

## Lost and Found

**W**HEN the women disciples went to the tomb of Jesus with spices, it was to embalm the body. They did not want it to wither away. They wanted to preserve it, to hold on to it, to stay in touch with it. But the precious body of the Lord was not there.

They meet the risen Christ only when they have turned away from the tomb, and left everything behind them. *Why seek the Living among the dead?* Jesus reveals himself to them, greeting them or calling them by name. The spontaneous reaction this evokes is the desire to hang on; the women fall at His feet and cling to Him. It is almost as if they wish to ensure that He stays there – firmly planted in their midst. They must not lose Him ever again.

Mary Magdalene also would like to lay hold of Him, that He might not ever leave her. But Jesus says, *'Do not touch Me, for I have not yet ascended to My Father.'* Yet with Thomas, the only one who clings to the literal death of Jesus, the risen Lord actually forces him to touch His sacred wounds.

Pondering this apparent discrepancy, Blaise Pascal concluded, *'The risen Christ does not want to be touched, except in His wounds.'* And more than that, it is through His glorified wounds that Jesus lays hold of us. The Resurrection of the Lord shows us that the only way we can stay in touch with Him is by allowing ourselves to be touched by Him and in bringing His touch to others.

The lesson that the earliest Christians learned is necessary for us too. We need to allow ourselves to be touched by Christ, to be drawn into communion with Him. The poet R. S. Thomas writes:

*He is such a fast  
God, always before us and  
Leaving us as we arrive.*

We often imagine ourselves pursuing an elusive God, trying to find Him as the treasure in the field. The truth of the Resurrection is that He finds us. The seekers at the tomb could not find Him until He had found them. His disciples could not recognise Him until He granted them vision, opening their minds in calling them by name, making their hearts burn within them. Redemption is allowing oneself to be found by God. When He finds you, hold nothing back from Him. *'For I greet Him all the days that I meet Him...and bless when I understand.'*

A very happy and blessed Easter to you all from all the friars at the priory of the Holy Cross!

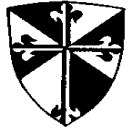
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Easter Day

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The Newsletter of  
**HOLY CROSS PRIORY CHURCH, LEICESTER**  
*Serving Leicester's Catholics since AD 1247*



Sunday Masses	This week	Mass Intentions	Next week
6:00pm Vigil	---		Fr Isidore
8:00pm Easter Vigil	Fr Leon	<i>Pro populo</i>	---
8:00am	Fr Isidore	John Robert Adcock, RIP	Fr Euan
9:30am Family	Fr Duncan		Fr Duncan
11:00am Solemn	Fr Peter	Bill Barnes, RIP	Fr Fabian
12:30pm Old rite	Fr Thomas		Fr Thomas
5:00pm Students	---	NO Mass today. Next Mass 3 May	---
7:00pm	Fr Euan	Juan Diego, Lena Henao family	Fr Peter

OTHER SUNDAY SERVICES	6:00pm Rosary	11 April	Confessions	18 April
9:00am Lauds	6:20pm Compline	Fr Isidore	10:30 - 11:30am	Fr Leon
5:45pm Vespers	6:40pm Benediction	Fr Thomas	1:00 - 2:00pm	---
Today there will be Solemn Vespers at 6:20pm.		Fr Duncan	5:00 - 6:00pm	Fr Euan

**Monday is a Bank Holiday, so there will be only one Mass, at 10am, after which the church will be closed.**

<b>Entrance Antiphon:</b>	<u>Either</u> - I have risen: I am with you once more; you placed your hand on me to keep me safe. How great is the depth of your wisdom, alleluia! <u>Or</u> - The Lord has indeed risen, alleluia. Glory and kingship be his for ever and ever.
<b>1<sup>st</sup> Reading:</b>	Acts 10: 34. 37-43
<b>Psalm Response:</b>	<b>This is the day which the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it. (Ps 118)</b>
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Reading:</b>	Colossians 3: 1-4
<b>Sequence:</b>	Victimae paschali laudes immolent Christiani... Christians, to the Paschal Victim offer sacrifice and praise...
<b>Alleluia:</b>	<b>Christ, our Paschal Lamb, has been sacrificed; let us, therefore, celebrate the festival in the Lord.</b>
<b>Gospel:</b>	John 20: 1-9
<b>Communion Antiphon:</b>	Christ has become our paschal sacrifice; let us feast with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth, alleluia.

**MONEY MATTERS:** Last Weekend's collections: Offertory Collection £1073.85; SVP £7.75; Friends of Holy Cross £5.88; Holy Souls £6.52; Crib restoration £5.66.

200 Club. Last month's winners were: 188, W Kirwan £150; 193, M Walton £100; and 136, M Yates £50. Congratulations!

Gift Aid Boxes for the new financial year are available from the table by the Wellington Street door. Please collect your box - they are in alphabetical order by surname - after Mass.

**BLACKFRIARS MARKET** will be on **Saturday 25 April**. We are starting to collect items for sale at the Market. In particular we hope for saleable items: please do not send us books or videotapes though, as these are hard to sell. If possible, please donate Fairtrade items (available in most supermarkets) – chocolate, biscuits, wine etc, for the Tombola.

**PLEASE TAKE ONE OF THE LEAFLETS BY THE DOORS AS A REMINDER. Thank you.**

Very many thanks for your continuing generosity.

'An Easter Reflection'. Saturday 18 April, in the church, from 11:15am until 12:30pm. A quiet time of prayer and meditation on the Resurrection. Scripture, poetry, hymns and readings, led by the Holy Cross Lay Dominicans. EVERYONE WELCOME.

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 opportunity for a chat with members of the Dominican Community and with parishioners. We particularly welcome newly-arrived people and other visitors to our Parish.

Don't forget the Twinclarke's Blog. Have a look at the weekly blog created by Peter and Isidore Clarke OP. The blog address: <http://mywaygodsway.blogspot.com>.

9.30am Sunday Mass. If you have a knack for reading in public or singing or playing a musical instrument, and would like to be added to the list of regular readers or would like to get involved with the music, please contact Gerard on 07941 531931 or email him at [gerard.swanatno1eg@tesco.net](mailto:gerard.swanatno1eg@tesco.net).



"They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we don't know where they have put him."

Year 1	The week ahead...	Psalter Week 4
Mon-Sat:	Days of Easter Week	
WEEKDAY MASS IN LATIN. This week, Fr Thomas will say Mass in the older form on Monday at 8:15am, Tuesday and Friday at 8:30am, and on Saturday at 8:15am. All welcome, especially a server. If you would like to learn to serve this Mass, please contact Fr Thomas.		
<b>Next Sunday - 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Easter, Divine Mercy Sunday. It is the anniversary of the inauguration of the pontificate of Pope Benedict XVI (2005). Readings:</b>		
Acts 4: 32-35	John 5: 1-6	John 20: 19-31

**WE STILL NEED SOME HELP PLEASE.** Have you got an hour to spare during the week? Do you own a car (especially one you already bring into the city centre)? The SVP Conference is looking for someone to collect food parcels from the Parish and drop them off at the British Red Cross offices on London Road. The food parcels are then distributed to destitute asylum seekers and refugees. If you are able to volunteer or require further information, please contact Rosi Leivas by phone on 07542 904154 or by email at [rosi\\_leivas@o2.co.uk](mailto:rosi_leivas@o2.co.uk). Many Thanks.

**GAP YEAR OPPORTUNITY - ALL EXPENSES PAID!!** Challenge Team UK trains young adults (18-28) and sends them to schools with a prepared presentation. The team explains to pupils why saving sex for marriage is so important and presents chastity as a realistic and positive option. Challenge is currently looking for new volunteers from September 2009 to Easter 2010 in term times. If you would like to volunteer, please contact Debs on 07749 440 110. For further info, see noticeboard or visit the website [www.challengeteamuk.org](http://www.challengeteamuk.org).

**SPUC Pro-Life Annual Act of Silent Witness.** Every year supporters of the Society for the Protection of Unborn Children give silent witness to the millions of babies killed by legalised abortion in Britain. They stand at the side of major roads and intersections holding placards which bring home the reality of abortion. This year commemorates the 41<sup>st</sup> anniversary of the implementation of the Abortion Act in 1968. Pro-Life Chains will be held on **Saturday 25 April from 11am to 1pm**, and our local chain will be at St John's, Narborough. See map on noticeboard.

**Refugees and Asylum Seekers – Leicester City of Sanctuary.** The Red Cross remain desperate for food and personal goods – please be as generous as you can. For information, please email [rosi\\_leivas@o2.co.uk](mailto:rosi_leivas@o2.co.uk).

REGULAR SERVICE TIMES	
<b>MONDAYS TO FRIDAYS</b>	
8.00	Lauds
10.00	Mass
12.30	Mass
17.45	Vespers
Old Rite Masses as announced. The church is open from 8.00 to 15.30 (winter) / 16.00 (summer)	
<b>WEDNESDAYS</b>	
10.30	Exposition until 12.30
11.45	Divine Mercy Chaplet, Rosary & Benediction
<b>SATURDAYS</b>	
9.00	Lauds
10.00	Mass
10.30	Novena to Our Lady
10.30	Confessions until 11.30
12.30	Mass
17.00	Confessions until 18.00
17.45	Vespers
18.00	Vigil Mass for Sunday
Old Rite Masses as announced.	
<b>HOLIDAYS</b>	
18.00	(previous day) Vigil Mass
8.00	Lauds
10.00	Mass
12.30	Mass
17.45	Vespers
19.00	Mass
<b>BANK HOLIDAYS</b>	
8.00	Lauds
10.00	Mass, after which the church is closed
<b>SUNDAYS</b>	
8.00	Mass
9.00	Lauds
9.30	Mass (Family)
11.00	Mass (Solemn: Latin on 2 <sup>nd</sup> , 4 <sup>th</sup> and 5 <sup>th</sup> Sundays)
12.30	Mass (Old rite in Latin)
17.00	Mass (for Students, term time only)
17.45	Vespers
18.00	Rosary
18.20	Sung Latin Compline
18.40	Benediction
19.00	Mass
<b>Leicester Royal Infirmary Catholic Chaplaincy:</b> For urgent visits, ask ward staff to bleep the Roman Catholic Chaplain. For non-urgent visits leave message at the Priory or the LRI Chaplains' Office. Messages may not be picked up until the end of the day.	
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