

Treasure in Heaven

The recent crisis concerning the Northern Rock Bank has shown how quickly we can lose trust in those who look after our money. Despite assurances from experts in the industry and the chancellor of the exchequer savers continue to queue around the clock to withdraw their money.

Today's Gospel reading also concerns trust with money. A man believes that his steward is wasting his property, so he tells the steward that he is no longer needed, and to prepare an account of his stewardship. The steward, realising that he has no other way of making a living, comes up with a devious plan to ensure that once he is out of a job he will have friends to welcome him into their homes. He cuts the debts of his master's debtors in half, and hopes that these grateful people will make him welcome when he is out on the streets.

Jesus uses this parable to contrast the time and energy we spend on perishable earthly riches, with the lack of care and attention we give to building up riches in heaven. If only a fraction of the time and energy that goes into acquiring money could be spent on building up the Kingdom the lives of millions would be transformed.

This is not to say, however, that those who are concerned with earthly matters are not to be part of the Kingdom (as bursar of Holy Cross I have a special interest in this!). It all depends on where our hearts are ultimately set: 'You cannot be the slave of both God and money.' For those who are rightly involved in serving the material prosperity of society, and in supporting the Church materially, then their work is good insofar as it is given in love for the Kingdom.

In this way those who are not able to dedicate their entire lives to prayers and other heavenly riches, can share in the riches of those who shine most brightly in the Church. In their turn, those who have the privilege of being able to spend their lives in prayer and preaching of the Kingdom realise that they have the responsibility of building the Kingdom on behalf of all those who generously support their work. We cannot do everything in this life, the choices we make entail that some avenues will not be available to us. We are all called, however, to play our part in the building of the Kingdom, and if we do this we will come to share in the eternal riches of the saints in light. Holy Cross parish has been built and continues to flourish due to the generosity of hundreds, if not thousands of individuals. Nothing that is given in love for the Church will ever be lost. Those who go through this life unnoticed in quiet service to God will shine brightly in eternity, and find their share in the inheritance of the saints. **Fr David Goodill OP**

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Sunday Masses	This week	Mass Intentions	Next week
7:30pm Vigil	Fr Fabian	Dec'd Sisters, Relatives & Benefactors	Fr Isidore
8:00am	Fr Isidore	Aidan Redmond, RIP	Fr Tony
9:30am Family	Fr David	Roque Fernandez, RIP	Fr Tony
11:00am Solemn	Fr Leon	Elizabeth Fleming, Anniversary	Fr Fabian
7:00pm	Fr Leon	For the People	Fr Euan

Sunday Evening Services	22 September	Confessions	29 September
5:45 Rosary	Fr Leon	10:30-11:30am	Fr David
6:15 Sung Latin Compline	Fr Fabian	4:00-5:00pm	Fr Isidore
6:40 Benediction	Fr Isidore	7:00-7:20pm	Fr Tony

Entrance Antiphon:	I am the Saviour of all people, says the Lord. Whatever their troubles, I will answer their cry, and I will always be their Lord.
1st Reading:	Amos 8: 4-7
Psalm Response:	Praise the Lord, who raises the poor.
2nd Reading:	1 Timothy 2: 1-8
Gospel Acclamation:	Alleluia! Alleluia! Open our heart, O Lord, to accept the words of your Son. Alleluia!
Gospel:	Luke 16: 1-13
Communion Antiphon:	You have laid down your precepts to be faithfully kept. May my footsteps be firm in keeping your commands.

Money Matters: Last Weekend: Offertory Collection £1034.31; SVP £12.60; St. Martin's Missions £4.59; Holy Souls £2.57; Grenada £14.36.

The collection last weekend to support our Dominican students training for the priesthood amounted to £478.45.

Very many thanks for your continuing generosity.

This week's Feasts:	
Monday	Our Lady of Walsingham - <i>memorial</i>
Tuesday	Feria
Wednesday	Ss Cosmas & Damian - <i>optional</i>
Thursday	St Vincent de Paul - <i>memorial</i>
Friday	St Dominic Ibáñez de Erquicia and Companions (Martyrs of Japan) - <i>memorial</i>
Saturday	Ss Michael, Gabriel and Raphael, Archangels - <i>Feast</i>

Abortion Conference 23rd - 24th October 2007. A major conference to liberalise abortion is being held in London at the QEII Conference Centre in Westminster on 23-24 October. Those attending include Government minister Gareth Thomas MP and Jon Snow (the newsreader). It centres around the Government's proposed Human Tissues and Embryos Bill, through which the pro-abortion lobby aims to establish abortion on demand. Pro-life groups aim to be outside the Centre on the day to hand out leaflets and present a united Christian front. For more info on attending please contact sica.martinez@yahoo.co.uk

DE MONTFORT & LEICESTER UNIVERSITY STUDENTS: The Chaplaincy Student Mass is celebrated on Sundays here at Holy Cross church (during term) at 5:00pm. The first Student Mass is on 7 October. Mass on campus at De Montfort is on Tuesdays/Thursdays 12:30pm (Chaplaincy, Campus Centre); and at Leicester on Mondays/Fridays 12:30pm (Gatehouse chaplaincy, opp. the main entrance).

ARCIC (Anglican/Roman Catholic International Commission) are holding a day conference on their work on Monday 29 October in Newark from 9:30am to 3:30pm. See poster in Wellington Street transept for details.

There will be a **Mass of Thanksgiving for all Foundation Governors in our Catholic Schools** on 10 October at the Cathedral in Nottingham to which all Head Teachers and Governors are invited. See poster in Wellington Street transept for details.

St Paul's School on Spencefield Lane has an Open Evening on Wednesday 3 October from 6:00pm to 8:00pm. All are welcome. For further details ring 241 4057.

The Choir is looking for new members to sing at the 11:00am Sunday Mass. If you are interested, please see our director, David Cowen, after Mass, or telephone 079 5093 4332, or e-mail email@davidcowen.org.uk.

HOLY CROSS TREASURE HUNT - Sunday 30th September 2007. Meet at Holy Cross Centre 2 - 2.30pm to collect questions. Route will take you down Dover St, along to the Clock Tower, Market, Town Hall back to Holy Cross. £3 for adults, children under 16 free incl cream tea/juice, afterwards. Teams about four people - if you do not have someone to come with, come on your own and team up with someone else or just come for the tea!! Please put your name and nos of people in your team on one of the posters. Or ring Marion on 0116 241 3570 or Anne 0116 247 7492 and leave a message by Friday 28th so we can get enough scones! We look forward to seeing you.

Come and join in with**The Holy Cross Gospel Choir.** Who can join in? Anyone interested. No audition or singing experience necessary. Young people under 12 are welcome. Why are we doing it? To have some fun, learn some new songs, new skills and make new friends. Where? St. Clement's Hall, Holy Cross Centre, Wellington St. When? Tuesday evenings. 7.00 - 8.30 pm September 18 to October 16 inclusive. It has been arranged by Jeff Henry (from the 9.30 music group). Sessions will be run by a professional trainer from the Kaine management for Gospel Arts. (He's brilliant!)

CHORAL FESTIVAL AT HOLY CROSS, Sunday 23rd September at 4pm. Over 200 singers of all ages from over 20 choirs of different religious and musical traditions will fill the nave of Holy Cross on the afternoon of Sunday 23rd September. This will be Leicestershire's annual festival of the Royal School of Church Music, and will among other things recognise the 70th anniversary of the RSCM, as well as the 150th anniversary of Sir Edward Elgar. The conductor will be John Wardle of the Sussex Area of the RSCM, and the organist will be Holy Cross's own David Cowen. The one hour programme of music, reading and prayers will range from medieval plainsong through to new pieces specially written for this jubilee year of the RSCM. Holy Cross Church has probably the finest acoustics for choral singing in the county, and all are invited to attend and hear a really large choir in it. Even with this number of singers there will still be plenty of space for you all in the transepts, side aisles and the Lady Chapel.

Cantate Domino. This is the title of the St Barnabas Cathedral Choir's first CD, and it will be launched at a concert (free entry!) in the Cathedral on Sunday 30 September at 7:30pm. The Cathedral are having a series of Sunday afternoon organ recitals, the first of which will be on Sunday 7 October at 3:00pm given by Ashley Grote, the Assistant Organist at Westminster Abbey. See posters in Wellington Street transept for details.

Services at Holy Cross during the week:
Mass: Mon - Sat, at 10:00am (with sermon) and 12:40pm.
Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament: Wednesday 10:30am - 12:30pm.
with Rosary and simple Benediction at 12:15pm.
