



HOLY CROSS PRIORY CHURCH

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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,

Summer is here, though you would hardly know it by the weather. To those of you going on holiday over the next few weeks, we wish you a restful time away and look forward to having you back with us soon. During August, the choir will take a month off at the 10.30 Mass, but we hope to have some music for the Assumption on 15 August, and also for the Feast of Our Holy Father Saint Dominic on 8 August.

We especially hope that the young members of our parish are able to enjoy a break from studies. Many of you will have exam results coming out in August, and we will be keeping you all in our prayers during this stressful time. I would ask all parishioners to pray for our young people. Please also pray for those visiting our country from abroad on temporary visas, that they may find a warm and Christian welcome in our country.

Enjoy the summer. There won't be another newsletter until September, but do please listen carefully for announcements after Mass.

Yours in Christ,

Richard OP **e-mail me:** leicester@english.op.org

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 and Sundays 6-6.45 pm

ADORATION TIMES

Sunday: 6pm – 6.40pm (with Rosary)

Saturday: 10.30am – 12.15pm

Wednesday & Friday: 11.15am – 12.15pm

Livestreamed Masses on YouTube @ HolyCrossTV

REPOSITORY

The repository has been restocked *again* with lots of lovely new items! Do please go and have a look at the back of the church – and 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.

RETREAT FOR YOUNG ADULTS

We have been asked to let you know about a retreat for people aged 18-35 taking place at Minster Abbey in Kent from 22-26 July; this is an opportunity for young Christian men and woman who would like to pray and work alongside the community of nuns there. Please email Sister Walburga for more information: minsternuns@gmail.com

UK MARCH FOR LIFE

This annual event will take place on Saturday 7th September in London. It always draws thousands of people from around the UK to witness to the humanity of the unborn child and the injustice of abortion. If you would like to be part of a group travelling from Leicester please contact francisca@sicamartinez.plus.com or text/call on 07943 711549.

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 and Confirmation:** If your child needs to make first Communion and is not doing so through school, please ask a priest for a green form. We expect classes to start up again after Christmas. There will be two sets of Confirmation classes beginning in the autumn: one for children, and one for unconfirmed adults. If you have a child of confirmation age, please ask for a green form; if you are an adult but have not been confirmed, please make yourself known to Fr Richard, or listen out for further announcements.

*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.***

CONFESSIONS

There is a huge demand for Confessions on Saturday lunchtimes, so much so that sometimes we are not able to get through everybody before the 12.30 Mass starts. Of course it is wonderful that so many people, parishioners and others from far and wide, want to avail themselves of this important sacrament. Therefore Confessions are now available from 6 p.m. until 6.45 p.m. on Sundays as well as on Saturday mornings. During this time the Blessed Sacrament is exposed, and there is Benediction at 6.45, so we would encourage you to come early and pray before the Sacrament while waiting for Confession. Please note that we will stop hearing Confessions at 6.45 sharp, and also at 12.15 sharp on Saturdays.

PARISH GROUPS

SCRIPTURE STUDY: we are continuing to read from St John's Gospel. There are very lively and interesting discussions, and I would strongly urge you to consider joining if you have not been before. We meet in the Frassati Centre 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! Also please be on time – the door to the street will be shut at 7.45. For more information visit the parish website.

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.

JESUS YOUTH: The group for teens meets on Wednesday evenings at 6 p.m. in the Frassati Centre for praise and worship and Bible study. Please contact Teesha Miranda, 07458 360580, miranda.teesh@gmail.com

VOLUNTEERING

If you think you could offer to help the parish in any way, from cleaning and odd jobs to reading at Mass or helping with catechesis, we would be enormously grateful. Please give your details to one of the priests. Thank you!