

Parish Elections

IN 1219, early in the beginnings of the Dominican Order, our holy father Dominic took the bold step to send his friars to many different nations, and this led to the growth and flourishing of our Order and its ministry. St Dominic reasoned that 'seed bears fruit when it is scattered, but goes bad when it is hoarded'. St Dominic was fighting the understandable human temptation to security and the status quo. Following his footsteps, we make a similar, albeit smaller, leap of faith here at Holy Cross.

On the weekend of 27-28 September, at all Masses, elections will be held to the pastoral council team. Each Sunday Mass (including the Saturday vigil) will elect one candidate, and the two Saturday morning Masses will elect one candidate between them. That makes seven elected councillors.

At each of these Masses every person 7 years or older will be eligible to vote. Ballot papers will be distributed - one ballot paper per person - and from a list of candidates (names and photos given), you will be asked to select one.

How does one become a candidate?

One, you must have Jesus Christ at the centre of your life. If you're looking for what passes for power and glory in this world, or simply to have a captive audience too polite to tell you to hush up, this is not the place for you.

Two, you need an application form, to be proposed by one other parishioner, and must have your photograph taken by us. Get an application form from Fr Leon or any of the other friars.

Three, submit your form by 21 September. You may stand for election only at the Mass you most frequently attend. This assumes you are a frequent and regular Mass-goer here at Holy Cross.

Four, we are looking for people not only with ideas and words, but also skills. You must be willing and able put in some elbow grease.

Five, you must be of good character: honest, transparent, trustworthy, and with integrity, a faithful son or daughter of holy mother Church.

Fr Leon, O.P.

18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

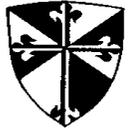
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Sunday Masses	This week	Mass Intentions	Next week
7:30pm Vigil	Fr Euan	Irene Olszewska, RIP	Fr Peter
8:00am	Fr Isidore	Ashberry family & friends, RIP	Fr Isidore
9:30am Family	Fr Fabian	Geoffrey Mellor, RIP	Fr Peter
11:00am Solemn*	Fr Fabian	<i>Pro populo</i>	Fr Leon
7:00pm	Fr Euan	T. Docherty	Fr Euan

* The Choir is on holiday, and will return next 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	2 August	Confessions	9 August
5:45 Rosary	Fr Fabian	10:30 - 11:30am	Fr Isidore
6:15 Sung Latin Compline	Fr Isidore	4:00 - 5:00pm	Fr Peter
6:40 Benediction	Fr Isidore	7:00 - 7:20pm	Fr Fabian

Entrance Antiphon:	God, come to my help. Lord, quickly give me assistance. You are the one who helps me and sets me free: Lord, do not be long in coming.
1st Reading:	Isaiah 55: 1-3
Psalm Response:	You open wide your hand, O Lord, you grant our desires (Ps 144)
2nd Reading:	Romans 8: 35. 37-39
Alleluia:	Blessings on the king who comes, in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven and glory in the highest heavens!
Gospel:	Matthew 14: 13-21
Communion Antiphon:	You gave us bread from heaven, Lord: a sweet-tasting bread that was very good to eat. Or The Lord says: I am the bread of life. A man who comes to me will not go away hungry, and no one who believes in me will thirst.

MONEY MATTERS: Last Weekend: Offertory Collection £939.07; SVP £10.69; St. Martin's Missions £10.43; Holy Souls £10.60; Grenada £6.22.

There will be a retiring collection next Sunday to go towards our diocesan quota.

Results of the 200 Club draw for July: £150 to E. Connell; £100 to E. Howe; £50 to S. Dowell. Congratulations to all our winners! Don't spend it all at once, unless you're paying it back into the 200 Club...

** An apology to all our draw winners for June and July. The cheques that have been issued so far will not be recognised by the Bank of Ireland. Therefore Fr Tony, the sole surviving signatory, is transferring the account to the Province's bank, RBS. We should be able to issue cheques for prizes come September.

Please note that the feast days given below are wrong, but this wasn't spotted until after the Newsletter went to print. Sincere apologies for the blunder - ed.

The week ahead...		
Monday:	Feria	
Tuesday:	St Mary Magdalene, disciple, secondary patroness of the Order of Preachers	
Wednesday:	ST BRIDGET OF SWEDEN, WIFE AND MOTHER, RELIGIOUS, PATRON OF EUROPE	
Thursday:	St Sharbel Yūsuf Makhlūf, priest, hermit - <i>optional</i>	
Friday:	ST JAMES, APOSTLE	
Saturday:	SS Joachim and Anne, parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Novena to Our Lady at 6:45pm.	
Next Sunday: 19 th Sunday <i>per annum</i> . Readings:		
1 Kings 19: 9. 11-13	Romans 9: 1-5	Matthew 14: 22-33

Please note that the **Children's Liturgy** will not occur during the summer until 31 August. More information about it will be available in a leaflet nearer the time (please look out for it). In the meanwhile, a trolley with religious books and stories will be left by the door of the church for children during the 9:30am Family Mass.

It is 80 years since the foundation stone was laid for the first part of our church. Part of the story of this event, as recorded in A H Kimberlin's *The Return of Catholicism to Leicester, 1746-1946*, is: "On Passion Sunday, April 25th 1928, Fr Stephen Fitzgerald after the High Mass publicly cut the first sod for the foundations of the new church, and building preparations were begun. It was then finally settled that the laying of the foundation stone should take place on the Feast of the Exaltation of the Cross, September 14th 1928. There were two schemes for the first portion of the church. One scheme provided for the building of the sanctuary and chancel, the Lady Chapel, sacristies, and a portion of the transepts. The other scheme had in addition the complete transepts. After much discussion it was decided in spite of the considerable extra cost to carry out the second scheme which meant completing the whole of the transepts. The total cost of this scheme was estimated at £26,000."

A parishioner is going on a pilgrimage to the Divine Mercy Shrine at Kraków in Poland on 28 August. She is willing to take prayers and petitions with her on this pilgrimage. A book for recording your petitions and thanksgiving is available alongside our ordinary parish book of prayer.

The annual pilgrimage in honour of Our Lady Queen of Peace takes place in Walsingham on 25 August. For information and transport details, phone Kath on 0116 234 0103 a.s.a.p.

Ride & Stride. This year's sponsored ride and walk, visiting the churches of Leicestershire, will take place on Saturday 13 September. Please make a note in your diary now! Sponsorship forms will be available nearer the time.



Today's Gospel: The feeding of the five thousand

Churches Together in Leicester City Centre will meet on Thursday 7 August at 12:30pm at St Andrew's, Jarrom Street. All are welcome.

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.

Friday 15 August, the Feast of the Assumption, is a Holyday of Obligation, and Masses will be at 6:15pm (vigil), 10:00am, 12:40 and 7:30pm.

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.