

Parish Statistics 2009

Average attendance at:

Sunday Mass (average of all Sundays in October 2009)

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| 6pm Vigil | 55 | |
| 8am | 66 | |
| 9:30am | 109 | (maximum 131, minimum 81) |
| 11am | 154 | (English Masses 145, Latin Masses 163) |
| 12:30pm | 23 | |
| 5pm Student | 67 | (maximum 86, minimum 47) |
| 7pm | 198 | (maximum 225, minimum 187) TOTAL: 672 |

Where numbers are more widely distributed, maxima and minima are given.

Holy Week Liturgies

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| Palm Sunday | 764 | (total from all Masses) |
| Mon-Wed | 245 | (total from all Masses) |
| Maundy Thursday | | |
| Tenebrae | 25 | |
| Mass | 183 | |
| Good Friday | | |
| Tenebrae | 31 | |
| Liturgy | 446 | |
| Stations | 45 | |
| Holy Saturday | | |
| Tenebrae | 28 | |
| Easter Vigil | 186 | |
| Easter Sunday | | |
| 8am | 97 | |
| 9:30am | 179 | |
| 11am | 243 | |
| 12:30pm | 60 | |
| 7pm | 165 | EASTER VIGIL & SUNDAY MASS TOTAL: 930 |

Christmas

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| 6pm Vigil | 111 | |
| Midnight Mass | 435 | |
| 8am | 112 | |
| 9:30am | 255 | |
| 11am | 314 | |
| 12:30pm | 62 | CHRISTMAS TOTAL: 1,289 |

The Baptism of the Lord

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10 January 2010

The Newsletter of HOLY CROSS PRIORY CHURCH, LEICESTER

Serving Leicester's Catholics since AD 1247



| Sunday Masses | This week | Mass Intentions | Next week |
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| 6:00pm Vigil | Fr Duncan | <i>Pro populo</i> | Fr Thomas |
| 8:00am | Fr Isidore | Nellie Walsh | Fr Isidore |
| 9:30am Family | Fr Fabian | Thanksgiving Dominican Fathers | Fr Duncan |
| 11:00am Solemn | Fr Leon | Norah Manning, RIP | Fr Leon |
| 12:30pm Old rite | Fr Thomas | Eddie Grant | Fr Thomas |
| 5:00pm Students | Fr Peter | Mass for students in the Lady Chapel | Fr Peter |
| 7:00pm | Fr Duncan | Seamus Niland, RIP | Fr Leon |

| OTHER SUNDAY SERVICES | 6:00pm Rosary | 9 January | Confessions | 16 January |
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| 9:00am Lauds | 6:20pm Compline | Fr Isidore | 10:30 - 11:30am | Fr Fabian |
| 5:45pm Vespers | 6:40pm Benediction | Fr Thomas | 5:00 - 6:00pm | Fr Duncan |

Blessed chalk for Epiphany will be distributed after Mass today. There is a custom, in Epiphany-tide, of writing the initials of the three magi above the front door of one's house or room, along with the year. So this year we write: **20 + C + M + B + 10**. As well as standing for Caspar, Melchior and Balthasar, these initials are short for *Christus mansionem benedicat*, 'May Christ bless [this] dwelling'. So we're asking for the protection of Christ and his saints over our house, and at the same time make a small public profession of faith. If you've not had your house or flat blessed by a priest, now is a good time of year to do so. Any of the community at Holy Cross will be happy to oblige! (or ask your Parish Priest, if you live outside the parish).

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| Entrance Antiphon: | When the Lord had been baptised, the heavens opened, and the Spirit came down like a dove to rest on him. The voice of the Father thundered: This is my beloved Son, with him I am well pleased. |
| 1st Reading: | Isaiah 42: 1-4. 6-7 |
| Psalm Response: | May the Lord bless his people with peace. (Ps 29) |
| 2nd Reading: | Acts 10: 34-38 |
| Alleluia: | <u>At 11:00</u> – I have found David my servant and with my holy oil I anointed him. <u>Otherwise</u> – The heavens opened and the Father's voice was heard: "This is my beloved Son, listen to him." |
| Gospel: | Luke 3: 15-16. 21-22 |
| Communion Antiphon: | <u>At 11:00</u> – All baptised in Christ, you have all clothed yourselves in Christ, alleluia. <u>Otherwise</u> – This is he of whom John said: I have seen and have given witness that this is the Son of God. |

MONEY MATTERS: Last Weekend's collections – Offertory Collection £1019.41; SVP £28.09; Friends of Holy Cross £11.00; Holy Souls £19.09; Crib restoration £17.90. The McNabb Appeal fund still stands at £5171.97.

Next week there will be a retiring collection for the White Flower Appeal for the protection of unborn children.

Very many thanks for your continuing generosity.

Christ the King Primary School, Glenfield Road, wishes to appoint a practising Catholic who is an inspirational, motivated and enthusiastic individual and would join their creative and supportive Senior Leadership Team as Deputy Headteacher from September 2010. Please contact the school office on 285 7261 for further details. Closing date for applications is Monday 1st February.

Light Bearers Ministries UK – Event – A Light In The Heart Of Leicester. Light Bearers Ministries UK, will be holding a hand crafted cards and biscuits stall in Blackfriars Hall on Sunday 31st January after the 9.30am and 11am Masses. Please do come along and join us in Bearing the light of Christ's friendship in the much needy world of today.

GOSPEL CHOIR – Would you like to sing gospel songs, meet new people and have a lot of fun? Feel free to join us on Tuesday evenings in St. Clement's Hall (next door to the church). Newcomers are always very welcome. For more details call Jeff on 243 1289.

DIRECTOR OF DIOCESAN EDUCATION SERVICE. The Diocese will be appointing a new Director of its very well respected Diocesan Education Service based at Mackworth, Derby. The Director is responsible for running the Diocesan Education Service, which supports the 86 Diocesan VA schools, including the statutory and canonical responsibilities for them. The Trustees of the Diocese have determined that there is a Genuine Occupational Requirement that the person appointed be a practising and committed Catholic. It is desirable (but not required) that applicants will have experience of a leadership role in a school. The salary range offered is £60 to £75 thousand (plus TPA if entitled or Diocesan Pension Scheme). For further details please email finance.officenrcdt.org.uk or telephone 0115 953 9800 giving an address to which a pack may be sent.

Vocation Discernment Weekend. Young women – ever wondered about being a Sister? The Franciscan Sisters Minoress are holding a taster weekend 5-7 February at St Clare's Convent, Clay Cross. Contact fmsisters@googlemail.com. Also see poster for details. <http://www.stclaresconvent.fsnet.co.uk/>.

Please join us in the Parish Hall after the 9:30am and 11:00am Sunday Masses for tea, coffee, fruit-juice etc. There is the opportunity for a chat with members of the Dominican Community and with parishioners. We particularly welcome newly-arrived students and other visitors to our Parish.



“After Jesus was baptised, Heaven opened and the Holy Spirit descended on Him in a bodily shape, like a dove.”

| Year II | The week ahead... | Psalter Week 1 |
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| The weeks in Ordinary Time do not celebrate a specific aspect of the mystery of Christ. Rather, especially on the Sundays, they are devoted to the mystery of Christ in all its aspects. During Ordinary Time (before Lent) we are asked to pray for these intentions: Peace on Earth; Christian Unity; Sick people and Those Who Care for Them; Students and Teachers; Unemployed people. | | |
| Monday: | Feria | |
| Tuesday: | St Aelred of Rievaulx, abbot | |
| Wednesday: | Feria | |
| Thursday: | Feria | |
| Friday: | SS Francis Fernández, friar, priest, Peter Sans, friar, bishop, and Companions, martyrs of China | |
| Saturday: | Feria | |
| WEEKDAY MASS IN LATIN. This week, Mass in the older form will be celebrated on Monday, Thursday and Friday at 8:30am. All welcome, especially servers. If you would like to learn to serve this Mass, please contact Fr Thomas. | | |
| Next Sunday – 2 nd Sunday <i>per annum</i> . <i>Pax Christi's Peace Sunday: Prayers are encouraged for peace and justice on earth. Day of Prayer for Education: Prayers are encouraged for Teachers, Catechists and Students. Octave of Prayer for Christian Unity begins: Prayers are exhorted for the unity of Christians. Readings:</i> | | |
| Isaiah 62: 1-5 | 1 Corinthians 12: 4-11 | John 2: 1-12 |

What do we know about the liturgy of the church in Rome to around 600? How we respond to this question affects our interpretation of the development of Western liturgy in this period and enables us to evaluate the Roman tradition with that of other major sees. Surprisingly there has been very little recent scholarship on some of the key topics and a conference at Blackfriars, Oxford, on Saturday 27 February, will present fresh research from leading scholars. Details from <http://www.bfriars.ox.ac.uk/> and go to 'Upcoming events'.

The British Red Cross remains in urgent need of food donations to respond to the emergency needs of destitute asylum seekers in Leicester. To help, please leave your gifts after any Mass – non perishable goods such as tinned and dried foods are mostly wanted. A full list of items may be seen on the noticeboard and in the Newsletter (3 January) on the website given for past Newsletters. Please keep giving generously to support these vulnerable people. Thank you.

CaFE (Catholic Evangelisation Services) Retreat Day 'Life to the full' will take place on Saturday 23 January at the Church of the Good Shepherd, Woodthorpe, Nottingham. Details from Pauline Payne on 288 0025.

Noticeboards are situated in the New Walk and Wellington Street entrances and at the back of the church in the Narthex. If you don't see what you are looking for, please check the other boards.

| REGULAR SERVICE TIMES |
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| MONDAYS TO FRIDAYS 8.00 Lauds 10.00 Mass 12.30 Mass 17.45 Vespers Old Rite Masses as announced. Church is open from 8.00 - 18.00 |
| WEDNESDAYS 10.30 Exposition until 12.30 11.45 Divine Mercy Chaplet, Rosary & Benediction |
| SATURDAYS 9.00 Lauds 10.00 Mass 10.30 Novena to Our Lady 10.30 Confessions until 11.30 12.30 Mass 17.00 Confessions until 18.00 17.45 Vespers 18.00 Vigil Mass for Sunday Old Rite Masses as announced. |
| HOLIDAYS 18.00 (previous day) Vigil Mass 8.00 Lauds 10.00 Mass 12.30 Mass 17.45 Vespers 19.00 Mass |
| BANK HOLIDAYS (& MON TO FRI AROUND XMAS & NEW YEAR) 8.00 Lauds 12.30 Mass, after which the church is closed |
| SUNDAYS 8.00 Mass 9.00 Lauds 9.30 Mass (Family) 11.00 Mass (Solemn: Latin on 2 nd , 4 th and 5 th Sundays) 12.30 Mass (Old rite in Latin) 17.00 Mass (for Students, term time only) 17.45 Vespers 18.00 Rosary 18.20 Sung Latin Compline 18.40 Benediction 19.00 Mass |
| Leicester Royal Infirmary Catholic Chaplaincy: For urgent visits, ask ward staff to bleep the Roman Catholic Chaplain. For non-urgent visits leave message at the Priory or the LRI Chaplains' Office. Messages may not be picked up until the end of the day. |
| Website for past Newsletters: holycrosschoirleicester.co.uk |
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