

McNabb Appeal

FR Vincent (born Joseph) McNabb OP (1868-1943), with his hand-loomed habit and cobbled boots, was a fixture of English Catholicism for half a century. Tens of thousands of people would have heard him preach all over the country in public, where he did not shy away from taking on all challengers, Protestants, atheists, and freethinkers, before vast crowds. He possessed little to call his own, and was described as a 13th-century monk living in 20th-century England. He never slept in a bed, instead sleeping on the wooden floor of his cell, nor did he own a chair. When studying, reading, writing or praying, he was on his knees, and like St. Dominic, walked everywhere he went.

Fr Vincent's election as prior on 6 August 1908 marked the phase of greatest development at Holy Cross since its foundation. His enemies (everyone has some) insisted that he was undignified, and that his manners in the pulpit were theatrical. But those who knew him were drawn to him and to his message, because he was sincere and holy. It was on 11 November 1911 that Fr Vincent first brought forward the scheme to build a new Holy Cross church, and knelt at the door as people left, begging for funds – and did not beg in vain!

Commemorating the 100th anniversary of the beginning of his initiative, and the 80th of its completion, we at Holy Cross are beginning the next biggest phase in the church's development. In honour of Fr Vincent, it is called the McNabb Appeal. The appeal is made for some much needed repairs and improvements to the church, such as a security camera system (with recording), a disabled access toilet in the narthex, Lady chapel heating, sacristy restoration, restoration and sound-proofing of the confessionals, and Christmas crib figures restoration.

This is not an exhaustive list, and some of these projects are obviously more urgent. Bear in mind also that the more urgent projects (e.g. narthex toilet) may also be subject to delays due to planning permission from the diocese. This is your parish, and we hope that being able to see concretely what your money is being used for will encourage you. The McNabb Appeal will be launched next Sunday 13 September, the parish patronal feast, in the presence of our bishop, Malcolm McMahon OP. More details to follow on the day itself.

Parish Pastoral Council

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Year B

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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	Annie Downey, RIP	Fr Peter
8:00am	Fr Isidore	Susan Donnelly, RIP	Fr Duncan
9:30am Family	Fr Peter	Kitty Corr, RIP	Fr Leon
11:00am Solemn	Fr Leon	Evelyn Dixon, RIP	Bp Malcolm
12:30pm Old rite	Fr Thomas	<i>Pro populo</i>	Fr Thomas
5:00pm Students	— —	No Mass now until new term (11 October)	— —
7:00pm	Fr Fabian	Isabella Riley, RIP (anniversary)	Fr Duncan

OTHER SUNDAY SERVICES	6:00pm Rosary	5 September	Confessions	12 September
9:00am Lauds	6:20pm Compline	Fr Peter	10:30 - 11:30am	Fr Thomas
5:45pm Vespers	6:40pm Benediction	Fr Thomas	5:00 - 6:00pm	Fr Duncan

Parish 'Bell Consecration' Party – Next Sunday, 13 September. We are providing a buffet after the 11am Mass. All are welcome. We would welcome contributions of plates of food for the buffet. In particular, it would be great if you could prepare some favourite snack, traditional to your family or country of origin. **Anyone wishing to help in this way please contact Jeff Henry at the 9.30 Mass (or leave your contact details with one of the friars).**



Entrance Antiphon:	Lord, you are just, and the judgements you make are right. Show mercy when you judge me, your servant.
1st Reading:	Isaiah 35: 4-7
Psalm Response:	Praise the Lord, O my soul! (Ps 146) or Alleluia.
2nd Reading:	James 2: 1-5
Alleluia:	Jesus was preaching the Gospel of the kingdom, healing every disease and every infirmity among the people. At 11:00 – O Lord, listen to my prayer and let my cry for help reach you.
Gospel:	Mark 7: 31-37
Communion Antiphon:	At 11:00 – Make vows to your God and fulfil them. Let all pay tribute to him who strikes terror, who cuts short the breath of princes, who strikes terror in the kings of the earth. <u>Otherwise either</u> – Like a deer that longs for running streams, my soul longs for you, my God. My soul is thirsting for the living God. <u>Or</u> – I am the light of the world, says the Lord; the man who follows me will have the light of life.

MONEY MATTERS: The figure for last Weekend's Offertory Collection will be available next week. For the last two weeks: SVP £51.28; Friends of Holy Cross £18.89; Holy Souls £10.22; Crib restoration £8.69.

Next week there will be a retiring collection for the McNabb appeal.

200 Club. Last month's winners were: 54, M Johnson £150; 21, J Webb £100; and 15, P Astill £50. The third prize for the July draw had to be re-drawn, and the winner was 96 T Collis £50. Congratulations!

WARNING. There have been attempts made to steal people's belongings at weekday Masses. Please keep your belongings with you at all Masses. If you see anything suspicious, alert the priest or servers immediately, even during Mass.

Very many thanks for your continuing generosity.

SVP Holy Cross Conference Report – please see the flyer circulated with this Newsletter.

Ride & Stride. This year's sponsored ride and walk, visiting the churches of Leicestershire, will take place on **Saturday**. Please collect a sponsorship form from the table by the Wellington Street door. Money raised goes jointly to Holy Cross and the Leicestershire Historic Churches Trust. You may recall that we recently received a grant of £500 from the Trust towards the restoration of our Christmas crib figures.

Two topical talks at St Philip's Church, Evington Road: 'Our One World Future', Sir Peter Soulsby on 14 September; and 'Where Next for Christian Faith?', Professor John Hull on 21 September. Both 7:30pm.

Divine Mercy Day at Westminster Cathedral – Mass, talks, Holy Hour, Benediction, Confessions and healing service, on Saturday 19 September. There will be a coach going from Leicester (only £10). There are still some seats available on the coach. Please book now with Mary Sage (210 2025 or 0773 649 7834) or Mary Cosgrove (291 2103). Details are on the noticeboard in the Wellington St porch.

St. Thérèse of Lisieux's relics arrive at Nottingham Cathedral on Monday 5 October. A coach will leave from Holy Cross. For more information please contact Kath on 234 0103. To prepare for the visit, there will be a talk at St Patrick's Church Hall, Beaumont Leys Lane, on Saturday 12 September: The Way of Confidence and Love. See noticeboard.

Please pray for the Pope's intentions this month – General: That the word of God may be better known, welcomed and lived as the source of freedom and joy. Mission: That Christians in Laos, Cambodia, and Myanmar, who often meet with great difficulties, may not be discouraged from announcing the Gospel to their brothers, trusting in the strength of the Holy Spirit.



Today's Gospel: Jesus cures the deaf and dumb man

Year 1	The week ahead...	Psalter Week 3
Monday:	Feria	
Tuesday:	THE NATIVITY OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY	
Wednesday:	St Peter Claver, priest, religious - <i>optional</i>	
Thursday:	Feria	
Friday:	Feria	
Saturday:	The Most Holy Name of Mary	
<p>WEEKDAY MASS IN LATIN. This week, Fr Thomas will say Mass in the older form on Monday at 6am, on Friday at 8:30am and on Saturday at 8:15am. On Tuesday 15 September there will be a sung Mass for the feast of Our Lady of Sorrows at 7:30pm. All welcome, especially a server. If you would like to learn to serve this Mass, please contact Fr Thomas.</p>		
Next Sunday – The Exaltation of the Holy Cross. Readings:		
Numbers 21: 4-9	Philippians 2: 6-11	John 3: 13-17

Light Bearers Ministries UK APPEAL. We are URGENTLY in need of Bibles, Rosaries and donations to send both spiritual and material resources to those in need around the world. We are also in need of baby clothes in good condition, sachets of Calpol, Ibruprofen, melts, Karvol, ear drops, eye drops and children's plasters to send to an orphanage in Bulawayo, Zimbabwe. These are items they can't get hold of easily. Please contact Jessica Pandya on 0784 727 9141 OR email; jessielightbearer@hotmail.co.uk or visit our website www.light-bearers-ministries.webs.com – Come And See How You Can Help... Thank you for your prayerful support and generosity.

First Holy Communion / Confirmation Preparation – Our classes in preparation for these sacraments for children (approximately years 7-9 for First Holy Communion; and years 12-14 for Confirmation) are set to begin in the autumn, conducted by Sr Angela Leydon OP. Please take an application form from the sacristy and return it (completed!) to Fr Leon before October. More details soon.

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 may be seen on the noticeboard and in the Newsletter (23 August) on the website given in the box on the right. Please keep giving generously to support these vulnerable people. Thank you.

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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