

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



TODAY we see Jesus off to a very bad start in his 'home town'. There is a terrible lesson here. 'Familiarity brings contempt' we say. This contempt can be crippling to us all. It prevents many good things from happening.

We are punished, as we will have made a misery of the world around us.

There is a way out; and we were told it – 'Repent, and believe the Gospel'.

But there are great mysteries in this gospel. How could Jesus be hindered from doing miracles? How is God amazed at lack of faith? Mark's gospel is the most human-all-too-human of the gospels. The other gospel writers let us see Jesus acting as God, the Son made man for us; but Mark almost pointedly lets Jesus look very, very human, in among all the difficulty of believing even everyone around Him had. And don't we, also, these days?

Mark is helping us come to believe. In his gospel is the unforgettable cry of an unhappy man, 'I believe – help my unbelief!' This is the state we all are in, until we make progress in real faith. We move, from being needy, to knowing our needs, then being able to think they could be met, even to feel they should be met, and so to look for where they would be met. We find this, in the Church. We hear His Gospel, here. At last, in daily life, we learn, in our prayers, to talk to Him, ourselves, and to listen to Him.

So, He answers our prayers. For we grow to learn our real needs. They are faith and hope and love. They come to us always, and more and more, in our prayers. We find God hardly ever answers prayers for other things. We find out why, as we get to know the mysteries of His life, and – ours.

fr Duncan OP

Sunday Masses	This week	Mass Intentions	Next week
6:00pm Vigil	Fr Thomas Tina Bailey, RIP		Fr Duncan
8:00am	Fr Duncan <i>Pro populo</i>		Fr Isidore
9:30am Family	Fr Leon Michael Joseph Jackson, RIP		Fr Duncan
11:00am Solemn	Fr Duncan Maria de Gouveia Gonçalves, RIP		Fr Leon
12:30pm Old rite	Fr Thomas Holy Souls		Fr Duncan
5:00pm Students	– – No Mass now until next term		– –
7:00pm	Fr Leon In thanksgiving		Fr Leon

OTHER SUNDAY SERVICES	6:00pm Rosary	4 July	Confessions	11 July
9:00am Lauds	6:20pm Compline	Fr Thomas	10:30 - 11:30am	Fr Fabian
5:45pm Vespers	6:40pm Benediction	Fr Leon	5:00 - 6:00pm	Fr Duncan

Please pray for the Pope's intentions this month. *General:* That the Christians of the Middle East may live their faith in full freedom and be an instrument of peace and reconciliation. *Mission:* That the Church may be the seed and nucleus of a humanity reconciled and reunited in God's one and only family, thanks to the testimony of all the faithful in every country in the world.

Copies of 'The Black Friars', the newsletter of the English Dominican Province (Summer issue), are available by the church doors. Please pick up a copy to keep abreast of everything that's going on in the Province.

Entrance Antiphon:	Within your temple, we ponder your loving kindness, O God. As your name, so also your praise reaches to the ends of the earth; your right hand is filled with justice.
1st Reading:	Ezekiel 2: 2-5
Psalm Response:	Our eyes look to the Lord, till he have mercy upon us. (Ps 123).
2nd Reading:	1 Corinthians 12: 7-10
Alleluia:	The Spirit of the Lord is upon me; he has sent me to preach good news to the poor. At 11:00 - The Lord is great and worthy to be praised in the city of our God, his holy mountain.
Gospel:	Mark 6: 1-6
Communion Antiphon:	Taste and see the goodness of the Lord; blessed is he who hopes in God. <u>Or (but not at 11:00)</u> - Come to me, all you that labour and are burdened, and I will give you rest, says the Lord.

MONEY MATTERS: Last Weekend's collections – Offertory Collection £951.64; SVP £35.80; Friends of Holy Cross £8.53; Holy Souls £12.83; Crib restoration £2.81. Last week's collection for Peter's Pence came to £348.17.

This week there is a retiring collection for the Day for Life, and **next week** there will be a retiring collection for the Apostleship of the Sea.

Very many thanks for your continuing generosity.

End of Life Care Consultation is taking place on Wednesday 15th July from 9.30am to 2.00pm at the Peepul Centre on Orchardson Avenue, Leicester. The General Medical Council is consulting on the care of patients nearing the end of their life and would like to hear the views of Black, Asian and other ethnic minority groups. If you would like to attend, please contact seacole@dmu.ac.uk or 0116 201 3906.



Today's Gospel: With the coming of the sabbath he began teaching in the synagogue.

A date for your diary. On Sunday 13 September, our patronal feast, the Exaltation of the Holy Cross, Bishop Malcolm will preside at the 11:00 Mass, after which he will consecrate our new bells. This will be followed by a Parish Party. More details in due course.

Many of us have succumbed to the values of the prevailing secular culture. Things like cars, holidays, kitchens, houses, careers, etc absorb so much of the mental, physical and financial resources of God's people, that they have little left to give into the work of the Kingdom. "These 'things' have become false gods." Christians from all denominations (including some of us from Holy Cross) will be joining a solemn **March of Repentance** on Saturday 18th July, from London's Hyde Park to Trafalgar Square (12noon start at Hyde Park, finish 4.30pm). For more details please see the website at www.repentuk.com.

There will be a retreat (in English), which is to be held at the Foyer of Charity Community, at Tressaint in Brittany, from Sunday 20th September to Saturday 26th September. The theme of the retreat is "The Light shines in the darkness," and it is based on St John's Gospel. Retreats at Foyers are held in silence, in beautiful surroundings, with all the retreatants' needs catered for. The food in particular is excellent. See noticeboard.

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.

<i>Year 1</i>	The week ahead...	<i>Psalter Week 2</i>
Monday:	St Mary Goretti, virgin, martyr - <i>optional</i>	
Tuesday:	Feria	
Wednesday:	Bl Adrian Fortescue, husband and father, lay Dominican, martyr	
Thursday:	SS John of Cologne, friar, priest, & Companions, martyrs of Gorkum	
Friday:	Feria	
Saturday:	ST BENEDICT, ABBOT, PATRON OF EUROPE. <i>Prayers are recommended for Europe.</i>	
WEEKDAY MASS IN LATIN. This week, Fr Thomas will say Mass in the older form on Monday at 8:30am, and <i>next week</i> on Tuesday, 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 – 15th Sunday per annum. Prayers are recommended for seafarers and those who minister to them. Readings:		
Amos 7: 12-15	Ephesians 1: 3-14	Mark 6: 7-13

The Holy Cross Gospel Choir is performing at the Y Theatre at 7.30pm on Saturday July 11th. Tickets £5 / £4. Box office: 255 7066. Other choirs on the bill include Bella Acapella and the Fosse Singers. Should finish around 9.30pm.

A weekend for young Catholic adults (ages 18 to 35): Explaining the Faith in the modern world. The Evangelium Conference will be held at the Oratory School, Reading, from 7 to 9 August. See handbills by the doors.

The British Red Cross is in urgent need of food donations to respond to the emergency needs of destitute asylum seekers in Leicester. To help, please leave your gifts after any mass – non perishable goods such as tinned and dried foods are mostly wanted. A full list of items is published in the Newsletter every month. The last time the list appeared was on 7 June, and this may be seen on the website given in the box on the right. Please keep giving generously to support these vulnerable people. Thank you.

Blessed Cyprian Tansi, a monk of Mount St Bernard, who died in the Royal Infirmary in 1964, is one of four saints or *beati* of the Cistercian Order. There is a small card with their details available on the table by the Wellington Street door.

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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