

New Translation of the Mass - Part 1

In nōmine Patris et Filii In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen. *Matt 28.19*

After the introit or hymn, the Mass begins with these words, taken from the lips of Our Lord himself (cf. Mt 28.19). That God is a holy Trinity - three Divine Persons in one Divine Nature - is the heart of our faith. When we pray the Sign of the Cross, we confess that God has but one Name: and that one Name is *of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit*. To Moses, God reveals his Name: 'Say this to the sons of Israel, I Am has sent me to you' (Ex 3.14). God's Name is represented by the letters in Hebrew spelling YHWH, I Am Who I Am, a Name we do not and cannot pronounce.

That Name becomes visible and pronounceable in Jesus. The angel says, 'You shall call his name Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins' (Matt 1.21; cf. Lk 1.31). Jesus, or in Hebrew, *Yehoshua* (Aramaic *Yeshua*), means 'YHWH saves'. When St Paul says that God has bestowed on Jesus 'a name which is above every other name' and that every knee shall bow and every tongue confess that Jesus is Lord (cf. Phil 2.9-11), he means that Jesus is YHWH.

God tells Ezekiel to put a mark on the forehead of those who sigh and groan over sins committed (cf. Ez 9). The mark is the Hebrew letter *tau*, which in Ezekiel's time was written as a cross (+). St John sees a vision of an angel 'with the seal of the living God' who cries 'Do not harm the earth or the sea or the trees, till we have sealed the servants of our God upon their foreheads' (Rev 7.3). This seal of the living God, like Ezekiel's *tau*, is the Cross.

We make the Sign of the Cross with our right hands, with open palms, touching the tips of our fingers to our foreheads (*in the name of the Father*), then our chests or sternum (*and of the Son*), then our left shoulders (*and of the Holy*), and then our right shoulders (*Spirit*). This Sign professes our faith in the Trinity, orients us towards Christ's Cross, and blesses us, strengthening and sanctifying us. We are asking God to purify our minds and our hearts, and to strengthen our shoulders for the yoke of Christ, indicating our willingness to pick up our cross and to follow the Lord (cf. Mk 8.34). It should be a dignified, large and deliberate gesture, not a hastily, sloppily executed and embarrassed one.

We make this sign either with five fingers held flat (in honour of the five wounds of Christ) or with the thumb, index and middle fingers conjoined (which symbolizes the unity of the Trinity). At the end we say 'Amen', *So be it*. So it is. This is our Faith, and we are proud to profess it in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Fr Leon Pereira, O.P.

Divine Mercy Sunday

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The Newsletter of
HOLY CROSS PRIORY CHURCH, LEICESTER
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Sunday Masses	This week	Mass Intentions	Next week
6:00pm Vigil	Fr Isidore	Irene Olszewska, RIP	Fr Duncan
8:00am	Fr Fabian	<i>Pro populo</i>	Fr Isidore
9:30am Family	Fr Duncan	In thanksgiving to St. Joseph	Fr Peter
11:00am Solemn	Fr Peter	Sean McCormack, RIP	Fr Thomas
12:30pm Old rite	Fr Thomas	Holy Souls	Fr Leon
5:00pm Students	- -	No Mass now until next term	- -
7:00pm	Fr Leon	Kathleen Ward (sick)	Fr Fabian

OTHER SUNDAY SERVICES	6:00pm Rosary	10 April	Confessions	17 April
9:00am Lauds	6:20pm Compline	Fr Peter	10:30 - 11:30am	Fr Duncan
5:45pm Vespers	6:40pm Benediction	Fr Leon	5:00 - 6:00pm	Fr Fabian

2010 Spes Unica Lecture. Professor Luke Gormally, Senior Research Fellow at the Linacre Centre & Member of the Pontifical Academy for Life, will speak on 'Sex and the City: Chastity as a Social Virtue' on Friday 7 May 2010 at 7:30pm, at Blackfriars' Hall. All are welcome.

Awakening. A 49 days' Eucharistic Adoration is underway at Mother of God Parish in Leicester with one of the focuses on the intentions of our Holy Father Pope Benedict XVI. Come and spend some time with the Lord at your convenience.

Pilgrimage to Lourdes and Lisieux from the 17th - 23rd July. There are a few places left. Please contact Mrs Amanda Johnson on 0116 2751662 for more details.

Entrance Antiphon:	<u>Either</u> - Like newborn children you should thirst for milk, on which your spirit can grow to strength, alleluia. <u>Or</u> - Rejoice to the full in the glory that is yours, and give thanks to God who called you to his kingdom, alleluia.
1st Reading:	Acts 5: 12-16
Psalms Response:	O give thanks to the Lord for he is good; his mercy endures for ever. (Ps 118)
2nd Reading:	Apocalypse 1: 9-13.17-19
Alleluia:	<u>At 11:00</u> - Eight days later, when the doors were closed, Jesus stood among his disciples and said: Peace be with you. <u>Otherwise</u> - You believed, Thomas, because you have seen me, says the Lord; blessed are those who have not seen and yet believe.
Gospel:	John 20: 19-31
Communion Antiphon:	Jesus spoke to Thomas: Put your hand here, and see the place of the nails. Doubt no longer, but believe, alleluia.

MONEY MATTERS: Last Weekend's collections – SVP £55.92; Friends of Holy Cross £14.23; Holy Souls £12.13; Grenada Church Restoration £25.18. The previous week's collections – Offertory Collection £1845.84; SVP £20.42; Friends of Holy Cross £23.17; Holy Souls £32.76; Grenada Church Restoration £17.26. The McNabb Appeal for parish funds now stands at £7745.01.

The retiring collection for Easter flowers for the church came to £173.45, and the collection for the Holy Places of Palestine on Good Friday came to £757.35.

200 Club. Last month's winners were: 18, C Dias £150; 176, T Collins £100; and 14, A Lacy £50. Congratulations!

Very many thanks for your continuing generosity.

Blackfriars Spring Market is on the 8th of May (Saturday). *Donations required*: any bottles (wine/spirits), toys, quality gifts, quality bric-a-brac, unwanted teddy bears, chocolate, home made cakes, mince pies, new candles, pot pouri, etc. *Please avoid donating the following items*, as they can't be sold or are difficult to sell: clothes, books, video cassettes and electronic equipment.

Thank you for your support!

Pope Benedict's Pastoral Letter to the Catholics of Ireland regarding the abuse of children and vulnerable young people. The full text of the letter may be downloaded from <http://www.catholicbishops.ie/>, the website of the Irish Bishops, and there are two reference copies on the tables near the entrances.

Calling all Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion. The next renewal days for EMHCs are at St Joseph's Church on 15th and 22nd May. If you wish to attend please let Sica know (see me at 11am Mass or contact 0775 88 44 918 or francisca@sica.martinez.plus.com)

The Feast of the Divine Mercy, TODAY. There will be an afternoon of Devotions, the main celebrant being Bishop Malcolm, at Our Lady of Good Counsel Church, Rushey Mead. See noticeboard for details or ring Mary Sage on 0116 210 2025.

How and why marriage matters? Brian and Maureen Devine and Canon Frank O'Sullivan will be reflecting on these questions with open discussions, on Saturday 15th May at Rearsby Convent, 10am - 3pm. For further information please contact Eileen and Laurence Udall 01629 540383 or email rockcott@googlemail.com.

Walsingham pilgrimage on the 16th May. The cost includes a return coach that sets off from Wellington street at 8am and leaves Walsingham at 5:30pm. Please bring a packed lunch. To reserve a place, please give £20 promptly to Fr Isidore (0116 255 38 56).



Today's Gospel: "Put your finger here; look, here are my hands... Doubt no longer but believe."

Year II	The week ahead...	Psalter Week 1
Monday:	St Guthlac, hermit - <i>optional</i>	
Tuesday:	St Martin I, pope, martyr - <i>optional</i>	
Wednesday:	Easter feria	
Thursday:	Easter feria	
Friday:	Easter feria	
Saturday:	St Stephen Harding, abbot - <i>optional</i>	
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 – 3rd Sunday of Easter. Readings:		
Acts 5: 27-32.40-41	Apocalypse 5: 11-14	John 21: 1-19

Head Teacher vacancy at Bishop Ellis Primary School Thurmaston. Please see the noticeboard for more details or contact Mrs Neill on 0116 2695510.

Deepening Faith in Prayer. We continue with our meetings in the Lady chapel on Saturdays after the 6 o'clock Saturday evening Mass, at 6:45. The half-hour meetings will run for six weeks until Pentecost and allocate equal time for discussion, prayer and silence. Please bring points and problems, and also prayers you like. For details, contact fr Duncan (0116) 252 1516.

Karaoke. An evening of entertainment for the whole family, upstairs, in the Holy Cross Centre from 7pm on Saturday, April 24. Advance tickets £5 and £3 (concession). Supper included and the bar will be open. Family tickets available. Contact Jeff Henry on 0116 243 1289 for more details.

Pilgrimage to Our Lady of Stone, and an illustrated talk on the Rosary by Fr Richard Conrad, OP. Saturday 29 May from 10am to 5pm. Details from Sr Angela Mary Leydon OP at St Dominic's Convent, Stone – see noticeboard.

Creation, Evolution and the Crisis of Faith. A seminar by Hugh Owen and Tim Murnane at the Church of the Assumption, Beeston, Nottingham, on 22 April from 7.00-9.00 pm. Please see the noticeboard for more information.

Forthcoming events for your diary	
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.
Sat 15 May	Absolute beginners' Cha-cha, 7pm
Sun 16 May	Pilgrimage to Walsingham, 8am

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 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
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