solemnity of St Peter & St Paul. Full version on the website)*

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

Congratulations to Tabitha, Arthur, Bridget, Maureen and Barney who were confirmed recently.

The funeral of the late Arthur Potterton who died at the age of 82 will take place on 6th October at 10am. May he rest in peace.

The 'Catechesis of the Good Shepherd' sessions for children aged 3-6 are well under way. The sessions take place on a weekly basis during the 10:30 Mass and there is also a monthly meeting here at Holy Cross. Spaces are still available. If you would like more information or to sign up please contact Ellie at elliemh@live.co.uk.

Future events:

- **St Bernadette's relics** will be visiting Nottingham cathedral from 18.30pm on 6th October to 10.30am on 7th October. No booking is required. They will also be at St Bernadette's church in Scunthorpe from 8am to 5pm on 6th October. Please let the organisers know you are coming. <http://stbernadette.org.uk/registration/#nottingham-diocese>
- **Fundraising Buffet at the Chef & Spice:** *Tickets are selling really well but there are still some more places. Open to your family, friends and neighbours.* Monday 24th October at 7pm to raise money for the heating system here at Holy Cross. (For more details see the Parish [website](#) 'Parish Page' or contact Tony Scarborough on 07940 906510 or 0116 2707953). Buffet includes Indian, pizza and Chinese with vegetarian, vegan & gluten-free options.
- **Advent Market:** Sunday 20th November: 8:45am onwards. This is our main fundraising event of the year. The market includes table-top stalls such as: cake stall; refreshments; breakfast bar (till 10am); turkey roast; raffle; tombola; toy stall. All funds raised are for the church boiler fund. For more info of how you can help make this a success, see the website.

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: following a successful meeting last Tuesday, we have decided to continue with 'in-person' meetings henceforth every Tuesday at 7.45 in the Frassati Centre. We are reading the Letter of St James.

<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

The international survey of catholic women has presented its report.

More than 17,000 women from 104 countries completed the survey, more details about which can be found at: <https://catholicwomenspeak.com>