



HOLY CROSS PRIORY CHURCH

MAY 2025 NEWSLETTER

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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.

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

A MESSAGE FROM THE PARISH PRIEST

Dear brothers and sisters,

As we mourn the death of our beloved Pope Francis, we must also look forward with hope – hope was, after all, the theme he chose for this Jubilee Year. There are great signs of hope in our own parish, not least the many young people confirmed in our church this month by our Bishop, added to the three who were baptised recently at the Easter Vigil.

Let us therefore look to the future with confidence. We ask God to pour out his Spirit upon the Cardinals as they gather in conclave this week – and please pray especially for our English Dominican brother Timothy Radcliffe, who is among them. Let us pray also for our other brother Malcolm McMahon, who retires this month as Archbishop of Liverpool.

Please read this newsletter carefully and look for all the ways in which you and your families could involve yourselves even more in the life of the parish. You are the future of the Church – please help to make it a bright and beautiful future, full of hope.

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.*

WALSINGHAM

The annual Dominican pilgrimage to the Shrine of Our Lady at Walsingham will take place on 25 May. Please take a booking form, fill it in and bring it back along with your payment. And please speak to me if you would like to go but would struggle to pay, as help is available.

FORMATION FUNDS APPEAL

On Sunday 11 May, we will be making an appeal for help with **St Dominic's Formation Fund**. The Dominican Friars are blessed with many vocations, and at least seven novices are expected to join in September! So we will be appealing for your support to help us with the costs of forming new friars (around £19k a year per friar). Watch our appeal video and find more information at www.english.op.org/formation

CATECHESIS OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD

Catechesis of the Good Shepherd Level 1 Course has become available in London. The course will be split into two parts amounting to six days, part A taking place on the 27th of May and part B on the 27th of October. If you feel called to volunteer with the CGS Team, please speak to Ellie or Kinga after the 10.30 Mass or email ellieemh@live.co.uk

SACRAMENTS

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

- **Infant Baptisms, Marriages, Becoming a 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, address and contact details.
- **First Communion:** First Communions will take place on the Feast of Corpus Christi, 22 June.
- **Confirmations:** please pray for the candidates confirmed by Bishop Patrick on Sunday 4 May.

*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.***

CHOIR

If you are interested in joining our choir for the 10.30 Mass, please e-mail Tom, our organist: keogh.thomas@hotmail.com. We are now open to the possibility of children joining the choir, as long as at least one parent/guardian is also in the choir.

PARISH GROUPS

SCRIPTURE STUDY: The Scripture Group meets every Tuesday at 7.45 in the Frassati Centre. After the Easter break, we start again on Tuesday 6 May. Please arrive in plenty of time, and bring a bible if you have one! We are currently reading the Gospel of John; new members are always very welcome.

STUDENTS: if you are a student at the University of Leicester or De Montfort University, please ask for a form or make yourself known to Fr Benedict. Students meet on Monday evenings for free food and discussion after the 6.10 Mass, and there is a special students' Mass on Wednesdays at 7 p.m.

FRASSATI GROUP: Our group for young adults meets once or twice a month on Saturdays after the 12.30 Mass, in the Frassati Centre. If you would like to be involved, please speak to Fr Richard or Fr Benedict.

MEN'S GROUP: If you are interested in joining the men's group, Mr Chinedu Megwa would be very glad to hear from you. Phone 07541 004298, or email megwachinedu@gmail.com.

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

SUMMER FAIR

The parish Summer Fair will take place on Sunday 22 June. We are in serious need of volunteers to run stalls, so please see Fr Richard if you think you can help. As always, gifts of bottles, books, raffle prizes of all sorts will also be very much appreciated, and raffle tickets will soon be available...

SAFEGUARDING

Holy Cross Priory and Parish operates in accordance with Statutory Safeguarding Guidance and the Safeguarding Policies of the Catholic Church in England and Wales at all times. Our Parish Safeguarding Representative is Mrs Virginia Astill. She can be contacted at on 07513 725413, or at Virginia.AstillPSR@dioceseofnottingham.uk. The Local Safeguarding Friar is Fr Benedict. He can be contacted at benedict.jonak@english.op.org. Alternatively the Religious Life Safeguarding Service can be contacted on 0151 5562311 or safeguarding@religioussafeguarding.org if you have any concerns.