

The Prayer of the Faithful

In the Prayer of the Faithful, the pattern for use at Mass reminds us that the local church gathered in prayer is united to the whole Catholic Church. The priest begins with an exhortation to trust in God’s providence and goodness.

Then the intercessions themselves are to be introduced by a deacon, since he is the minister of charity. In the absence of a deacon, a priest, cantor, lector, or a layperson may do so. The order laid down for intentions in the Roman Missal is: (1) For the needs of the Church; (2) For the world; (3) For those in need; (4) For the local community. After intercession for the living, then (5) For the dead. Like the priest’s introduction, the proposed intentions are addressed to the congregation, not to God directly.

The structure of each bidding prayer is (a) the deacon invites us to pray for an intention, and (b) during a significant pause we pray for that intention. There are two options for how we respond after our prayer. One option is by means of prayerful *silence*. The other option is the priest (not the intercession proposer) prompts us, and we respond, in one of the following ways.

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| ✠ Lord, in your mercy. | ✠ Hear our prayer. |
| ✠ Lord, we ask you: | ✠ Hear our prayer. |
| ✠ Lord, hear us. | ✠ Lord, graciously hear us. |
| ✠ We pray to the Lord: | ✠ Lord, hear our prayer. |

We must say our response sincerely. During the week, try to remember at least one of the petitions, and keep on praying for it. In England and Wales it is common to seek Our Lady’s intercession at the end of the petitions, praying the ‘Hail Mary’ (permission for this was obtained by the late Cardinal Heenan). Then the concluding prayer is made by the priest, addressing God now, usually with a Trinitarian formula: to the Father, through the Son, in the Holy Spirit.

The intentions announced should be short, sober, prudent, clear, succinct, and able to be understood by the congregation. They should always look beyond the concerns of the local assembly to the needs of the whole Church and of the wider world. Expressing the prayer of the entire community, they should not be a commentary on the news, a platform to make announcements, a partisan view at odds with Church teaching, or an alternative sermon. Also, the intercessions should not be reduced to the theme for that Sunday or season. They should genuinely seek God’s help, rather than ‘help us to help others’.

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Entrance Antiphon:	God is in his holy dwelling; he will give a home to the lonely, he gives power and strength to his people.
1st Reading:	Genesis 18: 20-32
Psalm Response:	On the day I called, you answered me, O Lord (Ps 138)
2nd Reading:	Colossians 2: 12-24
Alleluia:	You have received the spirit of sonship; in him we cry, “Abba! Father!”
Gospel:	Luke 11: 1-13
Communion Antiphon:	<u>Either</u> – O, bless the Lord, my soul, and remember all his kindness. <u>Or</u> – Happy are those who show mercy; mercy shall be theirs. Happy are the pure of heart, for they shall see God.

Pilgrimage to Medjugorje, led by Fr Leon Pereira O.P., from September 4-11 (£499 shared room, half board). Please contact Kath Gambin, 234 0103. The status of Medjugorje is still undecided. Remember though that Fatima was only approved 13 years after the apparitions ceased. This therefore does not preclude our visit to the parish of Medjugorje and joining them in prayer. Come and deepen your love for Our Lord and Our Lady.

Next Year’s World Youth Day Pilgrimage is taking place from 11-22 August 2011. Will you be aged 18-25 then, and interested in joining the Leicester group? The approximate cost is £500 per person, but we would hope to raise at least half of this amount by fundraising. See noticeboard. Contact Fr Martin Hardy, Angela Bailey or Ian Goodrich on leicesterwyd@gmail.com.

Annual Camp for girls (aged 9-14) who might not otherwise have a holiday. The SVP Camp at Mablethorpe for girls is from 14 to 21 August. £60 per person, including transport. See noticeboard and contact Monica Mitchell on 278 2375. If you cannot find all the £60, please contact Rosi Leivas on 07542 904154 or by email rosi.leivas@o2.co.uk

Please buy your tickets for the Late Summer Ball by Sunday August 1st. It’s basically a dinner-dance (no formal steps or partner needed!) and a chance to dress up posh and have a great time. It’s on Saturday September 25 from 6.30. Tickets available after Mass or call 0116 243 1289 and leave a message.

Parish Social Committee: We now have reps for the 9.30 Mass (Marian and James) and the 11.00 Mass (William). If you would like to represent the vigil, 8am, 12.30 or 7pm Masses, please call Jeff on 0116 243 1289.

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.

MONEY MATTERS: Last Weekend's collections – Offertory Collection £1090.33 (previous two weeks £1238.88 and £1080.02). For the last three weeks: SVP £82.16; Friends of Holy Cross £31.52; Holy Souls £33.68; Grenada Church Restoration £24.29. The total of the McNabb Appeal is £9237.70.

This week there is a retiring collection for the Day for Life.

Very many thanks for your continuing generosity.

A new petition calls upon the Secretary of State for Health and the General Medical Council to ensure that no patient is deliberately killed by the withdrawal of ordinary treatment and care, including food and water. Elderly patients are particularly at risk. Please show your support by signing the petition at the Wellington Street doors and taking a leaflet to understand the threats posed by 'euthanasia by neglect'.

If you are concerned enough about these issues to want to get actively involved, please consider joining the Leicester branch of the Society for the Protection of Unborn Children. We can make a difference! Contact Sica on 0775 88 44 918 or 0116 274 2014.



Today's Gospel: "Ask, and it will be given to you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened to you."

Forthcoming events for your diary

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

Copies of 'The Black Friars', the newsletter of the English Dominican Province (Summer issue), are available by the church doors. Find out what Fr Richard Finn and Fr David Goodill are up to, and see progress on the rebuilding of the priory in Grenada. Please pick up a copy to keep abreast of everything that's going on in the Province.

Ride and Stride – sponsored visiting of churches and chapels throughout the county. This year's event will take place on Saturday 11 September, and Holy Cross has been a beneficiary of money raised in previous years. Nearer the time there will be sponsorship forms for Walkers and Cyclists. See handbills and noticeboard.

Music & Memories. The Kirby Players present an evening of music and memories from 4 - 7 August at the Village Hall, Kirby Muxloe. See noticeboard or ring 07804 435235.

The Choir is on holiday, and returns on Sunday 15 August, the feast of the Assumption.

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

Year II	This week's calendar & Mass Intentions	Psalter Week 1
Confessions	10.30 to 11.30 Fr Duncan, and 17.00 to 18.00 Fr Thomas	
Sunday	17 th Sunday <i>per annum</i> .	
	Vigil 18.00 ✠ Evelyn Dixon 8.00 <i>Pro populo</i>	
	Family 9.30 ✠ Francis & Olive Hare	
	Solemn 11.00 Mary Kavanagh	
	OP Rite 12.30 ✠ Holy Souls	
	Students 17.00 No Mass now until next term 19.00 Natasha Furey, in thanksgiving	
Monday	SS Joachim and Anne 10.00 ✠ Holy Souls 12.30 ✠ Holy Souls	
Tuesday	Bl Robert Nutter, friar, priest, martyr, 10.00 ✠ Dead of the Order of Preachers 12.30 ✠ Holy Souls	
Wednesday	Feria 10.00 ✠ Holy Souls 12.30 ✠ Seamus Coe	
Thursday	St Martha, disciple 10.00 ✠ Holy Souls 12.30 Open intention	
Friday	Feria 10.00 Open intention 12.30 Open intention	
Saturday	St Ignatius of Loyola, priest, religious 10.00 Open intention 12.30 Open intention	
Confessions	10.30 to 11.30 Fr Leon, and 17.00 to 18.00 Fr Thomas	
WEEKDAY MASS IN LATIN. Holy Mass will be offered in the older form from Monday to Saturday at 8am		
Next Sunday – 18th Sunday per annum. Readings:		
Ecclesiastes 1:2; 2:21-23	Colossians 3:1-5. 9-11	Luke 12: 13-21

Centenary Celebrations for Blessed Mother Teresa of Calcutta's birth. This year Light Bearers Ministries U.K, spiritually united with the Missionaries of Charity, will be commemorating the centenary of Blessed Teresa of Calcutta's birth on August 26th 2010. We will be praying the novena to Blessed Mother Teresa of Calcutta and meditating on her writings every Wednesday at 11.45am, until 25 August. Please do come and join us in praying and sharing the spirituality of Blessed Mother Teresa.

The third *Evangelium* conference for Catholics aged 18-35 is taking place at the Oratory School, Reading 6th-8th August. This is a unique opportunity to hear many fine speakers, including Fr Aidan Nichols OP and Joanna Bogle, and to meet Catholics from all over the country. Take one of the leaflets by the entrance or speak to Fr Thomas for more information.

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.

REGULAR SERVICE TIMES
MONDAYS TO FRIDAYS 7.30 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 7.30 Lauds 10.00 Mass 12.30 Mass 17.45 Vespers 19.00 Mass
BANK HOLIDAYS (& MON TO FRI AROUND XTMAS & NEW YEAR) 7.30 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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