

New Translation of the Mass – Part 3

The Confiteor – Part 1

I confess to almighty God
and to you, my brothers and sisters,
that I have greatly sinned
in my thoughts and in my words,
in what I have done and in what I have
failed to do,

*Psalm 51.5-6; Luke 15.18; 1 John 1:9
James 5.16
2 Samuel 24.10; 1 Chronicles 21.8
Wisdom 1.3; James 3.8-10
Romans 7.15-20; James 2.17*

THE Bible tells us, ‘Confess your sins to one another, and pray for one another’ (James 5.16). So after the opening greeting at Mass, we have the penitential rite, usually with the *Confiteor* (the Latin prayer beginning ‘I confess’). Why do we need to confess? ‘If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just, to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all iniquity.’ (1 John 1.8-9). The *Confiteor* is a personal prayer. Therefore it is an admission of personal guilt. It is not a replacement for sacramental confession, nor does it impart a sacramental absolution. In other words, if you still need Confession as a sacrament, this isn’t a substitute.

Notice that the *Confiteor* confesses to God (against whom all sin is directed) but also the Church (‘my brothers and sisters’). Sin not only separates us from the love of God, but also from that same charity which is the bond of the communion of saints. That is why we need to confess both to God and to the Church. Sin could be committed in at least four different ways: (1) in our thoughts, (2) by what we say, (3) by what we do, and (4) by failing to do the good that we ought. This prayer reminds us of all four.

through my fault, through my fault, through my
most grievous fault.

*Ecclesiasticus 20.2
Luke 18.13*

The first part of the *Confiteor* ends with this threefold admission of guilt, accompanied by a gesture. We sinned by thought, word and action, so we confess by thought, word *and action too*. We make a fist with our right hands, and strike our sternum (breast bone) at the three repetitions of the word ‘fault’. In doing so we acknowledge that we ourselves are to blame, making no excuses for what we are genuinely responsible. The beating of our breasts (a biblical gesture) signifies a battering of our hearts, asking that God’s grace may shatter the hardness of our hearts and change us.

4th Sunday of Easter

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Sunday Masses	This week	Mass Intentions	Next week
6:00pm Vigil	Fr Isidore	Holy Souls	Fr Isidore
8:00am	Fr Isidore	Holy Souls	Fr Isidore
9:30am Family	Fr Leon	Sylvia Sanders, RIP	Fr Duncan
11:00am Solemn	Fr Peter	<i>Pro populo</i>	Fr Duncan
12:30pm Old rite	Fr Thomas	German Guerrero & Elvia Arango, RIP	Fr Thomas
5:00pm Students	– –	This Mass resumes next Sunday	Fr Peter
7:00pm	Fr Duncan	Jim & Bridget Finnegan, RIP	Fr Thomas

OTHER SUNDAY SERVICES	6:00pm Rosary	24 April	Confessions	1 May
9:00am Lauds	6:20pm Compline	Fr Duncan	10:30 - 11:30am	Fr Isidore
5:45pm Vespers	6:40pm Benediction	Fr Thomas	5:00 - 6:00pm	Fr Peter

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.

Dominican pilgrimage to Walsingham on Sunday 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 3856).**

Entrance Antiphon:	The earth is full of the goodness of the Lord; by the word of the Lord the heavens were made, alleluia.
1st Reading:	Acts 13: 14.43-52
Psalm Response:	We are his people, and the sheep of his pasture. (Ps 100)
2nd Reading:	Apocalypse 7: 9.14-17
Alleluia:	I am the good shepherd, says the Lord; I know my own, and my own know me.
Gospel:	John 10: 27-30
Communion Antiphon:	<u>At 11:00</u> – I am the good shepherd, alleluia; I know my sheep and my own know me, alleluia, alleluia. <u>Otherwise</u> –The Good Shepherd is risen! He who laid down his life for his sheep, who died for his flock, he is risen, alleluia.

MONEY MATTERS: Last Weekend's collections – Offertory Collection £1185.44; SVP £38.40; Friends of Holy Cross £13.15; Holy Souls £13.58; Grenada Church Restoration £29.26. The McNabb Appeal for parish funds still stands at £7745.01.

This week there is a retiring collection for the Clergy Formation Fund.

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, new candles, pot pourri, 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!

Last Friday's Election forum. We are very sorry, but this had to be cancelled on the advice of the Police.

The Diocesan Pilgrimage to Beauvale will take place next Sunday 2 May from 2pm. Bishop Malcolm will celebrate Mass and preach in honour of St John Houghton and St Robert Lawrence, the first two martyrs of the Reformation. Beauvale was a Carthusian monastery and is a scheduled ancient monument, situated between Eastwood and Hucknall. See noticeboard.

Our parish is now using Twitter. To see at a glance what's going on on any particular day, go to http://twitter.com/holycross_leic and sign up for tweets on your mobiles.

Today, the fourth Sunday of Easter, is known as Good Shepherd Sunday because in the Gospel we hear Jesus speak of himself as the Good Shepherd who lays down his life for his sheep. This is why it is the day chosen as **World Day of Prayer for Vocations to the Priesthood and Consecrated Life**. Pope Benedict has written to us this year on the theme "Witness Awakens Vocations". He cites the examples of the Prophets of the Old Testament dedicating their entire existence to bearing witness to God. Jesus, he says, is the "supreme Witness to God and to his concern for the salvation of all." As we look forward to the visit of Pope Benedict to our shores **please continue to pray for those who may be considering a vocation to priesthood or religious life**. Please also pray for the success of this year's Vocation Discernment Weekend, Invocation 2010. (www.invocation.org.uk).

Put the fun back into fundraising with the SVP! There are a number of events taking place around the country. See noticeboard, ring Jessica Bray on 020 7407 4644 or email jessicab@svp.org.uk.

Tell it Like it is: the Truth about Asylum. The Refugee Council has produced a small booklet. Please take one from one of the tables by the entrances.



Today's Gospel: "The sheep that belong to me listen to my voice."

Year II	The week ahead...	Psalter Week 4
Monday:	Easter feria	
Tuesday:	Easter feria	
Wednesday:	Easter feria	
Thursday:	ST CATHERINE OF SIENA, VIRGIN, DOCTOR, LAY DOMINICAN, PATRONESS OF EUROPE. <i>Prayers are recommended for Europe, and for the nuns and sisters of the Order of Preachers.</i>	
Friday:	St Pius V, pope	
Saturday:	Easter feria. <i>By the intercession of St Joseph, workman and provider, prayers are encouraged for human labourers and their work: for just wages, the dignity of workers, and the prudent stewardship of the earth.</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 – 5 th Sunday of Easter. Readings:		
Acts 14: 21-27	Apocalypse 21: 1-5	John 13: 31-35

Twinclarke's Blog. How do we meet God in a giant toad, a vision of loveliness, a kitten and crab, the joys, sorrows and ridiculous moments of life? Have a look at the weekly blog created by Peter and Isidore Clarke OP. The blog address: <http://mywaygodsway.blogspot.com>.

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@sicamartinez.plus.com).

Headteacher Vacancy – Bishop Ellis Primary School, Thurmaston, is looking for a new Headteacher from Sept 2010 or Jan 2011, salary scale L14-20, details available on www.bishopellis.leics.sch.uk. Closing date: 4th May.

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 also mostly wanted. A full list of items may be seen on the noticeboard and in the Newsletter (14 March) on the website given for past Newsletters. Please keep giving generously to support these vulnerable people. Thank you.

Forthcoming events for your diary	
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	Dominican Pilgrimage to Walsingham, coach departs 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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