

## Godhead here in hiding, Whom I do adore...

Am not wildly fond, I have to say, of those lines from a famous Corpus Christi hymn. They are, of course, simply a translation of a Latin hymn which is attributed to Thomas Aquinas. I don't want to be seen to contradict that great Doctor of the Church: I just want to draw attention to another side of his teaching, which is that the sacraments are holy signs. They show, reveal, rather than hide, God's action and presence.

The idea of God being in hiding goes with the idea that if we look hard enough, we'll find God, hidden deep down. But God isn't hidden in the depths of things – His work is all around us. God isn't hard to find – we're looking so hard we don't see what is right in front of our faces.

St Paul says in his letter to the Romans, "Ever since the creation of the world, [God's] invisible nature, namely His eternal power and deity, has been clearly perceived in the things that have been made." What St Paul means is that the existence and action of God are witnessed all around us. The world is constantly revealing God to us. The world, so full of beauty and hope, shows forth God's glory. "The world is charged with the grandeur of God. It will flame out, like shining from shook foil," as Gerald Manley Hopkins says.

And God didn't leave us simply with this revelation of Himself in nature. He chose Israel as His holy people and spoke to them through holy prophets, and through their law. He guided them, showing Himself to Israel, but also to the nations round about by the wisdom, holiness and power with which He guided His people.

Then, He showed Himself by becoming one of us. God became a human being, not hidden in human form, but showing Himself to everyone. Some other religious traditions think of their god or gods as disguising themselves as mortals and appearing to people, but we don't think that about the Incarnation. God took to Himself a human nature. It was not a disguise: He really became a human being. And instead of concealing, God's humanity was something which revealed God to us, "We beheld His glory", as St John says in his Gospel.

Because of our own distorted expectations, and because of the sinfulness of the world, God's glory in Christ wasn't recognised by most people. God came as a man born in lowly circumstances. Jesus wasn't accepted by his own people for what he was. His own friends betrayed and abandoned him. His death on the cross did not look like the triumph of love that we believe it to be.

And so we need the eyes of faith to see what was being revealed all along. So many people have looked at Jesus and not seen what we Christians see. Love and faith guide our vision and make it clearer.

And the same is of course true in the Eucharist. It is through faith in the words of Christ, "This is my body... This is my blood...", that we see what looks like bread and what looks like wine for what it is. And we see the appearances of food and drink not as pointing to bread and wine in the ordinary way, but as signs of Christ, Christ as our food and our drink. Then Christ is not hidden, but revealed. We look with faith and we see Christ among us, feeding us for our journey.

Fr Peter OP

The Most Holy Trinity

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## The Newsletter of HOLY CROSS PRIORY CHURCH, LEICESTER

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Sunday Masses	This week	Mass Intentions	Next week
6:00pm Vigil	Fr Isidore	Jose Demavivas, RIP	Fr Thomas
8:00am	Fr Isidore	Holy Souls	Fr Isidore
9:30am Family	Fr Fabian	Intentions of Lowe family	Fr Duncan
11:00am Solemn	Fr Peter	Margaret Metcalfe	Fr Leon
12:30pm Old rite	Fr Thomas	<i>Pro populo</i>	Fr Thomas
5:00pm Students	— —	<b>No Mass now until next term</b>	— —
7:00pm	Fr Duncan	Packie O'Callaghan, RIP	Fr Peter

OTHER SUNDAY SERVICES	6 June	Confessions	13 June
6:00pm Rosary	Fr Peter	10:30 - 11:30am	Fr Leon
9:00am Lauds	Fr Thomas	5:00 - 6:00pm	Fr Peter
5:45pm Vespers	6:20pm Compline		
	6:40pm Benediction		

**JUST ONE WEEK 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.

**An organ recital** will be given by David Cowen, the choir's director, **TOMORROW** 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.

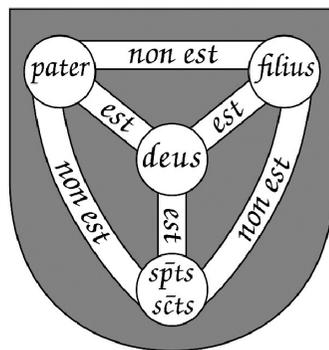
<b>Entrance Antiphon:</b>	Blessed be God the Father and his only-begotten Son and the Holy Spirit: for he has shown us that he loves us.
<b>1<sup>st</sup> Reading:</b>	Deuteronomy 4:32-34.39-40
<b>Psalm Response:</b>	Blessed the people the Lord has chosen as his heritage. (Ps 33)
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Reading:</b>	Romans 8:14-17
<b>Alleluia:</b>	<b>Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: to God who is, who was, and who is to come. At 11:00:</b> You are blest, Lord God of our fathers. To you praise for evermore.
<b>Gospel:</b>	Matthew 28:16-20
<b>Communion Antiphon:</b>	You are the sons of God, so God has given you the Spirit of his Son to form your hearts and make you cry out: Abba, Father. <b>At 11:00:</b> All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me, alleluia. Go, therefore, make disciples of all the nations; baptise them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, alleluia, alleluia.

**MONEY MATTERS:** Last Weekend's collections: Offertory Collection: £1328.39 (previous week £782.40). For both weeks: SVP £42.89; Friends of Holy Cross £12.49; Holy Souls £7.52; Crib restoration £4.28.

**200 Club.** Last month's winners were: 75, M Carey £150; 3, K Redmond £100; and 11, I Andrade £50. Congratulations!

Very many thanks for your continuing generosity.

The 250<sup>th</sup> anniversary of St Peter's parish in Hinckley, the oldest in the diocese, is being celebrated this month. On 29 June 1759 Fr Matthew Norton OP arrived, during a dangerous time for Catholics, some 30 years before the first Catholic Relief Acts. He often had to walk to Coventry and Leicester to meet the needs of Catholics there and, to commemorate this, parishioners will walk from Hinckley to Holy Cross next Saturday, 13 June, arriving around noon. There will be celebrations in Hinckley on Monday 29 June from 6pm and all are invited.



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**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.

A set of altar rails matching the new choir stalls will be installed in the Lady Chapel in the next few weeks. This is to help the 12.30 Sunday Mass which uses the chapel. Ultimately it is hoped that we can apply for the pulpit which forms a set with the altar rails and choir stalls. After all, the one thing a Dominican church needs is a pulpit!

An icon of the Divine Mercy will be installed soon also. This will go on the pillar on the New Walk side of the church corresponding to the Sacred Heart on the Wellington Street side. Unfortunately, this will involve moving St Patrick to a pillar nearer the confessionals. There is already a plaque there in memory of Mary Greene (who cleaned and generally looked after the church for many years until her death in 1991 at the age of 77) to whose memory her friends dedicated this statue. To see St Patrick, you'll just have to go Confession more often...

**Please pray for the Pope's intentions this month.** General: That international attention towards the poorer countries may give rise to more concrete help, in particular to relieve them of the crushing burden of foreign debt. Mission: That the particular Churches operating in regions marked by violence may be sustained by the love and concrete closeness of all the Catholics in the world.

Year 1	The week ahead...	Psalter Week 2
Monday:	BB Diana d'Andalò and Cecilia Caesarini, virgins, nuns	
Tuesday:	St Ephraem, deacon, doctor or St Columba, abbot - both optional	
Wednesday:	Bl John Dominic, friar, bishop	
Thursday:	ST BARNABAS, APOSTLE, TITULAR OF THE CATHEDRAL	
Friday:	Feria	
Saturday:	St Anthony of Padua, priest, religious, doctor	
WEEKDAY MASS IN LATIN. This week, Fr Thomas will say Mass in the older form this week on days and at times to be announced. All welcome, especially a server. If you would like to learn to serve this Mass, please contact Fr Thomas.		
Next Sunday - Corpus Christi. A plenary indulgence is granted for piously participating in a solemn Eucharistic procession held inside or outside a church (there will be one after the 11am Mass). The procession is a prolongation of the celebration of the Eucharist, so that the faithful may make public profession of faith and worship of the Most Blessed Sacrament. Readings:		
Exodus 24: 3-8	Hebrews 9: 11-15	Mark 14: 12-16. 22-26

**Flat available:** 3 rooms in quiet family home, Western Park. Would suit professional lady/female student. Tel: 285 6998.

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

**Red Cross Appeal for Refugees & Asylum Seekers.** The full list of items (recent additions are underlined> needed to support these destitute and vulnerable people is:

- ◆ 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: fish, meat, pulses, 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: sanitary towels, shaving equipment, toothpaste, tooth brush, soap, moisturiser, shampoo, conditioner, toilet paper;
- ◆ Others: Tin openers, pans, cutlery, towels and sleeping bags.

Please leave these items at any Mass. Thank you.

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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