

New Translation of the Mass – Part 6 The Gloria – Part 1

Glory to God in the highest,
and on earth peace to people of good will.

Luke 2.14

This is the first of two places in the Mass where we take up the words of angels. Here it is the song of the angels to the shepherds of Bethlehem, after announcing Christ's birth. Very early on the *Gloria* found its way into the liturgy; it is also found in the Syrian and Greek liturgies, not the Latin one only. The 'good will' here is not that of the people, but rather the good will of God towards His people. Glory is given to God, and peace to men. And both of these are brought about by the sacrifice of Christ's Passion.

We praise you, we bless you,
we adore you, we glorify you,
we give thanks for your great
glory, Lord God, heavenly King,
O God, almighty Father.

Baruch 3.6; Psalm 145.2
Rev 4.11; Rom 11.36; 1 Cor 6.20
1 Chron 16.24; 2 Cor 4.15
Rev 4.8; Tob 13.7; Dan 4.37
Gen 17.1; 2 Cor 6.18

The second part of the *Gloria* focuses on God the Father. We carry out two ends of prayer here: adoration and thanksgiving. We praise, bless, adore, and glorify God. The words used are not synonymous. This shows us how we struggle to worship God as we ought, and as He deserves. In the old translation we praised God for His glory. Here, more correctly, 'we give thanks for your great glory'. That is, we thank God *for being God*. This is much more than simply praising Him. The thing which makes this hymn so liberal and magnificent (both in a good sense) is that it does not pay tribute to God in proportion to man's indebtedness. Love does not harbour such scrupulous distinctions.

Rather, we direct our attention wholly at God. With the confidence of children towards a loving father, we are happy simply to be allowed to praise God. This hymn then has the power to free us from a narrow egocentrism, and bring us to an altogether higher plane of worship. Freed from simply the community celebrating itself, to be directed to share in the heavenly liturgy, praising and blessing the One whose grace allows us to glorify Him and glory in His love. Even if no other hymn is sung at Mass, the *Gloria* should be. In fact, singing the *Gloria* must take precedence over any other hymn.

Pentecost Sunday

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The Newsletter of **HOLY CROSS PRIORY CHURCH, LEICESTER** Serving Leicester's Catholics since AD 1247



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. This afternoon at 3pm. See noticeboard.

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Joan Sutcliffe who died unexpectedly earlier this month in Glenfield Hospital. She attended Mass at Holy Cross for many years until unable to do so through ill health. Her funeral Mass will be here, tomorrow, 24 May, with the reception of her body at 9.30am and Mass at 10am.

We will have exposition and adoration each Friday in May, from 10:30am till 12:30pm. And at every Mass on Fridays we will pray together the 'Act of Reparation to the Sacred Heart' (please take a sheet).

All those who have been received into the Church through the RCIA process in the last 25 years are cordially invited to a Celebration of the Eucharist at 3pm at the Cathedral of St. Barnabas, Nottingham on Sunday 30 May. Please let Fr Leon know if you wish to attend.

Entrance Antiphon:	<u>Either</u> – The Spirit of the Lord fills the whole world. It holds all things together and knows every word spoken by man, alleluia. <u>Or</u> – The love of God has been poured into our hearts by his Spirit living in us, alleluia.
1st Reading:	<i>Vigil:</i> Genesis 11: 1-9. <i>Day:</i> Acts 2: 1-11
Psalm Response:	Lord, send forth your Spirit, and renew the face of the earth. (Ps 104)
2nd Reading:	<i>Vigil:</i> Romans 8: 22-27. <i>Day:</i> 1 Corinthians 12: 3-7.12-13
Sequence:	Veni Sancte Spiritus – Come, Holy Spirit, come!...
Alleluia:	Come, O Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful; and kindle in them the fire of your love.
Gospel:	<i>Vigil:</i> John 7: 37-39. <i>Day:</i> John 20: 19-23
Offertory (at 11.00):	Show forth your might, O God, which you have shown for us: for the sake of your temple high in Jerusalem, may kings come to you bringing their tribute.
Communion Antiphon:	<u>At 11:00</u> – Suddenly there came a sound from heaven, as of a mighty wind coming where they were sitting, alleluia. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit, speaking the wonderful works of God, alleluia, alleluia. <u>Otherwise</u> – They were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and they spoke of the great things God had done, alleluia.

MONEY MATTERS: Last Weekend's collections – Offertory Collection £1323.46; SVP £17.73; Friends of Holy Cross £20.30; Holy Souls £20.05; Grenada Church Restoration £8.78. The McNabb Appeal now stands at £8977.42.

There will be a retiring collection this week for the Diocesan Quota.

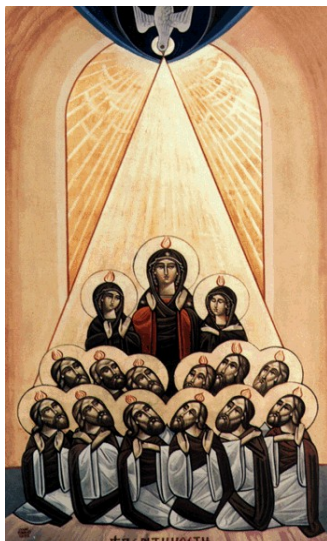
Very many thanks for your continuing generosity.

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 mobile phone.

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.

Spend a day with Mary at the National Shrine of Our Lady of Walsingham on Sunday 30 May. It will be a day of instruction, devotion and intercession based on the message given at Fatima. Please see the noticeboard for more information.

The annual pilgrimage to Lourdes of the Nottingham Diocese will take place from 19-24 July. If you are making your own way to Lourdes to be there with the Diocese, please get in touch beforehand so we can include you in all our Programme of Events. Bishop Malcolm is keen for as many as possible to make a pilgrimage to Lourdes this year to honour our Blessed Lady and to renew our spiritual lives. For further information please contact Fr Gregory on 07540 239319 or admin@nottingham-lourdes.org.uk.



Today's Gospel: "For those whose sins you forgive, they are forgiven. For those whose sins you retain, they are retained."

Forthcoming events for your diary

Mon 21 Jun	Organ Recital given by David Cowen. Tuneful Music by popular British composers, 8pm
Sat 25 Sep	Late Summer Ball – raising funds for the McNabb appeal
Sat 30 Oct	All Saints' Holy X Factor – a karaoke with a difference

One very large bed-sit to let, Knighton area, for single person, suit lady or gent. Please leave a message on 270 5126.

Person required for cleaning and a bit of ironing, Knighton area, in return for free full board and accommodation. Call before 9am or after 6pm: 07809 465252.

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 (9 May) on the website given for past Newsletters. Please keep giving generously to support these vulnerable people. Thank you.

The Collapse of Western Christianity will be explored at a family day at St. Dominic's Convent in Stone on Saturday 26 June starting at 10am. Please contact jadwigasop@hotmail.com for more information.

Year II	This week's calendar & Mass Intentions	Psalter Week 4
<i>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 (up to September) we are asked to pray for these intentions: A Deeper Understanding between Christians and Jews; Those Who Suffer Persecution; Oppression and Denial of Human Rights; Europe; Human Life; Seafarers.</i>		
Confessions 10.30 to 11.30 Fr Fabian, and 17.00 to 18.00 Fr Peter		
Sunday	PENTECOST SUNDAY. Prayers are recommended for the Church and for the Holy Father as a focus of peace and unity.	
	Vigil 18.00 Tracy Walker	
	8.00 Joan Sutcliffe, RIP	
	Family 9.30 <i>Pro populo</i>	
	Solemn 11.00 Joan Sutcliffe, RIP	
	OP Rite 12.30 Holy Souls	
	Students 17.00 Mass for students in the Lady Chapel	
	19.00 Mr & Mrs Fernandez, RIP	
Monday	THE TRANSLATION OF OUR HOLY FATHER DOMINIC, FRIAR, PRIEST, solemnity	
	10.00 Joan Sutcliffe, RIP	
	12.30 Mary Murphy (intention)	
Tuesday	Feria (week 8)	
	10.00 Dead of the Order of Preachers	
	12.30 Finbarr Corcoran, RIP	
Wednesday	St Philip Neri, priest	
	10.00 Madeline McDonagh, RIP	
	12.30 Nancy Feerey, RIP	
Thursday	Feria	
	10.00 Anton & Marie Stipič, RIP	
	12.30 Holy Souls	
Friday	Feria	
	10.00 Edward Pennington, RIP	
	12.30 Anton & Marie Stipič, RIP	
Saturday	Feria	
	10.00 Holy Souls	
	12.30 Anton & Marie Stipič, RIP	
Confessions 10.30 to 11.30 Fr Duncan, and 17.00 to 18.00 Fr Peter		
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 – The Most Holy Trinity. Readings:		
Proverbs 8: 22-31	Romans 5: 1-5	John 16: 12-15

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.

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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