

New Translation of the Mass – Part 16

The Offertory

THE third part of Mass, the Liturgy of the Eucharist, begins with the Offertory, during which bread and wine are brought to the altar and prepared and offered to God. The collection is also made at this time, as an offering for the local church. Nothing else need be brought forward at this point; otherwise, as they are gifts to God, they will need to be burned whole and entire. The priest may say the offertory prayers silently (for example, if the offertory chant is still being sung), or he may say them aloud. If aloud, then both times for the bread and the wine, we respond:

Blessed be God for ever. *1 Chr 16.36; Ps 41.13; Dan 2.20; Rom 9.5*

In saying so, we acknowledge that we bless God because he has blessed us first, in giving us these gifts which we then offer to him. Here we forget ourselves, and acknowledge an eternal truth: that God is blessed forever. After the priest has washed his fingers (a symbolic washing reminding the priest how he must repent and confess his sins before even daring to approach and touch the sacred mysteries) he turns to us and invites us to stand and pray with him: 'Pray, brethren...' We respond:

**May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands,
for the praise and glory of his name,
for our good
and the good of all his holy Church.**

*1 Cor 11.24-25; 1 Pet 2.5
1 Chr 16.29; Joel 2.26
Mt 26.27; Mk 14.24; Lk 22
Eph 4.12; 5.25-30*

The priest says 'my sacrifice and yours', because he offers bread and wine, and the sacrifice of Christ himself on the cross; we share in this same offering and join to it *our very selves*. The wine poured in the chalice represents the divinity of Christ, and the single drop of water represents our frail humanity, which we seek to offer, to be lost in Christ and transformed by his divinity. Later, of course, the wine ceases to be wine and becomes the actual, true, substantial Blood of Christ, and concomitantly with his Blood, Christ's Body, Soul and Divinity as well are truly and substantially present.

Notice that the sacrifice of the Mass is offered for the praise and glory of God first (one of the four ends of Mass), and then for our good, we who are present to share in the offering and fruits of the Mass, and also for those who are not present – indeed, for all the holy Church. The 'holy Church' includes those suffering in purgatory, so the Mass is offered for their good as well.

18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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Entrance Antiphon:	God, come to my help. Lord, quickly give me assistance. You are the one who helps me and sets me free: Lord, do not be long in coming.
1st Reading:	Ecclesiastes 1:2; 2:21-23
Psalm Response:	Lord, you have been our dwelling place in all generations. (Ps 90)
2nd Reading:	Colossians 3:1-5. 9-11
Alleluia:	Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
Gospel:	Luke 12: 13-21
Communion Antiphon:	<u>Either</u> – You gave us bread from heaven, Lord: a sweet-tasting bread that was very good to eat. <u>Or</u> – The Lord says: I am the bread of life. A man who comes to me will not go away hungry, and no one who believes in me will thirst.

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.

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.

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 TODAY, 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 £1133.10; SVP £11.19; Friends of Holy Cross £9.10; Holy Souls £13.70; Grenada Church Restoration £7.51. The total of the McNabb Appeal is £9237.70. The collection for the Day for Life came to £243.22.

Next week there is a retiring collection for the McNabb Appeal for parish funds.

Very many thanks for your continuing generosity.

Please pick up a flyer on the abortion ads planned for TV – it is important that we make a stand against the attempts of abortion providers to normalise the destruction of 'unwanted' unborn children. For more info contact the Leicester branch of SPUC on 0775 88 44 918.



Today's Gospel: "Watch, and be on your guard against avarice of any kind, for a man's life is not made secure by what he owns, even when he has more than he needs."

Leicester, City of Sanctuary, is a movement to build a culture of hospitality for asylum seekers and refugees. Its latest project is 'Community Reporters 2012', part of an ambitious plan to recruit 2012 members of the public to help capture community news in partnership with the Leicester Mercury. If you are interested in supporting this venture, contact Gill Buttery, Development Worker, at leicester@cityofsanctuary.org.

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 and keep abreast of everything that's going on in the Province.

The latest issue of the Nottingham Diocesan *Catholic News* is now available by the Wellington Street door. Read all about the diocesan pilgrimages to Walsingham and Padley. There is also a photograph of the participants in the Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes on the noticeboard in the Wellington Street entrance.

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.

Churches Together in Leicester City Centre will meet at All Saints Church, Highcross Street, at 12:30pm on Thursday. This historic church, the nearest to the pre-Reformation Dominican Priory of St Clement, is usually closed, so this is one of the occasional opportunities to visit it. All are welcome.

Year II	This week's calendar & Mass Intentions	Psalter Week 2
Confessions	10.30 to 11.30 Fr Leon, and 17.00 to 18.00 Fr Thomas	
Sunday	18th Sunday per annum.	
	Vigil 18.00 ☩ Irene Olszewska	
	8.00 Open intention	
Family	9.30 <i>Pro populo</i>	
Solemn	11.00 Anne Potterton (sick)	
OP Rite	12.30 Open intention	
Students	17.00 No Mass now until next term	
	19.00 Albero Uribe Beles & Juan Manuel Santos (for peace in Colombia)	
Monday	Bl Jane of Caleruega, mother of Our Holy Father Dominic	
	10.00 Open intention	
	12.30 Open intention	
Tuesday	Feria	
	10.00 ☩ Dead of the Order of Preachers	
	12.30 ☩ Mary McCarthy	
Wednesday	St John Mary Vianney, priest. There will be an extra Mass at 7.30pm, sung and in the older form, for the Feast of St Dominic in the old calendar.	
	10.00 Open intention	
	12.30 Open intention	
Thursday	Feria	
	10.00 Open intention	
	12.30 Open intention	
Friday	THE TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD	
	10.00 Open intention	
	12.30 Open intention	
Saturday	Feria	
	10.00 Open intention	
	12.30 ☩ Simon Crascent	
Confessions	10.30 to 11.30 Fr Peter, and 17.00 to 18.00 Fr Duncan	
WEEKDAY MASS IN LATIN. Holy Mass will be offered in the older form from Monday to Saturday at 8am		
Next Sunday – OUR HOLY FATHER ST DOMINIC. Readings:		
Isaiah 52: 7-10	2 Timothy 4: 1-8	Matthew 5: 13-19

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.

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.

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 XMAS & 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
Leicester Royal Infirmary Catholic Chaplaincy: For urgent visits, ask ward staff to bleep the Roman Catholic Chaplain.
For non-urgent visits leave message at the Priory or the LRI Chaplains' Office. Messages may not be picked up until the end of the day.
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