



# HOLY CROSS PRIORY CHURCH

## SEPTEMBER 2023 NEWSLETTER

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### MEMBERS OF THE DOMINICAN COMMUNITY

Very Rev Fr Richard Ounsworth OP *Prior*; Fr John-Patrick Kenrick OP *Subprior*; Fr Benedict Jonak OP *University Chaplain*; Fr Anthony Rattigan OP *Bursar*; Fr John Farrell OP; Fr James Claffey OP.

**Sacristan:** Mr Nicholas Hoff; **Music Director & Organist:** Mr Thomas Keogh – keogh.thomas@hotmail.com

### A GREETING FROM THE NEW PARISH PRIEST

Dear brothers and sisters,

Just a quick word to thank you all for your kind wishes and prayers since I took over as Parish Priest. It was quite a shock to be elected as Prior, but I am very touched by the confidence the friars have shown in me and in your own good wishes. I have never been a Parish Priest before so please bear with me... But I will do my best for you, and please remember that I am here to care for you if you need me. If you want to get hold of me, I will try to be around as much as possible after Sunday Masses, but if you can't find me, please send an e-mail to me personally at [leicester@english.op.org](mailto:leicester@english.op.org). If you have any ideas for things you would like the parish to do, please feel free to approach me with suggestions. One thing to listen out for is news of a new series of catechetical talks we hope to launch on Saturday mornings this autumn, as well as the return of the Scripture Group. And I hope lots of you will be able to come along to the Mass on Thursday 14 September at 6.10 – there will be lovely music during the Mass and wine afterwards!

Let's work together to make Holy Cross and happy and holy Parish. Please keep me in your prayers, as you will certainly be in mine.

Yours in Christ,

Richard OP

### MASS TIMES

LS = Livestreamed

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

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

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

Church open 10am – dusk Tuesday to Friday, 30 minutes before evening and weekend Masses.

Later opening on Mondays at 12 noon.

**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

**Wednesday & 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.

*Livestreamed Masses on YouTube @ HolyCrossTV Leicester, Sunday 10.30 a.m., Weekdays 12.30 p.m.*

### RECEIVING COMMUNION

Please kneel or, if you cannot kneel, stand at the rail to receive Communion, placing one hand on top of the other and keeping your hands *very flat*. If you wish to receive on the tongue, please open your mouth and put your tongue out!

## PARISH NEWS & DATES

**Mass of Induction:** Fr Richard's official induction as Parish Priest will take place at the 6.10 p.m. Mass on **Thursday 14 September** which is the Solemnity of the Holy Cross. There will be a drinks reception afterwards in the Frassati Centre. Do please come if you are able, to help the Parish celebrate its identity and to support your new Parish Priest.

On the weekend of 28-29 October, we will receive a visit from **Fr Clifton Harries OP** from our Dominican Community in Jamaica, who will preach at all Masses to tell us about the work of the Order on the island and appeal for financial help.

Please let Fr Richard 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 by email, which is [leicester.admin@english.op.org](mailto:leicester.admin@english.op.org) for any of the following:

- **Infant Baptisms, Marriages, Becoming Catholic:** Please apply to the parish office by email.
- **Visiting the Sick:** If you would like a visit, either send an email or leave a telephone message with your name, tel. no. & address.
- **First Communion:** classes will begin in the autumn for children who are not receiving catechism at school. Please ask one of the priests for a green form, or e-mail as above.

*The Dominican priests continue to offer **pastoral care 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:** this will start again at the beginning of October – please listen for notices or go to the website: <https://www.holycrossleicester.org/scripture-study/>

The group meets on Tuesday evenings at 7.45 for about an hour, and all are welcome, including older children if accompanied by a parent or guardian. Please bring a Bible! This autumn we will begin reading from the Book of the Apocalypse.

## FINANCE MATTERS

**GIFT AID:** information is available by the church doors about **how you can make the money you give to Holy Cross increase by 20% without any further expense to yourself.** Please read this information carefully or talk to one of the priests to find out more. It will make such a difference. Thank you for your continued financial support.

## OTHER MATTERS

**Children in Narthex:** please ensure that your child does not touch items for sale and any moved items are put back neatly in the correct place. Thank you.

We sadly say farewell to **Fr Michael Moore**, our neighbour at St Thomas More parish, who has just retired and moved to his new home.

In our pastoral letter today, Bishop Patrick is seeking to appoint new foundation directors and governors for our Catholic Multi-Academy Trusts and schools. If you would like to know more about these rewarding voluntary roles, please contact Peter Giorgio (Director of Education) by emailing the Director's PA, Julie Sweeney ([julie.sweeney@nottingham-des.org.uk](mailto:julie.sweeney@nottingham-des.org.uk)) or by telephoning 01332 293833.

Ahead of Education Sunday the Catholic Union is encouraging people to sign an open letter to the Education Secretary calling for the 50 percent cap on faith-based admissions to new free schools to be lifted. The cap is preventing the Catholic Church in England from taking part in the free schools programme. The letter is available to sign at [www.catholicunion.org.uk](http://www.catholicunion.org.uk).