

ON a holy mountain, at Delphi, in ancient Greece, over the door to the 'oracle' of wisdom, there was written: 'Know yourself'. That seems the sum of all wisdom, and has to come before any special 'message' from any gods. If we try to 'know ourselves', how do we do it? Looking in a mirror doesn't tell us much. Noticing what people say may help us more.

Hear what Jesus says in today's gospel. Does it help us? Or perhaps we are frightened, in a way, at what seems a sort of perversity — things being hidden from people like us, who make efforts, to be learned, and, perhaps, can't help being clever? And revealed — to little children? The claim, too - that no-one knows Jesus, except God the Father, and no-one knows God the Father, except Jesus — and those Jesus 'chooses'! This can sound quite awful, and make religion seem exclusive and nasty. We must think, "It can't be like this". We must realise, that He is saying something quite different; as of course He is. As He goes on to say, 'Come to Me'. This means we can 'come', to 'Me', as 'to ourselves', 'knowing ourselves', in the 'way' He calls being 'humble of heart'. We can know God, 'with' Him: 'as only a son knows a father'. It's then an invitation: to be 'child' to God as He is, humbly, 'Son'. His way is like the yoke, as a carpenter, He knows how to make, cut to 'fit' each customer, and ease life's burdens. I 'know myself' and so, receive His 'message', learning His humble 'way'; finding place, to rest; joining Him, at Mass.

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The Newsletter of
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Sunday Masses	This week	Mass Intentions	Next week
7:30pm Vigil	Fr Isidore	Irene Olszewska, RIP	Fr Fabian
8:00am	Fr Isidore	Ashberry family & friends, RIP	Fr Isidore
9:30am Family	Fr Leon	Frank Walsh, RIP	Fr Fabian
11:00am Solemn*	Fr Fabian	Mr. Hilario Gonsalves	Fr Leon
7:00pm	Fr Leon	The People	Fr Euan

* The Choir will be on holiday after today, returning on Sunday 10 August.

The Novena to Our Lady is each Saturday, at 6:45pm. It is taking place every week for nine Saturdays, leading up to the feast of the Assumption on 15 August. Books for recording your petitions and thanksgiving are in the Lady chapel.

Sunday Evening Services	5 July	Confessions	12 July
5:45 Rosary	Fr Isidore	10:30 - 11:30am	Fr Fabian
6:15 Sung Latin Compline	Fr Leon	4:00 - 5:00pm	Fr Leon
6:40 Benediction	Fr Fabian	7:00 - 7:20pm	Fr Euan

Entrance Antiphon:	Within your temple, we ponder your loving kindness, O God. As your name, so also your praise reaches to the ends of the earth; your right hand is filled with justice.
1st Reading:	Zechariah 9: 9-10
Psalm Response:	I will bless your name for ever, O God my King. (Ps 144)
2nd Reading:	Romans 8: 9. 11-13
Alleluia:	Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, for revealing the mysteries of the kingdom to mere children. At 11:00 - Come to me, all you that labour and are burdened, and I will give you rest, says the Lord.
Gospel:	Matthew 11: 25-30
Communion Antiphon:	Taste and see the goodness of the Lord; blessed is he who hopes in God.

MONEY MATTERS: Last Weekend: Offertory Collection £1029.71; SVP £9.50; St. Martin's Missions £11.06; Holy Souls £7.04; Grenada £3.00.

Last week's collection for Peter's Pence came to £406.93.

200 Club, May draw. 1st prize, £150: number 192 G. Andrade. 2nd prize, £100: number 45 I. l'Anson. 3rd prize, £50: number 93 Mr. & Mrs. Reeves. Congratulations!

There is a retiring collection this week for the Day for Life.

There will be a retiring collection next week for the Apostleship of the Sea.

Very many thanks for your continuing generosity.

The week ahead...		
Monday:	Feria	
Tuesday:	Bl Adrian Fortescue, husband and father, lay Dominican, martyr	
Wednesday:	SS John of Cologne, priest, and Companions, martyrs of Gorkum	
Thursday:	Feria	
Friday:	ST BENEDICT, ABBOT, PATRON OF EUROPE	
Saturday:	Saturday Mass of Our Lady - <i>optional</i> . Novena to Our Lady at 6:45pm.	
Next Sunday:	15 th Sunday <i>per annum</i> . Readings:	
	Isaiah 55: 10-11	Romans 8: 18-23
		Matthew 13: 1-23

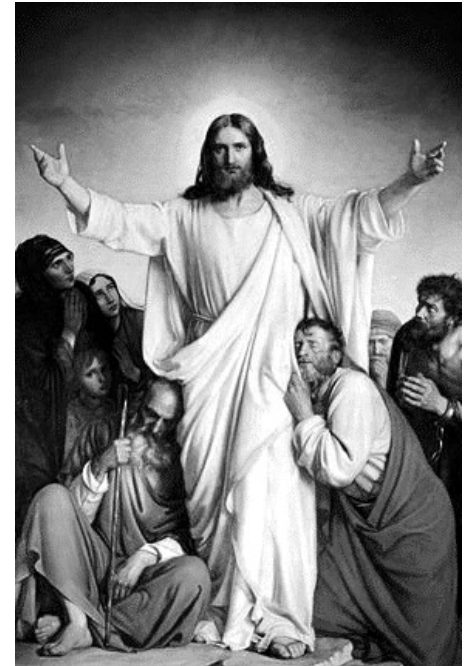
I was walking down New Walk one day... This coming Wednesday 9th July, Richard Gill (Local historian) is going to lead a gentle stroll around the vicinity of Holy Cross, pointing out things of interest in his own inimitable style! Please gather at Holy Cross for 7.15pm. Cost: adults £2.50, under 16's free. Those who joined Richard's last stroll up New Walk will know that this will be a very interesting evening.

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.

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.

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.



“Come to Me all you who labour...”

Do you wish to be married at Holy Cross? The diocese requires a couple to give at least 6 months' notice. To be married at Holy Cross at least one of the couple should be a Catholic parishioner of Holy Cross, and both must be 'free to marry' under the Catholic Church's rules. Please consult the Parish Priest.

Red Cross Appeal for Refugees & Asylum Seekers. The Red Cross has issued a revised list of items needed to support these destitute vulnerable people:

- ◆ Dried items: rice, pasta, cous-cous, maize mealie-meal, sugar, salt, porridge, cooking oil, flour (self-raising), spices, palenta, mashed potato (Smash), tea, coffee, powdered milk, water, fruit juice, semolina;
- ◆ Tins: baked beans, soup, fruit, rice pudding, sauces, vegetables;
- ◆ Pre-prepared food: cereal bars, chocolate, biscuits, nuts, crisps, pot noodles;
- ◆ Baby items: nappies (sizes 2-4), baby wipes, food, milk, lotion, talc, clothing, equipment;
- ◆ Toiletries: toothpaste, tooth brush, soap, moisturiser, shampoo, conditioner, toilet paper.

Please leave these items at any Mass. We thank you for your continued support.

 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 Divine Mercy Chaplet, Rosary and simple Benediction at 12noon.
 On Mondays to Fridays (except Bank Holidays) the church is open from 8am until 4pm.
