

Dissent & Dialogue

ON February 22 this year, I was asked by the congregation at St Mary de Castro, our neighbouring Anglican parish, to lead them in praying the Rosary. Members of that parish, as you probably know, are considering accepting the Pope's generous *response* to the requests of over 30 Anglican bishops, to allow them to become fully Catholic while retaining their patrimony of worship and governance.

Some of them were worried they would be labelled homophobes or misogynists. Our response to them was, 'Let people say what they like. That's their problem.' I quoted to them an extract from Fr Dwight Longenecker's blog, *Standing on My Head* (Fr Dwight being a former Anglican himself):

The question should not be, "Do you think women should be bishops?" or "Do you think two people of the same sex can marry one another?" The question is, "Do you believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God, born of a Virgin Mother, died on the cross for the salvation of a sinful humanity, rose again on the third day and is now seated at the right hand of the father?" The real question is, "Do you believe that the Father and the Son sent the Holy Spirit, established the Church as the sacrament of salvation and that the Christian's sole purpose on earth is to love God, serve him, make his way to heaven and take as many others with him as possible."

Christians of all denominations and traditions who fudge on these basic questions of belief will inevitably take either a radical or at least a soft line on the contemporary 'issues'. That is because, whether they are conscious of it or not, they essentially believe that the Christian faith is not a *revealed* religion, but a *relative* religion. That the Church is not founded by God through his Son Jesus Christ, but it is a human and historical construct, and as such it needs to adapt to the changing needs of society.

Fudging on the Faith, or dissent, is a disservice to Christ and His Church. In his address this year to the Bishops of England and Wales, Pope Benedict XVI said:

It is important to recognize dissent for what it is, and not to mistake it for a mature contribution to a balanced and wide-ranging debate. *It is the truth revealed through Scripture and Tradition and articulated by the Church's Magisterium that sets us free.* Cardinal Newman realized this, and he left us an outstanding example of faithfulness to revealed truth by following that 'kindly light' wherever it led him, even at considerable personal cost.

Conscience cannot be set against Christ and His Church, simply because conscience could be erroneous. Hitler had a clear conscience, but that doesn't make his actions right. Personally, I'd rather follow Jesus and His 'kindly light' than made-up Christianities and fudging His Truth. What would Jesus do? I'll tell you what he *did* do. He said, 'Come, follow Me' (cf. Matthew 4.18; Mark 1.7;) and listen to the Church He established (cf. Matthew 18:17).

Fr Leon, OP

4th Sunday of Lent — Laetare Sunday
& Mother's Day

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Sunday Masses	This week	Mass Intentions	Next week
6:00pm Vigil	Fr Isidore	Irene Olszewska, RIP	Fr Isidore
8:00am	Fr Isidore	Anton & Marie Stipič, RIP	Fr Fabian
9:30am Family	Fr Duncan	<i>Pro populo</i>	Fr Duncan
11:00am Solemn	Fr Leon	Anne Potterton (sick)	Fr Peter
12:30pm Old rite	Fr Leon	Alvero Uribe-Velez (& family)	Fr Thomas
5:00pm Students	Fr Duncan	Mass for students in the Lady Chapel	Fr Peter
7:00pm	Fr Thomas	Sean Cribben, RIP	Fr Leon

OTHER SUNDAY SERVICES	6:00pm Rosary	13 March	Confessions	20 March
9:00am Lauds	6:20pm Compline	Fr Fabian	10:30 - 11:30am	Fr Thomas
5:45pm Vespers	6:40pm Benediction	Fr Duncan	5:00 - 6:00pm	Fr Leon

DURING LENT: Confessions also on Sundays from 6:40 to 7:00pm (Fr Leon this week)

SHORT LENTEN TALKS — Through Death to Life. The usual season of Lenten Talks is now under way. Talks are given by one of the friars after the 10am and 12:30pm Masses each Friday in Lent. **This week Fr Peter will speak on "The Crucifixion"**. We hope you can make these part of your Lenten celebrations.

Entrance Antiphon:	Laetare Jerusalem! Rejoice Jerusalem! Be glad for her, you who love her; rejoice with her, you who mourned for her, and you will find contentment at her consoling breasts.
1st Reading:	Joshua 5: 9-12
Psalm Response:	O taste and see that the Lord is good! (Ps 34)
2nd Reading:	2 Corinthians 5: 17-21
Tract (at 11:00) or Verse before Gospel:	<u>At 11:00</u> — Those who trust in the Lord will be like the mountain of Zion. He will not be disturbed for eternity, who dwells in Jerusalem. <u>Otherwise</u> — Glory and praise to you, O Christ. ✠ I will arise and go to my father and I will say to him: Father I have sinned against heaven and before you.
Gospel:	Luke 15:1-3.11-32
Offertory (at 11:00):	Praise the Lord, for the Lord is good. Sing a psalm to his name for he is loving. The Lord does whatever he wills, in heaven and on earth.
Communion Antiphon:	My son, you should rejoice, because your brother was dead and has come back to life, he was lost and is found.

MONEY MATTERS: Last Weekend's collections – Offertory Collection £1277.69; SVP £19.47; Friends of Holy Cross £14.87; Holy Souls £14.85; Grenada Church Restoration £50.94. The McNabb Appeal fund stands at £6650.38. The Lenten Fast Day collection for Aid to the Church in Need came to £417.52.

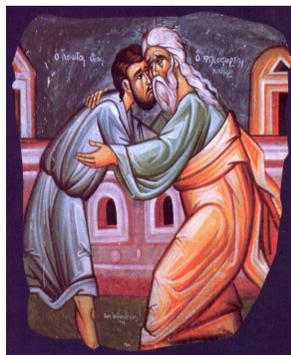
This week there is a retiring collection for the McNabb Appeal for parish funds.

Very many thanks for your continuing generosity.

OUR DEANERY LENTEN PROGRAMME – the last Lenten Station Mass has been arranged as follows:

- ◆ Wednesday 17 March at St. Patrick's at 11am; then
- ◆ Wednesday 31 March, Mass of the Holy Oils at the Cathedral at 11.30am.

Church of the Most Holy Rosary, Grenada, destroyed by hurricane 'Ivan'. The re-building is well advanced, as you will see from the latest pictures on the poster stand, which was used to raise money for the crib figures. The community in Grenada thanks you for your great generosity and asks for your continued support. They will say a monthly Mass for all their benefactors.



Today's Gospel: "Rejoice, because your brother was dead and has come to life. He was lost and is found."

Deepening our lives with God. It is proposed to have six weekly meetings of talking, praying, keeping silent and experience sharing. The aim is to learn to use all these in order to come closer to God. If you wish to take part, please phone Fr Duncan on 252 1516.

Please pray and fast for the defeat of the Children, Schools and Families Bill. You are urgently asked to pray and fast tomorrow, Monday, for the defeat of the Children, Schools and Families Bill which is continuing its passage through parliament. If it becomes law, the Bill will mean that children of primary school age will be taught explicit and immoral sex education utterly at variance with the Church's teachings and parents' moral views. The much-publicised amendment to the Bill will not protect children in Catholic schools from the many dangers of the Bill. For further information visit www.spuc.org.uk or ring 020 7723 1740.

On the Children, Schools and Families Bill. This is the title of a leaflet available by the doors, which gives details of the government's proposals. Please read this carefully. You are asked to send a letter or email to one or more peers urging them to oppose the bill; to write to the Prime Minister urging him to withdraw the proposals; and to ask heads and chairs of school governors to oppose the legislation.

SERVICE TIMES FOR HOLY WEEK AND THE PASCHAL TRIDUUM are all given on a sheet available by the doors. Please take as many as you need, and please do not ring the Priory asking about service times...

Events at St Joseph's (Goodwood Road) or the Watermead Apostolate. There is a programme of 'Twilight' and Saturday Retreats on the noticeboard, and details may also be seen at <http://www.stjoseph-leicester.ik.com/calendar/all.ikml>.

An important one-day conference on Medical and Moral Issues around the end of life is taking place at London Metropolitan University on Monday 29 March. For more information, see the University website or contact Fr Thomas.

Year II	The week ahead...	Psalter Week 4
DURING LENT there will be STATIONS OF THE CROSS each Wednesday (at 1pm) and Friday (at 6pm), and CONFESSIONS on Sundays from 6:40 to 7:00pm (Fr Leon this week).		
Monday:	Lenten feria	
Tuesday:	Lenten feria	
Wednesday:	ST PATRICK, BISHOP, APOSTLE OF THE IRISH, PATRON OF IRELAND	
Thursday:	Lenten feria	
Friday:	ST JOSEPH, HUSBAND OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY, solemnity	
Saturday:	Lenten feria	
WEEKDAY MASS IN LATIN. Holy Mass will be offered in the older form from Monday to Friday at 8:30am, and on Saturday at 8:15am.		
Next Sunday – 5th Sunday of Lent. Prayers are recommended for candidates for the sacraments. Readings:		
Isaiah 43: 16-21	Philippians 3: 8-14	John 8: 1-11

Red Cross Appeal for Refugees & Asylum Seekers. The full list of items needed to support these destitute and vulnerable people is:

- ◆ Dried items: rice, pasta, cous-cous, maize mealie-meal, sugar, salt, porridge, cooking oil, flour (self-raising), spices, palenta, mashed potato (Smash), tea, coffee, powdered milk, water, fruit juice, semolina;
- ◆ Tins: fish, meat, pulses, baked beans, soup, fruit, rice pudding, sauces, vegetables;
- ◆ Pre-prepared food: cereal bars, chocolate, biscuits, nuts, crisps, pot noodles;
- ◆ Baby items: nappies (sizes 2-4), baby wipes, food, milk, lotion, talc, clothing, equipment;
- ◆ Toiletries: sanitary towels, shaving equipment, toothpaste, tooth brush, soap, moisturiser, shampoo, conditioner, toilet paper;
- ◆ Others: Tin openers, pans, cutlery, towels and sleeping bags.

Please leave these items at any Mass. Thank you.

The pro-life group based at Holy Cross is holding its second annual candlelit Prayer Procession at 7pm on Friday 19 March (St Joseph's feast day) to pray for an end to abortion. If you would like to take part please contact Sica on 0775 88 44 918.

Forthcoming events for your diary	
Sat 27 Mar	Leicestershire Chorale - Devotional Music, church at 8pm
Sat 24 Apr	Karaoke evening, 7pm
Fri 7 May	2010 <i>Spes Unica</i> Lecture. Professor Luke Gormally, Senior Research Fellow at the Linacre Centre & Member of the Pontifical Academy for Life on 'Sex and the City: Chastity as a Social Virtue', 7:30pm, Blackfriars' Hall
Sat 8 May	BLACKFRIARS MARKET – NOTE THE DATE NOW!
Sat 15 May	'Day for the Year of the Priesthood', with the artist and writer Elizabeth Wang, and Fr Richard Duffield, Provost of the Birmingham Oratory. Details soon.
Sat 15 May	Absolute beginners' Cha-cha, 7pm

REGULAR SERVICE TIMES
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 XTMAS & 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 2nd, 4th and 5th 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.

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