

England and the Papacy

AN ancient philosopher once said that no one can ever pay off his debt to God or to his parents. In the same way, we could say that our country will never be able to make full recompense for what it owes to the See of Rome. Already in the 2nd Century, a chieftain called Lucius is said to have appealed to Pope Eleutherius to send missionaries to preach in his part of England. Much later, in AD 597, Pope Gregory the Great sent St Augustine and others to Canterbury to begin the process of re-converting the English, after the chaos caused by pagan invasions. In the Middle Ages, our country was well-known for its loyalty to the Papacy (and we took the right side in the Great Schism, when the French followed the anti-pope!). Well did St Thomas More declare at his trial: 'No more might this realm of England refuse obedience to the See of Rome than might a child refuse obedience to his own natural father'.

For all this, people sometimes claim that Catholics cannot be reliable citizens because of their allegiance to the Pope. Only this week a national newspaper published a letter from a peer, warning the world again about our divided loyalties! The truth is just the opposite. The papacy is needed, if our country, or any country, is to be truly happy and healthy. Why is this? Where the voice of Peter is not heeded, the natural law written on man's heart by God comes to be obscured; and where natural law fades, much unhappiness follows.

For all these reasons, it is fitting that Pope Benedict XVI, 265th successor of St Peter, will be visiting us very soon. He comes, in the first place, for Catholics; but he surely will not forget how his predecessors sent missionaries also to those in this land who did not yet know the name of Christ. And so he comes to offer to all who live on our island the same message of hope that Gregory and Eleutherius sent to England, so long ago.

Fr Thomas O.P.

The Newsletter of HOLY CROSS PRIORY CHURCH, LEICESTER

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| Entrance Antiphon: | We should glory in the cross of Our Lord Jesus Christ, for he is our salvation, our life and our resurrection; through him we are saved and made free. |
| 1st Reading: | Numbers 21: 4-9 |
| Psalm X: | Do not forget the works of the Lord! (Ps 78) |
| 2nd Reading: | Philippians 2: 6-11 |
| Alleluia: | <u>At 11:00</u> – O precious wood, O precious nails, bearing so precious a weight; you were uniquely honoured in supporting the Lord and King of heaven. <u>Otherwise</u> – We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you because by your Cross you have redeemed the world. |
| Gospel: | John 3: 13-17 |
| Communion Antiphon: | <u>At 11:00</u> – O God, by the sign of the cross, save us from our enemies. <u>Otherwise</u> – When I am lifted up from the earth, I will draw all men to myself, says the Lord. |

A Newman symposium will be held on Saturday 25 September, from 10am to 5pm at St. Dominic's convent in Stone. Tea & coffee will be provided but please bring a picnic lunch. For more information contact angelaleydon@btinternet.com.

Grenada church rebuilding: new photographs on display in the church. As the latest pictures show this is almost complete and the church will be consecrated on 7th October. Fr Peter Clarke reports that they still need £100,000 in order to complete the project, which will include for new benches, statues, etc. The Grenada community and the English Dominican Province is deeply grateful for your generosity. The brethren ask you to continue to help them pay off the debt. To express their appreciation they are saying a monthly Mass for all their benefactors.

McNabb Appeal: we are in need of prizes to raffle at the Summer Ball (all proceeds to church developments). It would be a great help if you could donate cash (envelopes available from the Wellington Street entrance), a good-quality bottle of whisky, or any fairtrade items (wine, chocolates, etc). Please pass items to any of the friars. Thank you.

Anyone who has signed up to take part in the Prayer Vigil with Pope Benedict in Hyde Park on September 18th should come to the Priory as soon as possible to pick up his or her 'pilgrim pack' if they haven't already done so. The group will be leaving together by train on the morning of 18th September.

Have you considered joining the Parish 200 Club? It costs just £5 a month, and prizes of £150, £100 and £50 are paid out monthly. All proceeds go to the upkeep of the church. Membership forms are available by the doors of the church.

If you enjoy singing and would like to meet people and have some fun, then the HOLY CROSS GOSPEL CHOIR would like you to join them at their weekly workshop. NEWCOMERS AND BEGINNERS ALWAYS VERY WELCOME. Details from Jeff 0116 243 1289 or find us on Facebook!

MONEY MATTERS: Last Weekend's collections – Offertory Collection £1115.72. The other figures are not yet available. The McNabb Appeal stands at £9438.38.

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

Very many thanks for your continuing generosity.

The St Vincent de Paul Society in England and Wales has around 10,000 members who, last year, made over 550,000 visits to those in need. September is SVP Awareness Month and the theme this year is "Holding their hopes in our hands". There are posters on the noticeboards. Finding, loving and serving God in our communities is fundamental to the Society's work. The SVP is always in need of new members to carry out this work, so if you would like to find out more, please contact Rosi Leivas at rosi.leivas@o2.co.uk or on 07542 904154 or visit www.svp.org.uk. You can telephone National Office on 020 7407 4644 or email info@svp.org.uk. The Holy Cross SVP Conference is reviewing its needs, and if you have suggestions and can help, please do make contact.

This year marks the 350th anniversary of the death of St Vincent de Paul, and the SVP invite you to attend Mass which will be celebrated in Westminster Cathedral on Saturday 25 September by Archbishop Vincent Nichols. It will be preceded by an exhibition of the work of the SVP in Westminster Cathedral Hall. A coach will be going from Leicester. Please contact Rosi Leivas (details above).



The Exaltation of the Holy Cross

Forthcoming events for your diary

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| Sat 25 Sep | Late Summer Ball – raising funds for the McNabb appeal |
| Sat 16 Oct | FACT session for young Catholics (18-35), 7pm |
| Sat 30 Oct | All Saints' Holy X Factor – a karaoke with a difference |

Please pray for Br Robert Verrill, OP, who will be making his Solemn Profession on Wednesday 22 September at Blackfriars in Oxford.

"Why should we believe in God in the world today?" Are you 18-35 and ever asked this question? Or has someone asked you and you've struggled to answer? If yes, why not come along to the first FACT session at Holy Cross, on **Saturday 16 October** from 7pm to 9pm. FACT is specially for young Catholics (18-35) and aims to give you the chance to learn more about your faith ... and get the skills to speak up for it. There'll be food and good company so why not give it a go? For more information contact Chris on 07817 805836 or look out for the postcards which we'll soon have available at the back of the church.

If you are aged 16-35, join the Dominicans' special Youth Pilgrimage to Madrid in August 2011. Meet young Catholics from all over the world, celebrate our Faith with prayer, singing and catechesis, and enjoy the spirituality and culture of Spain. Contact Br Lawrence on wyd@english.op.org, visit www.madrid11.com and see noticeboard.

Noticeboards are situated in the New Walk and Wellington Street entrances and at the back of the church in the Narthex. If you don't see what you are looking for, please check the other boards.

| Year II | This week's calendar & Mass Intentions | Psalter Week 4 |
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| Confessions | 10.30 to 11.30 Fr Peter, and 17.00 to 18.00 Fr Duncan | |
| Sunday | THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS. <i>Racial Justice Day. Prayers are recommended for justice and peace in the world, especially racial justice.</i> | |
| Vigil | 18.00 ✠ Irene Olszewska | |
| | 8.00 ✠ Holy Souls | |
| Family | 9.30 Thanksgiving | |
| Solemn | 11.00 <i>Pro populo</i> | |
| OP Rite | 12.30 Rosario Family (private intention) esp Maria Rosario | |
| Students | 17.00 No Mass now until next term | |
| | 19.00 ✠ Cecilia Arango Arnoldo-Mejla | |
| Monday | St John Chrysostom, bishop, doctor | |
| | 10.00 ✠ Deceased neighbour | |
| | 12.30 ✠ Deceased friend | |
| Tuesday | Feria | |
| | 10.00 ✠ Dead of the Order of Preachers | |
| | 12.30 ✠ Sue Main | |
| Wednesday | Our Lady of Sorrows | |
| | 10.00 ✠ Deceased neighbour | |
| | 12.30 ✠ Deceased friend | |
| Thursday | SS Cornelius, pope, and Cyprian, bishop, martyrs | |
| | 10.00 ✠ Peggy Hannon | |
| | 12.30 ✠ Deceased friend | |
| Friday | St Robert Bellarmine, bishop, doctor | |
| | 10.00 Pat Lucey's intentions | |
| | 12.30 Sophie & Ian Angrave (welfare) | |
| Saturday | St John Macías, friar | |
| | 10.00 His Holiness Benedict XVI | |
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| Confessions | 10.30 to 11.30 Fr Duncan, and 17.00 to 18.00 Fr Leon | |
| | WEEKDAY MASS IN LATIN. Holy Mass will be offered in the older form from Monday to Saturday at 8am | |
| | Next Sunday – 25 th Sunday <i>per annum.</i> Home Mission Day. Prayers are recommended for the spread of the Gospel in our own country. | |
| | Readings: | |
| | Amos 8: 4-7 | 1 Timothy 2: 1-8 |
| | | Luke 16: 1-13 |

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 updated list of items may be seen on the noticeboard and in the Newsletter (29 August) on the website given for past Newsletters. Please keep giving generously to support these vulnerable people. Thank you.

We would welcome more volunteers to read at the 7pm Sunday Mass. If you are interested, please see one of the friars.

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.

| REGULAR SERVICE TIMES |
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| MONDAYS TO FRIDAYS |
| 7.30 Lauds |
| 10.00 Mass |
| 12.30 Mass |
| 17.45 Vespers |
| Old Rite Masses as announced. |
| Church is open from 7.30 - 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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