

HIS CONTINUING PRESENCE

In the autumn of 1845, John Henry Newman and his group of friends were received into the Catholic Church. They wanted to remain as a community while they considered what their future should be, and Bishop Wiseman offered them the house of Old Oscott, near Sutton Coldfield, as their home for the time being. The place had had a long catholic history, and Newman renamed it 'Maryvale', the name it still holds. (It is now a centre for adult theological education.)

When they settled in, Newman chose as his room one which had a window looking into the chapel. It is rather unusual for a window to look into another room rather than outside. But the original building of Maryvale had been constantly changed and added to and the chapel must have been built alongside what had originally been an outside wall. So the window in the wall now looked into the chapel.

For Newman this was a source of enormous comfort. He arranged a prie Dieu so that he could kneel at the window, looking down into the chapel and towards the tabernacle where the Blessed Sacrament was reserved. In becoming a Catholic, he had embraced the full catholic faith in the presence of Christ in the consecrated bread and wine, a faith which was far more real and profound than the belief he had had as an Anglican. He wrote in a letter to a close friend: 'I am writing in the next room to the Chapel. It is such an incomprehensible blessing to have Christ's bodily presence in one's house, within one's walls, as swallows up all other privileges, and destroys, or should destroy, every pain. To know that He is close by – to be able again and again to go in to Him; and be sure my dearest W., when I am thus in His Presence you are not forgotten'.

The Eucharist is not just a reminder of Christ, or of what he did; it is his very presence. This is the belief that we share, not just with Newman and his friends, but with all Catholics from the beginning. It is because of this conviction that so many have been ready to give their lives throughout the centuries. To receive Christ present in the Eucharist is to receive spiritual nourishment, so that we can grow in faith, hope and love, just as our ordinary food and drink gives us bodily health and strength. 'My flesh is food indeed and my blood is drink indeed'. Christ present in the Eucharist also draws us into the unity of the Church, a unity offered to all mankind; for by being joined to Him we are joined to the one humanity that has been united with the Godhead in his life, death, resurrection and ascension. 'We being many are one bread, one body, because we all share in the one bread'. When we venerate Christ present in the Blessed Sacrament, we grow closer to the dying and rising Christ. For, as He said to St Augustine, 'you will not change me into yourself as you do with your bodily food, but you will be changed into me'.

Fr Fabian OP

Corpus Christi

Year B

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

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

THE VERY LAST CHANCE. 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 held today in the hall after the 11:00 Mass.** All proceeds to Blackfriars Market. See Tim Challoner or one of the friars after any Mass.

Entrance Antiphon:	The Lord fed his people with the finest wheat and honey; their hunger was satisfied.
1st Reading:	Exodus 24: 3-8
Psalm Response:	I will lift up the chalice of salvation, and call on the name of the Lord. (Ps 116)
2nd Reading:	Hebrews 9: 11-15
Sequence:	Lauda Sion Salvatorem... Zion, praise your Saviour... Ecce panis angelorum... Lo! The angel's food...
Alleluia:	I am the living bread which came down from heaven, says the Lord; if anyone eats this bread he will live for ever. At 11:00: My flesh is real food and my blood is real drink. He who eats my flesh and drinks my blood lives in me and I live in him.
Gospel:	Mark 14: 12-16. 22-26
Communion Antiphon:	Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood will live in me and I in him, says the Lord.

MONEY MATTERS: Last Weekend's collections - Offertory Collection: £1116.64; SVP £19.90; Friends of Holy Cross £7.97; Holy Souls £15.46; Crib restoration £5.04. Extra money collected for Blackfriars Market after 26April £50.72.

Last week's organ recital raised £125 for which many thanks to all those involved.

Very many thanks for your continuing generosity.

The 250th 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. There will be celebrations in Hinckley on Monday 29 June from 6pm and all are invited.

Leicester East Deanery Music Day will be held on Saturday 27 June. Making Music, Talking Music, Praying Music. A day for parish singers and musicians to share experiences and music at St Joseph's Church, Goodwood. The day is open to all who are involved in providing music for the Mass, whether as leaders, instrumentalists, choirs or enthusiastic congregational singers. More details from: Jane on 07927 699732 or Alison on 220 7881. See noticeboard.

The Dioceses of Lincoln and Nottingham are seeking a Principal for the new joint Church secondary school, St Andrew's, in North East Lincolnshire. For further information please contact Edward Hayes on 01332 293833 or edward.hayes@nottingham-des.org.uk



Ecce Panis Angelorum

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

Coro Nostro will be singing again much of the music by William Byrd they sang here, at St John the Baptist's, Clarendon Park Road, on **Tuesday 16 June** at 7.30pm. See noticeboard in the Narthex.

Pilgrimage (walking) to Santiago de Compostela, Spain: simple accommodation, good food, true rest, low cost. 135 miles or join me en route. August 10-24. Contact Angela Bailey (tel: 285 6998) a.s.a.p.

Year 1	The week ahead...	Psalter Week 3
Monday:	Feria	
Tuesday:	St Richard of Chichester, bishop, Dominican tertiary	
Wednesday:	Feria	
Thursday:	Feria	
Friday:	THE MOST SACRED HEART OF JESUS, solemnity. A plenary indulgence is granted for the public recitation of the act of reparation <i>lesu dulcissime (Most Sweet Jesus)</i> .	
Saturday:	Immaculate Heart of Mary	
WEEKDAY MASS IN LATIN. This week, Fr Thomas will say Mass in the older form this week on Monday, Tuesday and Thursday 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.		
Next Sunday - 12 th Sunday <i>per annum</i> . Prayers are encouraged for those who suffer persecution and oppression, and to stop the denial of human rights. Readings:		
Job 38: 1. 8-11	2 Corinthians 5: 14-17	Mark 4: 35-41

The SVP Mablethorpe Girls' Camp is looking for some female volunteers aged between 20 and 30 to help on the camp with the outdoor activities. Dates 15-22 August. For further information, please contact Monica on 277 7669.

If you are really interested in working with other churches, there is a post available as County Ecumenical officer for Leicestershire. If full-time can be offered, salary is £25k; otherwise part-time pro rata. Closing date 18 June. Interviews 9 July. Please contact Fr Duncan before 18 June.

Discover the priests' holes used to hide persecuted Jesuit priests in the 1590s, and see the exquisite 19th century Catholic chapel at Baddesley Clinton, Warwickshire. A coach trip is being organised by Travel Talks Leicester on Thursday 9 July. There are other trips, too. See noticeboard, visit <http://www.traveltalksleicester.co.uk/> or ring Patricia Lessells on 271 7824.

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.

REGULAR SERVICE TIMES
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)
WEDNESDAYS 10.30 Exposition until 12.30 11.45 Divine Mercy Chaplet, Rosary & Benediction
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.
HOLIDAYS 18.00 (previous day) Vigil Mass 8.00 Lauds 10.00 Mass 12.30 Mass 17.45 Vespers 19.00 Mass
BANK HOLIDAYS 8.00 Lauds 10.00 Mass, after which the church is closed
SUNDAYS 8.00 Mass 9.00 Lauds 9.30 Mass (Family) 11.00 Mass (Solemn: Latin on 2 nd , 4 th and 5 th 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
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.
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