



# HOLY CROSS PRIORY CHURCH

## NOVEMBER 2022 NEWSLETTER

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### Update from the Core Group

Greetings from the core group! We thought it would be good to let you know what's going on behind the scenes. Our remit is to build community and ministry across the parish and support the friars in their work.

Following the completion and analysis of the questionnaire, we have looked at ways in which you would like to see our community grow and what support you can give.

There is now a team of parishioners who meet from 10am on Mondays to tidy and clean the church and the parish halls. Most members are unable to attend every week, but they come when they can, and we usually get a decent number each week to do what is needed. There's always a nice coffee break for a bit of social too!

The main focus of recent core-group meetings has been to look at how to reduce energy costs and raise enough money through collections or fundraising events to ensure the upkeep of the church and the halls. Fortunately, the weather has stayed mild to date, but we are promised much colder temperatures throughout the winter. With this in mind, we will aim to keep the church heated for the vigil and Sunday masses, but for most masses during the week, where attendance is quite small, we may have to wrap up well so the church does not need to be heated. There is a small heater in the narthex at the back of the church which may make a bit of a difference to that area if you have small children. For those people who *do not need* their government energy subsidy, please consider donating a fraction to Holy Cross.

The next vitally important event is our annual Advent Market (Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> November from 8:45am- 1:30pm). We really need your support for this to make it a big success. At the entrances to the church, you will find raffle tickets, and a flyer of how to support in the lead up. At the event here will be delicious food (bacon & egg baps, roast turkey rolls, curry, samosas), a bottle tombola, a cake stall, tea & coffee, bric-a-brac, books/DVDs, toys and games and a fine-wines raffle. Please join in as best you can and invite your friends and family to come on the day for some fun. The [website](#) has more detail. Looking forward to seeing you there.

Fr JP is also working on reintroducing the use of lay Extraordinary Ministers to help at Sunday masses in the not-too-distant future and we hope to look more deeply into forming other parish groups and making information more accessible in the new year.

Thank you for all your support.

If you are able to help out at one of our events, or on a regular basis, please contact Jeff Henry on 0785452582.

### 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

**Holy Days of Obligation:** 12:30 (LS) & 6:10

**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.

### 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](mailto:keogh.thomas@hotmail.com)

*The daily 12.30pm and 10.30am Sunday masses will continue to be livestreamed on YouTube @ [HolyCrossTV Leicester](#).*

## PARISH NEWS & DATES

**Chef & Spice Fundraiser:** this recent event was a great success. A marvellous 82 tickets were sold for the curry evening at the Chef and Spice restaurant. In total £1250 was raised for the church heating repairs, through ticket sales, a raffle and donations. It was a very enjoyable social evening with good food and great company. Many thanks to all those who supported and organized the event.

**November Masses for the Dead:** November Dead List envelopes are now available by the church entrances. Please put the names of deceased relatives and friends in the envelope with your donation and give it to one of the priests.

**Cafod** has sent a note of thanks for the £260 raised from the collection in the parish.

### Future events:

**Advent Market:** Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> November: 8:45am onwards. You can also help by:

- ☺ buying raffle tickets
- ☺ donating bottled goods, chocolate, and cakes
- ☺ donating unwanted gifts and toys

**Fair Trade Advent:** over the four Sundays in Advent, we will be using fair trade products (coffee, teas, sugar, biscuits) for the refreshments after mass in the hall. This is a chance for you to taste a variety of different coffees and products which have been grown or made whilst ensuring that workers get decent, fair pay for their labour. Whilst these products often cost a little more, it's not that much but makes a big difference to people's lives. Refreshments will remain free with voluntary donations to cover costs.

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:** continues with 'in-person' meetings every Tuesday at 7.45pm in the Frassati Centre. We are reading the Letter of St James. All welcome. <https://www.holycrossleicester.org/scripture-study/>

**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](mailto:elliemh@live.co.uk).

**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.

## OTHER MATTERS

**World Youth Day in Lisbon** (30<sup>th</sup> July- 7<sup>th</sup> August 2023): this is an event for people between 18-35 years old. Find out more by going to the Diocesan website (<https://www.dioceseofnottingham.uk/events/wyd23>).