

A message from the Catholic Agency For Overseas  
Development, CAFOD

**T**HIS Lent, CAFOD asks us to think about our relationship with creation. We're all hearing a lot about climate change these days, but what's the special message for us as Christians? If we believe creation is a gift from God to be cherished, then climate change is a dire warning that we should be treading more lightly on God's earth. There is no time to lose in changing the way we live and the way we consume.

For us here in the UK, going green still feels like a lifestyle choice, but for people in the developing world, it's a matter of survival. In lots of projects that CAFOD funds, poor communities are adapting to a sustainable way of life by caring for the earth and looking for alternative livelihoods.

In the Philippines, for example, one CAFOD project is helping farmers who are really struggling to survive because weather patterns are becoming much less predictable. Farmers now have better irrigation systems thanks to the project, water supply is better managed and they depend less on rainfall.

They are switching to organic farming. These methods are not only cheap, they're eco-friendly too. Soil devastated by chemicals has now completely recovered. There are now plenty of earthworms, a transformation!

The gospel today is about transformation. The Transfiguration of Jesus points us beyond death to resurrection, when we are restored to a new and full life. We see the future possibility of our own transfiguration and that of the earth. But it doesn't happen overnight. It happens through continually trying to be good disciples, putting other people first and caring for the earth so that it can continue to sustain life for future generations.

By caring for the earth we can help restore creation for all to share. Living simply and sustainably isn't about limiting ourselves. It's about living more generously so that all lives are richer.

*Please support CAFOD; you can make donations after Mass this week or next week.*

2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Lent

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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 Isidore	For the People	Fr Isidore
8:00am	Fr Duncan	Book of Prayer Intentions	Fr David
9:30am Family	Fr Euan	Barbara Price, RIP	Fr Tony
11:00am Solemn	Fr Tony	Mba Francois, RIP	Fr Leon
7:00pm	Fr Fabian	Reginald Eyre, RIP	Fr Duncan

**SUNDAYS IN TERM: MASS FOR STUDENTS at 5pm (in the Church).**

Sunday Evening Services	16 February	Confessions	23 February
5:45 Rosary	Fr Isidore	10:30 - 11:30am	Fr Isidore
6:15 Sung Latin Compline	Fr Duncan	4:00 - 5:00pm	Fr Leon
6:40 Benediction	Fr Euan	7:00 - 7:20pm	Fr David

<b>Entrance Antiphon:</b>	My heart has prompted me to seek your face; I seek it, Lord; do not hide from me.
<b>1<sup>st</sup> Reading:</b>	Genesis 12: 1-4a
<b>Psalms Response:</b>	May your love be upon us, O Lord, as we place all our hope in you. (Ps 32)
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Reading:</b>	2 Timothy 1: 8-10
<b>Gospel Acclamation (Tract at 11:00):</b>	From the bright cloud the Father's voice was heard: "This is my Son, the Beloved. Listen to him." At 11:00 - You have moved the earth, and you have disturbed it. Heal its breaches, for it has been moved.
<b>Gospel:</b>	Matthew 17: 1-9
<b>Offertory Antiphon (at 11:00):</b>	Your commands have been my delight; these I have loved. I will worship your commands and love them.
<b>Communion Antiphon:</b>	This is my Son, my beloved, in whom is all my delight: listen to him. At 11:00 - Tell no one about the vision that you have seen until the Son of Man has risen from the dead.

**MONEY MATTERS:** Last Weekend: Offertory Collection £1206.32; SVP £26.48; St. Martin's Missions £7.46; Holy Souls £12.39; Grenada £19.49. The collection towards the Diocesan Quota came to £423.60.

There will be a retiring collection this week and next week for CAFOD.

Very many thanks for your continuing generosity.

This week's Feasts		
Monday:	Bl John of Fiesole (Fra Angelico), friar and priest - <i>optional</i>	
Tuesday:	Weekday of Lent	
Wednesday:	Weekday of Lent	
Thursday:	St Peter Damian, bishop and doctor - <i>optional</i>	
Friday:	The Chair of St Peter, Apostle	
Saturday:	St Polycarp, bishop and martyr - <i>optional</i>	
Next Sunday's Readings: 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Lent		
Exodus 17: 3-7	Romans 5: 1-2.5-8	John 4: 5-42

**Short Lenten Talks on the theme "Deliver us from evil"**

will take place each Friday in Lent after the 10am and 12:40pm Masses. The next in the series is this Friday, when Fr Duncan will speak on "Good & Evil in our Hearts". We hope you can stay for some or all of these talks.



**Stations of the Cross** will take place each Wednesday in Lent after the 12:40pm Mass.

**A Parish Day of Recollection**, will be held on Saturday 8 March from 10:30am to 4:00pm (approx). Led by Fr David. See noticeboard and handbills.

**Spring is well on the way! Are your thoughts turning to propagating plants?** Please remember Blackfriars Market's plant stall which will, as always, be relying on your generosity to provide it with stock. Blackfriars Market will be held as usual on the second Saturday of May - 10 May.

**Lenten Station Masses** around Leicester will be celebrated:

- ◆ on Wednesday 27 February at Sacred Heart, Mere Road at 7:30pm where Bishop Malcolm will celebrate the Mass and preach; and
  - ◆ on Wednesday 5 March at St Mary's, South Wigston, at 7:30pm.
- And there will be **Penitential Services**:
- ◆ on Monday 10 March at St Mary's, South Wigston, at 7:30pm; and
  - ◆ on Wednesday 13 March at St Thomas More's, Knighton, at 7:30pm.

**The Gospel Choir** starts again on Tuesday 19 February. Looking forward to see you there. We have four sessions in all before breaking for Easter.

A meeting will be held in Holy Cross Church Hall, Wellington Street on Tuesday 19 February, from 7.30 to approx 9pm, to raise awareness of the **Human Embryology and Fertilisation Bill** currently passing through the House of Commons. What is it, how does it do it conflict with Catholic teaching and what can we do about it? Please attend if you can and bring your friends. It is important not to let Government think that we do not care about policies which strike at the heart of Christian teaching. Contact for more details: Sica Martinez, 0775 88 44 918.

**Is Fairtrade Fuelling Climate Change?** Cafe Equitable discussion evening, Bambu Cafe, Welford Road, Tuesday 26th February at 7.15pm.

**The Mental Capacity Act and "Living Wills": a practical guide.** The new Mental Capacity Act came into force in October. It contains a number of far-reaching implications and will affect anyone unable to make decisions for themselves. To assist the Catholic community, the Bishops' Conference has produced a short guide, which provides practical and accessible guidance. To brief and inform moral theologians, priests and interested healthcare professionals about the Act, a number of study days have been arranged. There is no charge for the day and refreshments will be provided. Places are limited and early booking is advisable. To find out the nearest event for this Diocese, email: [studyday.mcaguide@cbcew.org.uk](mailto:studyday.mcaguide@cbcew.org.uk).

**Faith and Life in Britain:** A challenging and topical series of six lectures to be held in Westminster Cathedral on Thursday evenings from 3 April 2008. The first speaker will be the Cardinal's Guest, Mark Thompson, Director General of the BBC, to be followed by William Hague MP, Dr Rowan Williams, the Archbishop of Canterbury and Rabbi Julia Neuberger, the Prime Minister's Champion for Volunteering. Cardinal Cormac Murphy-O'Connor will conclude the series on 8 May 2008. Leaflets, posters and further information from [www.rcdow.org.uk/lectures](http://www.rcdow.org.uk/lectures).

After consultation with the **Commission for Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion** Bishop Malcolm has decided that the Solemnity of Corpus Christi is the most appropriate occasion for Ministers to renew their annual commission within their respective parishes. So, our Holy Communion Ministers will do this on the Solemnity of Corpus Christi, 25 May.

**A Musical Celebration of St Patrick** will take place on Friday 14 March in the Y Theatre, East Street at 8pm. For details, see the noticeboard.

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 Services at Holy Cross during the week:  
**Mass: Monday to Saturday, at 10:00am (with sermon) & 12:40pm.**  
**Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament: Wednesday 10:30am - 12:30pm**  
**with Rosary and simple Benediction at 12:15pm.**  
**Stations of the Cross: Wednesdays in Lent after the 12:40pm Mass.**  
 On Mondays to Fridays during the winter months the church will be open from 8am until 3:30pm.  
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