

What Every Heart Desires

WE Dominican friars have a long-standing practice of saying that a good Dominican is one who will say: *Nolo episcopari* (I do not want to be bishoped, i.e. made a bishop). The sentiment goes back to St Dominic himself. The idea is allied to another saying among us friars: *nolentibus datur* ([authority] should be given to the unwilling).

It is someone genuinely misguided who would actively seek power and authority, so it seems to me. Our sister St Catherine thundered against such people, 'You seek lordship over others, but have no lordship over yourself and over your passions!' By our own custom, we Dominicans shy away from titles and honours. For example, we never list our degrees or honours after our names, but only add the initials 'O.P.', *ordinis praedicatorum* (of the Order of Preachers).

This is not done in a spirit of faux humility (I'm ever so 'umble, I am), but as a sharp reminder of reality. We take nothing with us when we die. Not honours, not riches, not glories, not fame. Only one thing can endure: charity - the love of God burning within us. *The only thing that matters is Jesus, and how much of his love has set us afire.*

You know Fr Tony is leaving to become the prior and parish priest of St Dominic's in London, and that I have been asked to take up the burden of doing the same here at Holy Cross. Priors come and go. Sometimes they change more frequently than friars wash their habits (names withheld to protect the guilty!). These things do not endure. What matters is Jesus. What endures is Jesus, who is the same yesterday, today and for ever.

During the Second World War, the author J.R.R. Tolkien wrote to his son Michael, a soldier at that time, saying:

Out of the darkness of my life, so much frustrated, I put before you the one great thing to love on earth: the Blessed Sacrament. There you will find romance, glory, honour, fidelity, and the true way of all your loves upon earth, and more than that: Death, [by] which alone can what you seek in your earthly relationships (love, faithfulness, joy) be maintained, or take on that complexion of reality, of eternal endurance, which every man's heart desires.

If we do not live for Jesus and by Jesus, then we are not living. On this feast of Corpus Christi, it is good to remember that in the Blessed Sacrament we already lay hold, sacramentally, on Him whom we hope to possess directly and for ever in heaven: Jesus our God. Jesus, the desire of the everlasting hills, is the desire of all our hearts. Come, let us adore Him!
Fr Leon OP

Corpus Christi

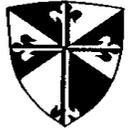
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Sunday Masses	This week	Mass Intentions	Next week
7:30pm Vigil	Fr Euan	Margaret Bailey, ill	Fr Isidore
8:00am	Fr Isidore	<i>Pro Populo</i>	Fr Isidore
9:30am Family	Fr David	Breege Quigley, RIP	Fr Euan
11:00am Solemn	Fr Leon	Holy Souls	Fr Tony
7:00pm	Fr Tony	Book of Prayer intentions	Fr Euan

SUNDAYS IN TERM: MASS FOR STUDENTS at 5pm (in the Church).
 This is the last Mass this term

Sunday Evening Services	17 May	Confessions	24 May
5:45 Rosary	Fr Tony	10:30 - 11:30am	Fr Euan
6:15 Sung Latin Compline	Fr Leon	4:00 - 5:00pm	Fr Tony
6:40 Benediction	Fr Fabian	7:00 - 7:20pm	Fr Leon

Entrance Antiphon:	The Lord fed his people with the finest wheat and honey; their hunger was satisfied.
1st Reading:	Deuteronomy 8: 2-3. 14-16
Psalm Response:	O praise the Lord, Jerusalem! (Ps 147)
2nd Reading:	1 Corinthians 10: 16-17
Sequence:	Lauda Sion Salvatorem. Sing forth, O Zion, sweetly sing...
Alleluia:	I am the living bread which has come down from heaven, says the Lord. Anyone who eats this bread will live for ever. At 11:00 - My flesh is real food and my blood is real drink. He who eats my flesh and drinks my blood lives in me and I live in him.
Gospel:	John 6: 51-58
Communion Antiphon:	Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood will live in me and I in him, says the Lord.

MONEY MATTERS: Last Weekend: Offertory Collection £1455.00; SVP £13.44; St. Martin's Missions £3.24; Holy Souls £3.55; Grenada £1.44.

The retiring collection last week for the education of future priests for the diocese came to £934.35.

This week a collection will be taken at the end of all Masses, as a gift to Fr Tony Rattigan OP, in gratitude for his work and care for the parish, and as a token of our esteem and affection for him.

Very many thanks for your continuing generosity.

The week ahead...		
Monday:	St Philip Neri, priest. Today is a Bank Holiday so there will only be one Mass, at 10am, after which the church will be closed.	
Tuesday:	St Augustine of Canterbury, bishop, apostle of the English	
Wednesday:	Feria	
Thursday:	Feria	
Friday:	THE MOST SACRED HEART OF JESUS, solemnity	
Saturday:	THE VISITATION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY	
Next Sunday:	Ninth Sunday <i>per annum</i> . Readings:	
	Deuteronomy 11: 18. 26-28	Romans 3: 21-25. 28
		Matthew 7: 21-27

Holy Cross Parish 2008 Assembly and AGM of the Parish Pastoral Council. Friday 20th June in the Church Hall. See the Notice for the Agenda; and please consider joining the Parish Council. You'll need a nomination form.

Filipino Mass: All Filipinos are invited to the Filipino (Tagalog) Mass on 15 June at the Blessed Sacrament Church at Braunstone. Please see poster for details, or contact Peter on 0116 224 3155 or 07900 995590.

Leicester, City of Sanctuary. The ninth 'Making Connections: arts, migration and Diaspora' workshop - 'Women and Migration: art, politics and policy' - will take place at Loughborough University on Friday 20 June, during Refugee Week. The event is free, buffet lunch and refreshments are provided, and assistance with transport costs may be available. But you must register by 30 May at the latest - contact Richard Bessell on R.Bessell@lboro.ac.uk or V.L.Dhaliwal@lboro.ac.uk or ring 01509 223383. Visit www.cityofsanctuary.com

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.

The HCPT 10km Fun Run and John White 10km Memorial Walk will take place on Sunday 7 September at Mount St Bernard Abbey. This is to raise money for a new minibus at Hosanna House. See the noticeboard for details.

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 today.



Ecce Panis Angelorum

Parish Evening of Music at the Holy Cross Centre, Saturday June 14th - 7 till late - featuring groups and individuals from the parish; Holy Cross Gospel Choir and anyone else who would like to perform. Plenty of sing-along opportunities for those who wish to join in! Bar open. Please bring snack finger-food to share. If you'd like to perform or need further details, please call Jeff Henry 0116 243 1289.

"Denial ain't just a river in Egypt!"...facing up to environmental justice. Dr Mike Edwards, CAFOD's climate change advisor, will speak at St Hugh's, Lincoln, at 7:30pm on Thursday 5 June. For details, see the noticeboard.

Understanding CAFOD. There will be a series of presentations, discussions and interactive activities at St Peter's, Hinckley Road, on Saturday 21 June from 10am to 4pm. Please book a place by contacting CAFOD on nottingham@cafod.org.uk or 01664 424346. Also see noticeboard.

Damascus Volunteers - a Gap Year opportunity from September 08 to July 09. St Paul's School are looking for volunteers to help provide opportunities for the personal and spiritual development of young people at the school. Includes paid visits to Lourdes and Rome. See the noticeboard.

'THE MUSIC OF STILLNESS': Tuesday 17 June at St John the Baptist Clarendon Park Road at 7.30pm. Coro Nostro, who sang at the 11am Mass on Whit Sunday, perform works by Byrd, Tallis, de la Rue, Brahms, Elgar, Stanford, Parry, Poulenc, and the European premiere of 'There will be rest', a hauntingly beautiful piece by American composer and professor, Frank Ticheli.

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 Services at Holy Cross during the week:  
**Mass: Monday (Bank Holiday) at 10am only, after which the church will be 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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