

Answers: 1 b. 2 c. 3 c. 4 c. 5 b. 6 a. 7 c. 8 a. 9 c. 10 a.

**Next Sunday, 18<sup>th</sup> November, is Prisoners' Sunday.** Crime and punishment is a regular theme in the news media (and let's face it, it entertains us too). No longer do we seem to get an annual crisis over the number being held in our prison system... it's every few months! Two things should be in our minds. Apart from a very few, most prisoners will eventually be released. The experience they have in our prisons will inevitably affect how they manage on the outside amongst us all. Must it be for the worse? And the other thing to keep in mind is that most prisoners will have people close to them who will also be affected by the experience of prison. The more people that pass through our prisons means that more spouses, children, parents and others are affected. It's an act of mercy to visit those in prison; so the Catholic community owes a debt of thanks to our Chaplains (clergy, sisters, lay people) who work in Britain's prisons on our behalf among the Catholics and others held there. There are also many volunteers who go into prisons, or help those who have been released, or who support families of prisoners. Let's also keep in mind the victims of crime and those others who work in the penal system. We have a duty to be informed about this important area of social policy... challenging incorrectly held views can be a useful way of supporting those who work in or are held in our gaols.

So here's a little quiz...

1 During recent months the prison population has soared to its highest ever level. How many people are currently held in prison? a) 66,000 b) 81,000 c) 73,000.

2 How many children in Britain have a parent in gaol? a) 6,000 b) 55,000 c) 150,000.

3 What percentage of women prisoners are mothers of children aged under 18? a) 10% b) 20% c) 66%

4 What distance are women prisoners held from their homes, on average? a) 2.5 miles b) 5 miles c) 58 miles.

5 During their sentence, what percentage of prisoners lose contact with their families? a) 8% b) 45% c) 80%

6 A third of people released from prison have no home to go to. a) true or b) false?

7 What percentage of adult prisoners have the writing age of an 11 year old? a) 10% b) 45% c) 82%

8 Many prisoners work while in gaol, cleaning, doing laundry, or in the kitchens. What does the average prisoner earn in a week? a) £8 b) £15 c) £30

9 What percentage of male prisoners have been expelled from school? a) 5% b) 20% c) 50%

10 Women released from prison are 36 times more likely to kill themselves than women in the general population. a) true or b) false?

fr Tony OP

(Source: Prison Advice & Care Trust)

32<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of the Year  
Remembrance Sunday

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The Newsletter of  
**HOLY CROSS PRIORY CHURCH, LEICESTER**



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Sunday Masses	This week	Mass Intentions	Next week
7:30pm Vigil	Fr Euan Evelyn Dixon, RIP		Fr Tony
8:00am	Fr Isidore Susan Donnelly, RIP		Fr Isidore
9:30am Family	Fr Euan For The People		Fr Fabian
11:00am Solemn	Fr Fabian Requiem Mass: The Dead of all Wars		Fr Euan
7:00pm	Fr Tony Holy Souls		Fr Tony

**SUNDAYS IN TERM: MASS FOR STUDENTS AT 5pm (in Holy Cross Church)**

Sunday Evening Services	10 November	Confessions	17 November
5:45 Rosary	Fr Fabian	10:30-11:30am	Fr Isidore
6:15 Sung Latin Compline	Fr Isidore	4:00-5:00pm	Fr Euan
6:40 Benediction	Fr Tony	7:00-7:20pm	Fr David

<b>Entrance antiphon:</b>	Let my prayer come before you, Lord; listen and answer me.
<b>1<sup>st</sup> Reading:</b>	Maccabees 7:1-2. 9-14
<b>Psalm Response:</b>	I shall be filled, when I awake, with the sight of your glory, O Lord. (Ps 16)
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Reading:</b>	2 Thessalonians 2:16 - 3:5
<b>Gospel Acclamation:</b>	Alleluia! Alleluia! Stay awake, praying at all times for the strength to stand with confidence before the Son of Man. Alleluia!
<b>Gospel:</b>	Luke 20: 27-38
<b>Communion Antiphon:</b>	The disciples recognised the Lord Jesus in the breaking of bread.
<b>At 11.00 Mass</b>	The texts of the Requiem Mass are in <i>Emmanuel</i>

**Money Matters:** Last Weekend: Offertory Collection £1197.82; SVP £9.93; St. Martin's Missions £3.12; Holy Souls £4.61; Grenada £16.34. The collection on All Saints: £264.85.

➤ **MINI MARKET, ST CLEMENT'S HALL, ON SATURDAY 17 NOVEMBER 10:30 - 12:30 (AND AFTER THE 9:30 AND 11:00 MASSES ON THE SUNDAY).** There will be a variety of stalls: gifts, bric-a-brac, religious Christmas cards and a raffle. If you have anything you wish to donate to the mini-market, please either bring it to the church or priory THIS WEEK. All proceeds will go to the church refurbishment fund.

Very many thanks for your continuing generosity.

This week's Feasts:	
Monday	St Josephat, Bishop and Martyr
Tuesday	Feria
Wednesday	Feria
Thursday	St Albert the Great, Bishop and Doctor
Friday	St Edmund of Abingdon <i>or</i> St Margaret of Scotland <i>or</i> St Gertrude ( <i>all optional</i> )
Saturday	St Hugh of Lincoln, Secondary Patron of our Diocese

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During the winter months the church will be open from 8am each weekday until 3.30pm.

St Mary's church in Loughborough will have a Mass for people from the Philippines on Saturday 8th December at 4.30pm.

CAFOD in the Nottingham Diocese has two job vacancies at its office in Rearsby. One is full time (for 10 months) and the other part time. Please phone 020 7095 5601 for details. Info also at [www.cafod.org.uk/jobs](http://www.cafod.org.uk/jobs).

Parish Christmas Lunch. Sunday 9th December: £10. Tickets on sale soon. The cooks would appreciate some helpers on the day and the evening before. Please volunteer to Fr Tony.

A Special Healing Service will be held at St Joseph's Church, New Ollerton on Friday 14 December at 7pm. See poster on noticeboard.

Concert at St Barnabas Cathedral, Nottingham - Sunday 2 December at 3pm. See noticeboard in transept.

Latin and Greek Autumn Weekend at Maryvale Institute, Birmingham, from 16 to 18 November. Fr Richard Conrad has a hand in this and will also be giving a lecture on *Textual Transmission*. Each language is being offered at three levels: beginners, intermediate and advanced. Further details from Sr Valentina on 0121 360 8118, and see also the noticeboard in the Wellington Street transept.

Vespers of the Blessed Virgin. Monteverdi's setting of 1610 will be sung at St James the Greater on Saturday 17 November at 7:30pm (refreshments at 7pm) in a concert given by the Leicestershire Chorale to mark its 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary. There is a poster on the noticeboard.

Come Lord Jesus! This is a day of silent prayer and reflection with the saints of Carmel in preparation for Advent and Christmas at Mount St Bernard's Abbey, on Saturday 17 November from 10am to 4pm. Book with Heather Ward on 0115 928 3603. See poster on transept noticeboard.

Going to Scotland this month? James MacMillan will be giving a talk on 'Music, Modernity and the Search for the Sacred' at the (Dominican run) Catholic University Chaplaincy in Edinburgh on Saturday 17 November.

Touching the Presence - is an exploration of Matthew's theme 'I am with you' on Saturday 1 December from 10:30am to 3:30pm at St Gregory's Social Centre, Sileby. See poster on noticeboard.

Cantate Domino, Nottingham Cathedral Choir's first CD (£10) - Choral music from the 16<sup>th</sup> to the 20<sup>th</sup> Century. See noticeboard in transept and [www.priory.org.uk](http://www.priory.org.uk). An ideal Christmas present!

Scholarship for studies in Catholic Theology at Blackfriars, Oxford. The Catholic Women's League have generously given a bursary of £4000 to enable a lay man or woman to study Catholic Theology as a full-time student through the Blackfriars Studium in Oxford for two years. The successful applicant can either enrol for the two-year Diploma in Catholic Theology, for the one-year Certificate in Catholic Theology together with a period of studies not leading to a qualification, or may spend the two years taking tutorial and lecture courses without seeking a qualification. Preference will be given to an applicant who is able to commence studies in the coming Hilary term (January - March 2008), but applications will also be considered for the following Trinity term (April - June 2008) and Michaelmas term (October - December 2008). Anyone interested should contact the Studium Secretary, at Blackfriars, 64 St Giles, OXFORD OX1 3LY, for an application form.

Please join us in the Parish Hall after the 9:30am and 11:00am Sunday Masses for tea, coffee, fruit-juice etc. The Hall is in Wellington Street. There is the chance for a chat with members of the Dominican Community and with parishioners. We particularly welcome visitors to our Parish.

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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.  
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