

The Spirit of the S.V.P.

THROUGHOUT the Gospels we see the compassionate Christ. He was sensitive to people's sufferings and wanted to help them. He healed the sick, fed the hungry, and welcomed the lonely, pushed to the fringe of society. Certainly this practical concern revealed Christ's sensitive caring humanity, a genuine love for people, and especially for those whom others thought were unimportant. He noticed them and welcomed them. But more than this, Christ's healing compassion revealed that the new, messianic age had dawned. In Christ there was a new creation in which all of us, who are in any way damaged, will be made whole.

Every Christian is called to identify with the compassionate Christ and share in his work. Now we are his instruments through whom he responds to people's various needs. As we do so we not only reflect Christ's human concern for the needy, but also share in furthering the messianic age, which began with the coming of Christ.

Members of the Saint Vincent de Paul Society are eager to identify with the compassionate Christ. They want to show his practical love and concern for those who are in any kind of need. They see themselves as instruments, servants of his love. Certainly they are inspired by human compassion. But this is transformed and enriched by Christian love. The people they assist are welcomed as God's children, for whom his Son lived among us and died for us, simply because God loves everyone and wants all of us to share his eternal happiness.

If the needy meet the compassionate Christ in those who care for them, they, in turn, meet Christ in those whom they assist. This is clear from Matthew's Gospel, chapter 25. Here Jesus tells us that he identifies with those who are in any kind of need.

Every Christian is called to identify with the compassionate Christ. Most of us do, especially in our loving concern for those who are near and dear to us. But there are many lonely people who can easily be overlooked. Members of the S.V.P. try to make sure they are not.

As they do so, they meet Christ in his need and come to his assistance. And those whom they visit meet the compassionate Christ, who loves and cares for them. In such meetings there's a dialogue between Christ the given and Christ the receiver. Members of the S.V.P. insist that their Christian lives are enriched by those whom they visit.

If working with the S.V.P. appeals to you and you can spare a few hours each week contact: Rosi Leivas <rosi_leivas@o2.co.uk>. The lonely would welcome a visit from you. So would Christ.

Fr Isidore O.P.

26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Year B

27 September 2009

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 Peter	Annie Downey, RIP	Fr Fabian
8:00am	Fr Isidore	<i>Pro populo</i>	Fr Peter
9:30am Family	Fr Fabian	Fr Kieran O'Shea OP, RIP	Fr Duncan
11:00am Solemn	Fr Leon	Robert Everson, RIP	Fr Leon
12:30pm Old rite	Fr Thomas	Holy Souls	Fr Thomas
5:00pm Students	— —	Mass for Students: starts next week	Fr Peter
7:00pm	Fr Fabian	Lucy Andrade, RIP	Fr Fabian

OTHER SUNDAY SERVICES	26 September	Confessions	3 October
6:00pm Rosary	Fr Duncan	10:30 - 11:30am	Fr Leon
9:00am Lauds	6:20pm Compline	Fr Isidore	5:00 - 6:00pm
5:45pm Vespers	6:40pm Benediction		

Volunteers needed (see back page). The Holy Cross SVP Conference is looking for volunteers to join its group within the Parish. The SVP work consists of visiting the elderly and providing practical help to the homeless and asylum seekers. If you would like to join the conference or get further information, please contact Rosi Leivas on 07542 904154 or by email rosi.leivas@o2.co.uk or visit www.svp.org.uk.

Would you like to support the works in the church and have the chance to be a prize-winner? The 200 Club is looking for some new members. Membership is £5 a month, and prizes of £150, £100 and £50 are distributed monthly. Application forms available at the back of the church, or speak to one of the friars.

Entrance Antiphon:	O Lord, you had just cause to judge men as you did: because we sinned against you and disobeyed your will. But now show us your greatness of heart, and treat us with your unbounded kindness.
1st Reading:	Numbers 11: 25-29
Psalm Response:	The precepts of the Lord are right, rejoicing the heart. (Ps 19)
2nd Reading:	James 5: 1-6
Alleluia:	<u>At 11:00</u> — My heart is ready, O God; I will sing, sing your praise. <u>Otherwise</u> — Your word, O Lord, is truth; sanctify us in the truth.
Gospel:	Mark 9: 38-43.45.47-48
Communion Antiphon:	<u>Either</u> — O Lord, remember the words you spoke to me, your servant, which made me live in hope and consoled me when I was downcast. <u>Or (but not at 11:00)</u> — This is how we know what love is: Christ gave up his life for us; and we too must give up our lives for our brothers.

MONEY MATTERS: Last Weekend's collections – Offertory Collection £834.87; SVP £7.26; Friends of Holy Cross £8.86; Holy Souls £12.46; Crib restoration £4.08.

Next week there will be a retiring collection for the Autumn Fast Day.

Very many thanks for your continuing generosity.

Choral Workshop Day – Saturday 7 November at St Mary's, Derby. Includes singing technique, the liturgy, traditional and modern Catholic music, plainsong and part singing. Music to be rehearsed and sung at the evening Mass. See noticeboard.



Today's Gospel: Jesus sends His disciples to preach.

St. Thérèse of Lisieux's relics arrive at Nottingham Cathedral on Monday 5 October. A coach will leave from Holy Cross. Please contact Kath on 234 0103.

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.

The Leicester Theological Society, founded in 1959, is an ecumenical organisation aiming to provide a platform for serious theological debate which is both challenging to those with theological training and intelligible to the thinking lay person. The first talk this season will be given by Professor Sathianathan Clarke on "The Dalit issue in Hindu-Christian Dialogue: the Promise for the Future of Religions" on Friday 16 October. All are welcome. Meetings are held at Christchurch, Clarendon Park Road (near Queens Road) at 7:30pm. Cost is £5 (students no charge).

Churches Together in Leicester City Centre will meet at the Central Baptist Church, Charles Street, at 12:30pm on Thursday. All are welcome.

SOME DATES FOR YOUR DIARY. At *Holy Cross Centre*: Saturday 24 October Race Night in aid of the Leicester Catholic Chaplaincy Association – supporting the work of the chaplaincy of both universities; and on Sunday 6 December Parish pre-Christmas lunch party. At *the Y Theatre*: Saturday 28 November Kaine Festival of Gospel Music. Holy Cross Gospel Choir will feature...

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 (20 September) on the website given in the box on the right. Please keep giving generously to support these vulnerable people. Thank you.

First Holy Communion / Confirmation Preparation – Our classes to prepare 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.

<i>Year 1</i>	The week ahead...	<i>Psalter Week 2</i>
Monday:	SS Dominic Ibáñez de Erquicia, James Tomonaga, friars, priests, Lawrence Ruiz, husband and father, lay Dominican, and Companions, martyrs of Japan	
Tuesday:	SS MICHAEL, GABRIEL & RAPHAEL, ARCHANGELS	
Wednesday:	St Jerome, priest, doctor	
Thursday:	St Teresa of Lisieux, virgin, religious, doctor	
Friday:	The Holy Guardian Angels. <i>Autumn Fast Day. Prayers are recommended for the needs of all people, especially for the productivity of the earth and for human labour, and to give God public thanks.</i>	
Saturday:	Saturday Mass of Our Lady - <i>optional</i>	
WEEKDAY MASS IN LATIN. This week, Fr Thomas will say Mass in the older form on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday at 8:30am, and on Saturday at the 'Militia Immaculata' shop at 12:30pm. All welcome, especially a server. If you would like to learn to serve this Mass, please contact Fr Thomas.		
Next Sunday – 27th Sunday per annum. Readings:		
Genesis 2: 18-24	Hebrews 2: 9-11	Mark 10: 2-16

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, Ibuprofen, 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.

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 students and other visitors to our Parish.

Noticeboards are situated in the New Walk and Wellington Street entrances and at the back of the church in the Narthex. If you don't see what you are looking for, please check the other boards.

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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