

So what am I going to be doing in Glasgow?

A LOT of people have asked me that question this week. Dominicans don't really do things in places, the places do things to them. I think that is why we have tended to keep in certain places over the years, establishing roots and allowing our Priors and Parishes to have a life of their own, which we become part of for a while. This particular house in Glasgow is a new house, and in fact belongs to the Diocese of Glasgow, but we go back a long way in that city. One result of that was something that happened just before I came down from Edinburgh to Leicester.

The Glasgow house phoned me on a Friday morning to ask me to come over to Glasgow that night. The University of Glasgow was celebrating its 550th anniversary and they were planning to walk from its original site to its present site, in a torchlight procession. Its original site was in fact the Dominican priory which provided rooms for them, until they built their own premises. So we Dominicans were to lead the procession, with about 2000 students all carrying huge burning torches, not something I would have imagined doing back in the Seventies when I was a rather problematic student of classics in that university.

That's one Glasgow. Another Glasgow I lived in was during the year when I worked with mildly mentally handicapped people, helping them to learn to live together outside of institutional life. One of my jobs was to make them keep their rooms clean. Anyone who has seen my room would appreciate the irony. In that world, I took them to pubs and cafes and I noticed that the staff in these places often mistook me for one of them, and I didn't disabuse them. That year was a different world, because I started to see how there was a whole subculture of these people, different from us, but who lived lives every bit as complex as ours, and full lives too. They need a little help; there were things they would never do but they helped each other too. I soon started to recognise faces all over the city which most people would not have realised were handicapped, yet who were, in my opinion, a secret blessing in the city.

So I am off to Glasgow again. I suppose I will be living in a different city again, seeing it in different ways. The world is vast and we can't know more than a few people well, but when we touch Christ, we touch the whole world. I thank God that he has given me to pass through a whole lot of these human lives, and allowed me to know something of the mystery of God's work in those lives. As the poet Gerald Manley Hopkins put it, speaking of Christ, he is

'Christ, for Christ plays in ten thousand places,
Lovely in limbs, and lovely in eyes not his
To the Father through the features of men's faces.'

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Sunday Masses	This week	Mass Intentions	Next week
6:00pm Vigil	Fr Duncan	Evelyn Dixon, RIP	Fr Isidore
8:00am	Fr Isidore	Relatives & friends of Ashberry family, RIP	Fr Isidore
9:30am Family	Fr Fabian	<i>Pro populo</i>	Fr Fabian
11:00am Solemn	Fr Peter	Mary Cullen, RIP	Fr Peter
12:30pm Old rite	Fr Thomas	Thanksgiving for Josie & James Warfield's wedding	Fr Thomas
5:00pm Students	Fr Peter	Today's is the last Mass this term	--
7:00pm	Fr Leon	Hugh Marley, RIP	Fr Duncan

OTHER SUNDAY SERVICES	6:00pm Rosary	30 May	Confessions	6 June
9:00am Lauds	6:20pm Compline	Fr Duncan	10:30 - 11:30am	Fr Peter
5:45pm Vespers	6:40pm Benediction	Fr Thomas	5:00 - 6:00pm	Fr Thomas

On Tuesday, the 10am Mass will be a Funeral Mass for Anne Solan, celebrated in the old form. Please pray for the repose of her soul.

Entrance Antiphon:	<u>Either</u> – The Spirit of the Lord fills the whole world. It holds all things together and knows every word spoken by man, alleluia. <u>Or</u> – The love of God has been poured into our hearts by his Spirit living in us, alleluia.
1st Reading:	Vigil: Genesis 11: 1-9. Day: Acts 2: 1-11
Psalm Response:	Lord, send forth your Spirit, and renew the face of the earth. (Ps 104)
2nd Reading:	Vigil: Romans 8: 22-27. Day: 1 Corinthians 12: 3-7.12-13
Sequence:	Veni Sancte Spiritus - Come, Holy Spirit, come!...
Alleluia:	Come, O Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful; and kindle in them the fire of your love.
Gospel:	Vigil: John 7: 37-39. Day: John 20: 19-23
Communion Antiphon:	They were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and they spoke of the great things God had done, alleluia. <u>At 11:00</u> – Suddenly there came a sound from heaven, as of a mighty wind coming where they were sitting, alleluia. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit, speaking the wonderful works of God, alleluia, alleluia.

MONEY MATTERS: Sorry, no figures yet available for last week's collections. Details next week.

Could the Gift Aid donors who have not done so please make themselves known to one of the friars. This is important, as otherwise we shall be unable to claim back your tax.

Very many thanks for your continuing generosity.

TWO WEEKS TO GO. Win a one-week trip to Rome for two! There are just 300 tickets @ £10 and they are selling like hotcakes, with only a few left, so hurry, buy now! The draw will be on 14 June. All proceeds to Blackfriars Market. See Tim Challoner or one of the friars after any Mass.

Parish Council Building Works report. Please take a flyer giving an update on building and other works in the church. If you are wondering who is on the Parish Council, please see the noticeboard at the back of the church in the Narthex for names and photographs. Also included are photographs of the friars and various other people, one of whom is the Centre Manager, Tim Challoner, from whom tickets for the Rome draw may be bought.



“Receive the Holy Spirit”

An Evening with St Paul: to mark the end of the Pauline Year, a lecture will be given by Fr Richard Ounsworth OP and music provided by David Cowen and choir, at 7pm on Wednesday 24 June, St John the Baptist's day.

House share available in Humberstone area with car parking, close to General Hospital; looking for single professionals. Please ring Sharon on 0796 333 5367.

The Bible for Beginners. A series of three workshops will be held at St Thomas More Church on three consecutive Mondays from 8 to 9:30pm. Monday 1 June - An introduction to the Old Testament, led by Joe Dawson. Monday 8 June - An introduction to the New Testament, led by John Elliott. Monday 15 June - An introduction to the Sunday readings, led by Catherine Danaher. Just bring your Bible. Everyone welcome. More details from Chantal Spencer on 212 8175.

There will be a Corpus Christi procession at the end of the 11am Mass on Sunday 14 June.

Please join us in the Parish Hall after the 9:30am and 11:00am Sunday Masses for tea, coffee, fruit-juice etc. 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.

Year 1	The week ahead...	Psalter Week 1
Monday:	St Justin the Philosopher, layman, martyr	
Tuesday:	SS Marcellinus, priest, and Peter, exorcist, martyrs - <i>optional</i>	
Wednesday:	SS Charles Lwanga, layman, catechist, and Companions, martyrs of Uganda	
Thursday:	St Peter of Verona, friar, priest, martyr	
Friday:	St Boniface, bishop, martyr	
Saturday:	Saturday Mass of Our Lady or St Norbert, bishop - <i>both optional</i>	
WEEKDAY MASS IN LATIN. This week, Fr Thomas will say Mass in the older form on Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday at 8:30am. All welcome, especially a server. If you would like to learn to serve this Mass, please contact Fr Thomas.		
Next Sunday - The Most Holy Trinity. Readings:		
Deuteronomy 4:32-34.39-40	Romans 8:14-17	Matthew 28:16-20

An organ recital will be given by David Cowen, the choir's director, on Monday 8 June at 8pm. The programme will include music by J S Bach, Franck and Reger. There is a handbill with more details by the church doors. Proceeds will go towards the maintenance of the church.

First Friday Coffee Morning: This coming Friday, at 10:30am in the Church Hall. Tea & scones or coffee & cake, a chance to chat with other weekday Mass-goers and members of the Community; and, of course, a raffle. Money raised goes towards the care and maintenance of the church fabric. Volunteers welcome.

Fun Chaplaincy Morning. For Years 5 & 6 at Ratcliffe College on Saturday morning, 6 June. A fun-filled and reflective morning to give youngsters a chance to explore what vocation is and what their vocation could be. See noticeboard.

The relics of St Thérèse will be visiting England & Wales in September and October, including Nottingham Cathedral on 5 & 6 October. See noticeboard for full schedule.

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 and leave gifts after any Mass. No clothing or alcohol please but tins, rice, soup, pasta &c as per lists in previous Newsletters. For info, please email rosi_leivas@o2.co.uk.

<p>REGULAR SERVICE TIMES</p> <p>MONDAYS TO FRIDAYS 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)</p> <p>WEDNESDAYS 10.30 Exposition until 12.30 11.45 Divine Mercy Chaplet, Rosary & Benediction</p> <p>SATURDAYS 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.</p> <p>HOLYDAYS 18.00 (previous day) Vigil Mass 8.00 Lauds 10.00 Mass 12.30 Mass 17.45 Vespers 19.00 Mass</p> <p>BANK HOLIDAYS 8.00 Lauds 10.00 Mass, after which the church is closed</p> <p>SUNDAYS 8.00 Mass 9.00 Lauds 9.30 Mass (Family) 11.00 Mass (Solemn: Latin on 2nd, 4th and 5th 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</p> <p>Leicester Royal Infirmary Catholic Chaplaincy: 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.</p> <p>Website for past Newsletters: holycrosschoirleicester.co.uk</p> <p>CONTACT DETAILS Holy Cross Priory 45 Wellington Street, LE1 6HW Priory phone: (0116) 255 3856 Fax/recorded times of services: 255 5552 Parish Priest: Fr Leon Pereira: 252 1501 leon.pereira@english.op.org For home visits: 255 3856</p>
