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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.

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A MESSAGE FROM THE PARISH PRIEST

Dear brothers and sisters,

A very happy Easter to you all!

I got back earlier this week from the Provincial Chapter of the English Dominican Friars. This is an important meeting that takes place every four years, when among other things we elect a Prior Provincial, who is in charge of all the friars in Britain. Our new Provincial is Fr Nicholas Crowe, whom some of you will remember from his time in Leicester a few years ago. I am sure he will be paying us a visit in the near future – he is a young and charismatic priest, and I hope you will all keep him in your prayers.

The Chapter also reaffirmed our commitment to working especially with students and young adults, in connection with the Dominican Youth Movement. Listen out for more about that in the coming weeks, and please see the posters about 'A Vision for Life', a week of study in Catholic Theology for young people. Go along and find out more about your faith and how to live it.

Yours in Christ,

Richard OP

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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 – 2pm 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

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

WALSINGHAM PILGRIMAGE

Walsingham, in Norfolk, is England's principal place of pilgrimage, and people have been going there to show their devotion to Our Lady since 1061 – nearly a thousand years! May, being the month of Our Lady, is obviously the best time of year to go, and this year the Dominican Friars of England will be going there on Pentecost Sunday, 19 May. We would very much like you to join us.

A coach will depart from outside the church on Wellington Street at 8.10 a.m., and will stop off at St Joseph's, Goodwood Road, before going to Walsingham. There will be a Mass at 11 a.m., followed by a picnic lunch – please bring your own food. We then walk from the Catholic Shrine, which is about a mile outside the village, to the parish church in the village, where we will have exposition and benediction, and tea, which will be provided. The cost is £25, but please let me know if you would like to come and find the cost difficult. The coach will set off again at 5.30 p.m., and we will be back at 8 p.m. Please fill in one of the forms by the church doors, and I look forward to seeing you there.

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SHORT TALKS

The friars are giving a series of short talks on the Catholic Faith at 11 a.m. on Saturday mornings in the Frassati Centre. They are just 10 to 15 minutes long, with time for questions afterwards. The next will be Fr John on Jesus Christ, on 4 May. A full list is posted on the noticeboards in the church entrances and there are some fliers by the doors too. Do come!

SACRAMENTS

Please contact the office by email, which is leicester.admin@english.op.org for any of the following:

- **Infant Baptisms, Marriages, Becoming Catholic:** Please apply to the parish office by email or talk to one of the priests.
- **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 have begun for children who are not receiving catechism at school, so it is now too late to enrol new children. But there will be more classes next year, so please let one of the priests know.
- **Confirmation:** once the First Communions have taken place, we will start Confirmation classes for any children who need them – this will probably be in the autumn. If you are an adult and have not been confirmed, please speak to one of the priests and we will arrange for you to receive the sacrament.

*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: we finished reading the Apocalypse before Easter, and will start again on 21 May, when Fr Richard's various foreign and domestic travels are over! We are going to be reading St John's Gospel. Perhaps this would be a good time for you to start coming? We meet on Tuesday evenings in the Frassati Centre. Please bring a bible, and arrive promptly between 7.30 and 7.45 p.m.

STUDENTS: if you are a new or returning student at the University of Leicester or De Montfort University, it is not too late to get involved with the Chaplaincy group – please ask for a form or make yourself known to Fr Benedict.

FRASSATI GROUP: Our group for young adults has been relaunched – please contact Christopher or Luisa Dillon if you are 18-35 and would like to be more involved in the life of the Church. Phone 07960 384449 or email cjdillon@live.co.uk. The group meets on Saturdays after the 12.30 Mass, in the Frassati Centre.

MEN'S GROUP: If you are interested in joining the men's group, Mr Chinedu Megwa would be very glad to hear from you if you are interested. Phone 07541 004298, or email megwachinedu@gmail.com. The first meeting takes place on Sunday 3 March at 5 p.m. in the Frassati Centre.

BLACKFRIARS MARKET

The summer fair, known as Blackfriars Market, will take place on Sunday 2 June, the feast of Corpus Christi, from 8.45 a.m. until 12.30 p.m. There will be cakes and biscuits, bottles, books and DVDs, religious items, bric-a-brac, all sorts of things to buy, plus hot food and tea and coffee. We would like to ask for donations of items for sale, which can be given to one of the priests, and offers to help run a stall. And please buy some raffle tickets – there will be cash and other prizes. The profits from the market help us to keep the church running throughout the year.

REPOSITORY

The repository stocks statues, crosses, rosaries, cards, religious books and all sorts of other items. Do please go and have a look at the back of the church. You can pay by cash in the grey box, or use little white the card machine – ask one of the priests for help if you need to. Please ensure that your children do not touch items for sale and any moved items are put back neatly in the correct place. Thank you.