

WE have got so used to hearing this lovely description of our Lord departing from this world into heaven. We can't think now however of any three-tier 'wedding cake' of Heaven - Earth - Hell. Up there is all empty space, cold and dark. This can make it difficult for us to expect our Lord to return, from any 'where' He went. Yet our religion makes sense, only if this is true. We must then really wonder where He is.

I have to suggest we are asking the wrong question when we ask, Where is He? We say in the Creed that He is 'sitting at the right hand of God, the Father'; and we mean, that He is just where He should be; just where all human beings should be: 'all present, and correct', to our Maker; even, 'shoulder to shoulder'; except that we aren't, at all, are we? The question really is then, Where are we? Where 'in the world', are we?

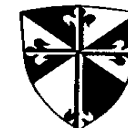
I was amused to read in a naughty book on 'life, the universe, and everything' - 'The Hitch-hiker's Guide To The Galaxy' ; where the very last man says 'All my life I've had this strange unaccountable feeling that something was going on in the world - something big, even sinister'. The Sage answers, 'That's just perfectly normal paranoia. Everyone in the universe has that'. Don't such feelings tell us, we should be somewhere else: with Jesus; in God? And we will be; when He comes back; as promised. We can have every confidence about this - not in ourselves; in Him; the more we know Him; in confessing to Him, hearing Him, praying to Him and having Communion with Him, as we do at each Mass.

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**The Newsletter of
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| Sunday Masses | This week | Mass Intentions | Next week |
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| 7:30pm Vigil | Fr Isidore | Irene Olszewska, RIP | Fr Isidore |
| 8:00am | Fr David | Ashberry family & friends, RIP | Fr David |
| 9:30am Family | Fr Euan | <i>Pro Populo</i> | Fr Fabian |
| 11:00am Solemn | Fr Fabian | Pedro Arango & Elena Escobar, RIP | Fr Leon |
| 7:00pm | Fr Tony | James & Bridgit Finnegan, RIP | Fr Tony |

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

| Sunday Evening Services | 3 May | Confessions | 10 May |
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| 5:45 Rosary | Fr Tony | 10:30 - 11:30am | Fr Isidore |
| 6:15 Sung Latin Compline | Fr Euan | 4:00 - 5:00pm | Fr Leon |
| 6:40 Benediction | Fr David | 7:00 - 7:20pm | Fr Fabian |

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| Entrance Antiphon: | Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking in the sky? The Lord will return, just as you have seen him ascend, alleluia. |
| 1st Reading: | Acts 1: 1-11 |
| Psalm Response: | God goes up with shouts of joy; the Lord goes up with trumpet blast. (Ps 46) |
| 2nd Reading: | Ephesians 1: 17-23 |
| Alleluia: | Go, make disciples of all the nations; I am with you always; yes, to the end of time. At 11:00 - The Lord has come from Sinai to the holy place. You have gone up on high; you have taken captives. |
| Gospel: | Matthew 28: 16-20 |
| Communion Antiphon: | I, the Lord, am with you always, until the end of the world, alleluia. At 11:00 - All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me, alleluia. Go, make disciples of all the nations; baptise them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, alleluia, alleluia. |

MONEY MATTERS: Last Weekend: Offertory Collection £1142.15; SVP £38.76; St. Martin's Missions £24.32; Holy Souls £26.60; Grenada £35.60. The retiring collection for the Montfort Missions came to £1941.21.

Next week there is a retiring collection for those unable to come to Blackfriars Market. This is an important way of supporting the occasion even if you cannot be there yourself.

Very many thanks for your continuing generosity.

| The week ahead... | | |
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| Monday: | St Vincent Ferrer, priest. Today is a Bank Holiday. There is only one Mass, at 10am, after which the church will be closed. | |
| Tuesday: | Easter feria | |
| Wednesday: | Easter feria | |
| Thursday: | The Patronage of the Blessed Virgin Mary over the Order of Preachers. | |
| Friday: | Easter feria. Europe Day. Prayers are encouraged for Europe. | |
| Saturday: | St Antoninus of Florence, friar, bishop | |
| Next Sunday: | PENTECOST SUNDAY. Readings: | |
| | Acts 2: 1-11 | 1 Corinthians 12: 3-7. 12-13 John 20: 19-23 |

Whit Sunday at 11am. The choir Coro Nostro will assist us in the celebration of this major feast by singing one of Mozart's Masses at the 11am Mass.

The Holy Trinity in Art, Music and Devotion - a study morning organised by the Lay Dominicans will take place on Saturday 10 May from 10:30am to 1pm at St Dominic's Priory, Southampton Road, London NW5, and be given by Fr Richard Conrad, OP. The cost is £5 (£3) and all are welcome. There is a poster on the noticeboard.

Parish Pilgrimage to Walsingham. Our parish joins the other priories and parishes of the English Dominicans for a pilgrimage to the shrine of Our Lady of Walsingham on Sunday 18 May. Transport from Holy Cross and back will be included. The cost of the day will be £16, and the coach will depart at about 8am. If you would like to join us please contact Fr Leon (252 1512) or approach one of the priests.

CQ LYFE - GRAND OPENING. CQ Lyfe is the name of the ecumenical Church project in the newly-developing Cultural Quarter in Leicester. We're having a launch night on Tuesday May 6th at 7.30pm at the Lallie Bella Cafe Bar in Queen Street (just past the former Odeon). We need strong and broad-based support for this "Fresh Expression" of the Church's mission in Leicester. More details from [John Young4927787@btinternet.com](mailto:John.Young4927787@btinternet.com).

The Torch of Hope. A day of prayer for China, organised by Aid to the Church in Need. At St Barnabas Cathedral, Nottingham, on Saturday 10 May from 10am. Further details from www.acnuk.org and 020 8642 8668. See poster on noticeboard.

BLACKFRIARS MARKET

**NEXT SATURDAY, 10 MAY,
FROM 10:30am to 1:30pm.**

This is our main annual fund raising event. Many thanks if you have brought a bagfull of items for sale: if not, please take a plastic bag and return it before Friday. Items are needed for all the stalls, eg. plants, bric-a-brac, jewellery, cakes, books, and for the Tombola stall and as raffle prizes but, please, no second-hand clothes.

Come and meet friends, and make new friends. Refreshments will be available all day.



MARY: Grace and Hope in Christ. A morning to reflect on the role of Our Lady in salvation, and her place in the life and devotion of the Church. Led by Fr Eddy Jarosz of St Peter's, and Rev Chris Oxley of St Anne's. At St Anne's Church, Letchworth Road, on Saturday 31 May from 9:30am to 1pm. See noticeboard.

Sing for Water. Come and join over 200 voices to help raise money for Water Aid. At the Riverside Festival on Sunday 8 June. See noticeboard.

SITUATIONS VACANT: Various Catholic schools require a variety of staff. See posters on the noticeboard.

National Grandparents Pilgrimage to the National Shrine of Our Lady at Walsingham. This will take place on Saturday 26 July, beginning at 12noon, and led by Bishop Michael Evans, the Bishop of East Anglia. See noticeboard for details, or visit www.NationalGrandparentsPilgrimage.com/Walsingham.

The Greenbelt Festival. Sarah Bibb, a Student Youth Worker at Leicester Cathedral is planning to take a group of young people to the Festival at Cheltenham Race Course over the August Bank Holiday, 22 to 25 August. Details from Sarah.Bibb@LecCofE.org or phone 248 7468.

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Services at Holy Cross during the week:

Mass: Monday (Bank Holiday) at 10:00am only, after which the church is closed

Tuesday 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.

On Mondays to Fridays (except Bank Holidays) the church is open from 8am until 4pm.

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