

TODAY'S Gospel with Jesus confronting the Pharisees can look quite unpleasant and wrong. It can foster a lot of hatred - of Jews, of clergy, of authority in any form, and most of all, our modern prejudice in favour of the noble lonely 'individual' up against 'the crowd'; worse, the 'simple' good person before all the 'clever' people. We can admire, and try to imitate, the skill of Jesus in dealing with the situation He was placed in. It was a situation, a terrible bind, for His people: to collaborate with the occupying forces, or not. Of course He could point out that they were already collaborating, in using the enemy money. He could make the strong point that all this was quite unimportant, compared with our real business - of collaborating with God. We ourselves are His walking, talking, images - 'coins'. Or, we should be.

And of course His accusers would collaborate with the Roman authorities worst of all - why the Herod party is mentioned - in having Him crucified, in their barbaric, pagan Roman way. We love seeing others' hypocrisy - as a distraction and relief from having to notice our own? So, Gospels should be read and heard with great care.

Just reading or hearing them we go 'along with them'.

We are not just to be 'Jesus' in them. We are to be - Mary, and Joseph, the disciples, the women, shepherds, Magi, John the Baptist, the crowds and yes, the sinners, and the Pharisees, and Herod, and Pilate, and all.

When we read the Passion, we in the congregation are made to shout the words of the crowd. 'Crucify Him!' Our lives can be almost a condemnation of Him and His 'kingdom'. If this strikes us, we can be quite terrified; at first; until we realise that we read the whole Gospel as the year goes on. We can be in, at the end, with the other disciples. We know the whole story. We believe.

'Praying and praising God in His temple' we find Peace.

fr Duncan OP

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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 Leon	Rebecca Lin (intentions)	Fr Isidore
8:00am	Fr Isidore	Samantha Sexton, RIP	Fr Isidore
9:30am Family	Fr Leon	John Reilly (sick)	Fr Euan
11:00am Solemn	Fr Fabian	<i>Pro populo</i>	Fr Thomas
5:00pm Students	Fr Peter	(Mass for Students in the Lady Chapel)	Fr Peter
7:00pm	Fr Thomas	Book of Prayer intentions	Fr Leon

Sunday Evening Services	18 October	Confessions	25 October
6:00 Rosary	Fr Peter	10:30 - 11:30am	Fr Euan
6:20 Sung Latin Compline	Fr Thomas	4:00 - 5:00pm	Fr Isidore
6:40 Benediction	Fr Peter	7:00 - 7:20pm	Fr Peter

Entrance Antiphon:	I call upon you, God, for you will answer me; bend your ear and hear my prayer. Guard me as the pupil of your eye; hide me in the shade of your wings.
1st Reading:	Isaiah 45:1. 4-6
Psalm Response:	Give the Lord glory and power. (Ps 95)
2nd Reading:	Thessalonians 1: 1-5
Alleluia:	Your word is truth, O Lord, consecrate us in the truth. <i>At 11:00</i> - My soul, give praise to the Lord; I will praise the Lord all my days, make music to my God while I live.
Gospel:	Matthew 22: 15-21
Communion Antiphon:	<i>At 11:00</i> - How great is your name, O Lord our God, through all the earth! <i>Otherwise either</i> - See how the eyes of the Lord are on those who fear him, on those who hope in his love, that he may rescue them from death and feed them in time of famine. <i>Or</i> - The Son of Man came to give his life as a ransom for many.

MONEY MATTERS: Last Weekend's collections: Offertory Collection £1084.28; SVP £16.93; St. Martin's Missions £11.59; Holy Souls £5.67; Grenada £19.28.

This week there is a retiring collection for Mission Sunday.

Very many thanks for your continuing generosity.

The week ahead...		
Monday*:	Feria	
Tuesday:	Feria	
Wednesday:	Feria	
Thursday*:	St John of Capestrano, priest, religious - <i>optional</i>	
Friday*:	St Anthony Mary Claret, bishop - <i>optional</i>	
Saturday*:	Saturday Mass of Our Lady - <i>optional</i> Novena to Our Lady at 10:30am. Books for recording your petitions and thanksgiving are in the Lady chapel.	
* WEEKDAY MASS IN LATIN. Fr Thomas will say Mass in the older form at 8:30am, this week on Monday, Thursday and Friday, and at 8:15am on Saturday. All are welcome (especially a server).		
Next Sunday: 30 th Sunday <i>per annum</i> . Readings:		
Exodus 22: 20-26	1 Thessalonians 1: 5-10	Matthew 22: 34-40

This year marks the 41st anniversary of the passing of the Abortion Act. The new Leicester pro-life group meets in Blackfriars Hall every six weeks or so, to which all are welcome. The group will have a **cake & information stall** after the 9:30 and 11am Masses over three Sundays, **starting today**, and look forward to your support and prayers.

There will be an **ADVENT MARKET** in St Clement's Hall on Saturday and Sunday the 15th and 16th November. There will be a variety of stalls, and you are asked please to bring saleable gifts, bric-a-brac, religious Christmas cards and prizes for a raffle. All proceeds will go to the church refurbishment fund.

Sunday Evening Services. Please note the new times for the Rosary and Compline given on the front page.

At Walsingham there will be an **all-night vigil of reparation and reconciliation** led by the Franciscan Friars of the Renewal, from 10pm to 6am starting on the evening of Friday 31 October. For transport details please contact Kath on Leicester 234 0103 as soon as possible.

Come and Sing Messiah at St Mary's Church, Humberstone, on Tuesday 25 November. Rehearsal is at 5pm, and the performance at 7:30pm. There will be opportunities to rehearse on the three Fridays in November beforehand. More details on the noticeboard, and contact Geoffrey Carter on 01509 232025.



Today's Gospel:
Render unto Caesar what is Caesar's

Refugees and Asylum Seekers - Leicester City of Sanctuary. We have now joined in the "Golden Giver Scheme" to measure the amount we give and (hopefully) earn a certificate for our efforts. The Red Cross are desperate for food and personal goods and we would ask you to be as generous as you can. No clothing or alcohol please but tins, rice, soup, pasta &c as per lists in previous Newsletters. If you want a list please e mail b-hawcroft@ntlworld.com.

Towards Advent - Festival of Catholic Culture - will be held as usual at Westminster Cathedral Hall, this year on Saturday 8 November. Admission is free, and there will be talks given by Fr Aidan Nichols, OP (on the Conversion of England) and Fr Nicholas Schofield (on the Westminster Cardinals), and a workshop on Singing Gregorian Chant. There will also be guided tours of the cathedral. See the noticeboard.

Missed last week's Newsletter and want to catch up? Back copies of last week's Newsletter, and many older ones, are generally available on the Choir's website <http://holycrosschoirleicester.co.uk/> on the 'Links' page.

If you have any event or information that you would like publicising in this Newsletter and/or on the noticeboards, please hand in posters/information to the Priory, marked 'Newsletter'. In the case of events and other dated material please try to give 4 weeks' notice for inclusion in the Newsletter. All publicity depends on space available.

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 newly-arrived students and other visitors to our Parish.

Services at Holy Cross during the week:

Mass: Monday to Saturday, at 10:00am (with sermon) & 12:40pm.

On Bank Holidays there is only one Mass, at 10am, after which the church is closed.

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament: Wednesday 10:30am - 12:30pm

with Divine Mercy Chaplet, Rosary and Benediction at 12noon.

Novena to Our Lady: Saturday at 10:30am.

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