

Fridays in May

Most people can readily see that they ought to do penance for themselves. The idea of doing penance for other people may sound a little strange, but it is of course a most Catholic idea. St Paul tells us to 'bear one another's burdens, and so fulfil the law of Christ' (Galatians 6.2). Part of being in the communion of saints is that we can do precisely this: pray for each other, and do penance for each other.

In the early Church, the three biggest sins were murder, adultery and apostasy. For such sins, a heavy penance was imposed. Often a lifetime of penance, before receiving absolution on one's deathbed. Their fellow Christians used to cry out to the bishop, 'indulgentia' (mercy, clemency) and would sometimes do penance on behalf of sinners. Those in prison awaiting martyrdom would write a *libellus pacis*, a certificate asking that their sufferings should count as penance for the apostates. These are early forms of what we now call indulgences.

More importantly, it has always been Catholic practice to intercede for each other in this way. We not only pray for each other, but we do penance for ourselves and others. Is that fair? Not in the strict sense of justice, no. But what we hope for from God is mercy, as we say at Mass, 'Do not consider what *we truly deserve*, but grant us your forgiveness'. As we hope for mercy ourselves, so we ought to be merciful to others.

The bishops of England and Wales have reminded us last week that these 'others' include paedophiles and those who have brought scandal to the Church. They ask us to pray before the Blessed Sacrament especially on Fridays in May, as penance and reparation for the evil done. Is this an admission of our own guilt? No. Should we do it? Yes. Why? Because that is how God's love in the heart of the Church works: 'And if one member suffer any thing, all the members suffer with it; or if one member glory, all the members rejoice with it.' (1 Corinthians 12.26).

At Holy Cross we will have exposition and adoration on Fridays in May, from 10:30am till 12:30pm. At every Mass on Friday we will pray together the 'Act of Reparation to the Sacred Heart' (please take a sheet). You can of course pray it yourselves at any time, but on Fridays we will pray it together. And above all we will pray for the victims.

Fr Leon Pereira O.P.

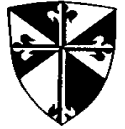
**Our series on the New Translation of the Mass resumes next week.*

5th Sunday of Easter

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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 Isidore
8:00am	Fr Isidore	McShane family, RIP	Fr Isidore
9:30am Family	Fr Duncan	Madeleine McCann	Fr Fabian
11:00am Solemn	Fr Fabian	Juan Manuel Santos Gelderan	Fr Leon
12:30pm Old rite	Fr Thomas	Alvaro Uribe Veiez & Juan Manuel Santos	Fr Thomas
5:00pm Students	Fr Peter	Mass for students in the Lady Chapel	Fr Peter
7:00pm	Fr Thomas	<i>Pro populo</i>	Fr Duncan

OTHER SUNDAY SERVICES	6:00pm Rosary	1 May	Confessions	8 May
9:00am Lauds	6:20pm Compline	Fr Isidore	10:30 - 11:30am	Fr Isidore
5:45pm Vespers	6:40pm Benediction	Fr Peter	5:00 - 6:00pm	Fr Leon

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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' this 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:	Sing to the Lord a new song, for he has done marvellous deeds; he has revealed to the nations his saving power, alleluia.
1st Reading:	Acts 14: 21-27
Psalm Response:	I will bless your name for ever, my king and my God. (Ps 145)
2nd Reading:	Apocalypse 21: 1-5
Alleluia:	<u>At 11:00</u> – Christ, having been raised from the dead, will never die again. Death has no power over him any more. <u>Otherwise</u> – A new commandment I give you, says the Lord, that you love one another even as I have loved you.
Gospel:	John 13: 31-35
Communion Antiphon:	I am the vine and you are the branches, says the Lord; he who lives in me, and I in him, will bear much fruit.

MONEY MATTERS: Last Weekend's collections – Offertory Collection £1209.63; SVP £43.81; Friends of Holy Cross £18.37; Holy Souls £12.80; Grenada Church Restoration £15.62. The McNabb Appeal for parish funds still stands at £7745.01. Last week's retiring collection for the Clergy Formation Fund came to £322.06.

Next week there is a retiring collection for those unable to get to Blackfriars Market, and the proceeds will go to the McNabb Appeal.

Very many thanks for your continuing generosity.

Blackfriars Spring Market is on this Saturday 8th of May. *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!

Churches Together in Leicester City Centre will meet at the Cathedral, at 12:30pm on Thursday. All are welcome.

First Friday Coffee Morning: This coming Friday, at 10:30am in the Church Hall. Tea & scones or coffee & cake, a chance to chat with other weekday Mass-goers and members of the Community; and, of course, a raffle. Money raised goes towards the care and maintenance of the church fabric. Volunteers welcome.

Absolute Beginners' Cha-Cha – 7pm May 15th. A wonderful social event at which you can learn the basics of the Cha-Cha. A pasta supper is provided. However, tickets (£8 and £5) must be bought in advance. Call Jeff – 0116 243 1289 – to reserve yours. See posters for more details.

VACANCY for Operations Manager at St Martin's House, next to the Cathedral. See noticeboard, ring 248 7431 or email Danni.blair@leccofe.org. Closing date is 24 May.

Would you like to set up an Inter Cultural Art Workshop for children between 6 and 11? If so, email barbarabutler@christiansaware.co.uk or see Fr Duncan.

The 1st National Divine Mercy Pilgrimage to Walsingham will take place on Saturday 5 June. A coach will go from Leicester. See noticeboard.

May Procession. You are cordially invited to join this year's procession in honour of Our Lady from St Aidan's Church, New Parks, to Mother of God Church. Sunday 23 May at 3pm. See noticeboard.

Christians in Leicestershire Inter Faith Network will have a talk about Asylum Seekers and Refugees. Rachel Carmichael will talk about why people flee to our country and what we can do to help. St Philip's Centre, Evington Road on 11 May at 7:30pm. See noticeboard.

There will be an International Football Tournament as part of Refugee Week at St Margaret's Pasture's Sport Centre, on Saturday 5 June from 9am to 5pm. It's an event to be enjoyed by the whole family. See noticeboard.

Head Teacher required at St Joseph's Primary, Market Harborough. Details from the school: tel 01858 465359, Email: office@stjosephs.leics.sch.uk and see noticeboard. Closing date is 19 May.



Today's Gospel: "I give you a new commandment: love one another, just as I have loved you."

Year II	The week ahead...	Psalter Week 1
Monday:	SS PHILIP AND JAMES, APOSTLES. <i>Today is a Bank Holiday. After the 8:30am Mass, there will be <u>no Mass</u> at 10am, and the church will be closed after the 12:30pm Mass.</i>	
Tuesday:	St John Houghton, priest, religious, Bl John Haile, priest, Bl Margaret Pole, wife and mother, countess, Bl German Gardiner, layman, St Cuthbert Mayne, priest, St Ralph Sherwin, priest, St Richard Gwynn, layman, teacher, and Companions, martyrs of the English Reformation	
Wednesday:	St Vincent Ferrer, priest	
Thursday:	Easter feria	
Friday:	Easter feria	
Saturday:	The Patronage of the Blessed Virgin Mary over the Order of Preachers	
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 – 6th Sunday of Easter. Readings:		
Acts 15:1-2.22-29	Apocalypse 21:10-14.22-23	John 14:23-29

Pilgrimage to Lourdes and Lisieux by coach. 17-23 July 2010. Full Board £480. Coach leaves from St Mary's, Leicester. There are 20 places still left on the coach but we need to fill them quickly. Last year we had an amazing time and came home refreshed and renewed. For more information contact Amanda Johnson, tel 0116 275 1662.

An organ recital of Tuneful Music by popular British composers will be given by David Cowen here at Holy Cross on Monday 22 June at 8pm. Includes Elgar's Organ Sonata and Walton's Coronation Marches. Tickets £7 (unwaged £5). Refreshments afterwards and proceeds to church funds.

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.

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
Mon 21 Jun	Organ Recital given by David Cowen. Tuneful Music by popular British composers, 8pm

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.
HOLYDAYS 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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