



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,

I hope you all had a wonderful summer! As the new school and university terms begin, let us especially remember our young people in our prayers and ask the Lord to guide them and strengthen them.

On Sunday 15 September we will be celebrating our Patronal Feast, the Solemnity of the Triumph of the Cross. This is an occasion when we not only celebrate the power of Christ's love, overcoming death on the Cross and opening the gates of paradise, but also celebrate our community. It is a good opportunity for us to renew our commitment to the parish and the life of the Church.

The day before that, we will be welcoming people who don't usually come into our church in the annual Ride & Stride event – see below for more details.

And the new term means we will be beginning classes for First Communion and also Confirmation – again, please see below for more information.

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

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

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.

OUR LADY'S INTENTIONS

Many of you have already spotted the box near the Lady Chapel for prayer intentions. Just write your intentions on one of the slips of paper and put it in the box, and Mass will be offered for all those intentions every Saturday morning. There is a grey money box near the box where you can put any donation you would like to offer, to help support the brethren.

RIDE & STRIDE

Ride & Stride is an annual fund-raising event on behalf of the Leicestershire Historic Churches Trust which gives grants to historic churches and chapels. Over the years Holy Cross has received a number of grants from the Trust. There's more information at www.lhct.org.uk.

The aim is to get people to sponsor you to visit as many churches as possible on the day by bike or on foot. Some 10 open churches are within easy walking distance of Holy Cross, and Holy Cross will be open all day, with Fr Richard giving a guided tour of the church at 3pm. You don't have to participate in the day to join the guided tour, but if you're not a participant then a contribution to the day's event will be much appreciated.

Sponsorship forms and the list of open churches will be available on the tables by the entrances to the church or may be downloaded from the trust's website.

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

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 ... Welcome! Fr Benedict Jonak is your chaplain, and you can contact him via benedict.jonak@english.op.org. Fr Benedict will be producing a term-card listing all student activities, so please look out for that and listen for announcements.

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