

HOLY CROSS PRIORY CHURCH



JULY 2025 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 MESSAGE FROM THE PARISH PRIEST

Dear brothers and sisters,

The parish summer fair was a great success! Not only did we raise over £2000, but it was our best attended and most enjoyable for a long time. A huge 'thank you' to Anne for co-ordinating it, and for all the helpers too many to name who sold raffle tickets, ran stalls, cooked food...

Later this summer we will have another community celebration, on Sunday 14th September, which is the feast day of the Holy Cross. Details are yet to be worked out, but there will definitely be food and drink, and weather permitting a rare opportunity to see the friars' garden.

This Saturday (5th July) Br John, who recently visited us, is being ordained priest. John will be coming to join us in Leicester soon, and meanwhile please keep him and Br Daniel, also being ordained, in your prayers.

Although there is much to celebrate, it is not all good news, with the recent appalling votes in favour of euthanasia and the effectively unrestricted killing of unborn children in the House of Commons. Please pray for all our politicians to be open to the promptings of the Holy Spirit.

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.*

MARCH FOR LIFE

The annual March for Life takes place this year on Saturday 6th September; it will be in London, finishing at Parliament Square. A very kind parishioner has offered to fund free coach travel to and from London that day for anyone who would like to take part. More information will be available soon but if you would like to register your interest please speak to Fr Richard.

CHOIR

If you are interested in joining the 10.30 choir, please e-mail Tom, our organist: keogh.thomas@hotmail.com.:

SACRAMENTS

- **Infant Baptisms, Confirmation, Marriage, 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:** if you would like your child to receive first communion this year, please speak to Fr Richard to register your interest.

*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: The Scripture Group will finish the Gospel of John this week, and then break for the summer, starting again with a new book of the Bible on the first Tuesday in September. Please ask Fr Richard for more information.

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 in term time 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.

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

PARKING

You will be aware that you now have to pay to park nearby on Sunday mornings. We are advised that the cheapest local parking, if you cannot find a free space, is just round the corner at **East Street NCP: 95p/hour** if you download their app and pay through it. The app displays a QR code which you scan at the barrier on entry and exit.

PILGRIMAGE OF HOPE

The **National Walking Pilgrimage of Hope** will take place from Monday 1 to Saturday 13 September. The four routes will converge at St Barnabas Cathedral, Nottingham, and St John's Way passes through Leicester. All ages are invited to join as day pilgrims, no charge. For more information and registration, please see pilgrimways.org.uk.

LORD MAYOR OF LEICESTER

This year's Lord Mayor of Leicester is a Catholic parishioner of St Joseph's, Councillor Teresa Aldred. She has very kindly appointed Fr Richard as her Spiritual Advisor. As well as giving her spiritual advice and taking part in various civic events, he has promised the Lord Mayor that she will be kept in the prayers of the Holy Cross congregation – so do please pray for her and for all those involved in the work of the City Council.

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.