

The Newsletter of
HOLY CROSS PRIORY CHURCH, LEICESTER

Serving Leicester's Catholics since AD 1247



IN these 'ordinary' gospels Jesus is instructing His disciples – and us, if we listen, centuries later – how to live, with Him. The point is, do we want to live with Him? What wakens us up, to want to? People can find life, by themselves, quite satisfactory, and have little or no interest in following Him; or anyone else. Very many people follow others, without realising it – film stars, or singers, writers, fashion guides, political leaders – and often disastrously.

Worldly-wise people see the dangers in this, but unwisely reject all leaders, even Jesus. They can then feel left, alone, to find their way themselves, stand on their feet, 'grow up' as they would say.

We don't. We know that there must be a way. We know we don't know it. We find we don't stand on our own feet very well – we fall, into wrongdoing; and know it. We realise that growing isn't always growing 'up', but 'away': from things we shouldn't leave.

We can't see ourselves making any way; and we must notice how other people just aren't, either. So, the honesty in the gospels can strike us. It seems able to disentangle us from all the iniquity in the world. This is impossible; but possible with the help of God. Jesus shows each of us the way. This rich young man needed to leave his wealth. Can you think, what Jesus would say, to you?

Are there things you should leave – or things you should take on?

A sign would be a great sense of reward you might begin to feel.

As a boy, I thought I was clever, shaking off all religious ideas. Some feeling remained. This determined me to take it seriously.

I found the Dominican Fathers argued with me! So I joined them and it was all complicated, important, necessary – and rewarding.

fr Duncan OP

| Sunday Masses | This week | Mass Intentions | Next week |
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| 6:00pm Vigil | Fr Duncan | Annie Downey, RIP | Fr Thomas |
| 8:00am | Fr Isidore | Evelyn Dixon, RIP | Fr Isidore |
| 9:30am Family | Fr Duncan | Michael Kelly, RIP (anniversary) | Fr Peter |
| 11:00am Solemn | Fr Leon | <i>Pro populo</i> | Fr Fabian |
| 12:30pm Old rite | Fr Thomas | Clara Gurajena's intentions | Fr Thomas |
| 5:00pm Students | Fr Peter | Mass for Students in the Lady Chapel | Fr Leon |
| 7:00pm | Fr Leon | Mgr George Tutto (wellbeing & intentions) | Fr Duncan |

| OTHER SUNDAY SERVICES | 6:00pm Rosary | 10 October | Confessions | 17 October |
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| 9:00am Lauds | 6:20pm Compline | Fr Peter | 10:30 - 11:30am | Fr Peter |
| 5:45pm Vespers | 6:40pm Benediction | Fr Fabian | 5:00 - 6:00pm | Fr Duncan |

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 for past Newsletters. Please keep giving generously to support these vulnerable people. Thank you.

Race Night in aid of the Leicester Catholic Chaplaincy Association – supporting the work of the chaplaincy of both universities. Saturday 24 October in Holy Cross Centre. Tickets are £5, £3 concession and £10 family, including a baked-potato supper. You can sponsor a horse for £5 and a race for £25. See noticeboard.

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| Entrance Antiphon: | If you, O Lord, laid bare our guilt, who could endure it? But you are forgiving, God of Israel. |
| 1 st Reading: | Wisdom 7: 7-11 |
| Psalm Response: | Satisfy us with your mercy, O Lord, that we may rejoice. (Ps 90) |
| 2 nd Reading: | Hebrews 4: 12-13 |
| Alleluia: | <u>At 11:00</u> – You who fear him, trust in the Lord; he is their help and their shield. <u>Otherwise</u> – Blessed are the poor in spirit for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. |
| Gospel: | Mark 10: 17-30 |
| Communion Antiphon: | <u>At 11:00</u> – Relieve me from scorn and contempt: for I do your will, O Lord. Your will is my delight. <u>Otherwise either</u> – The rich suffer want and go hungry, but nothing shall be lacking for those who fear the Lord. <u>Or</u> – When the Lord is revealed we shall be like him, for we shall see him as he is. |

MONEY MATTERS: Last Weekend's collections – Offertory Collection £1179.24; SVP £8.23; Friends of Holy Cross £18.25; Holy Souls £18.88; Crib restoration £13.50. Last week's collection for CAFOD came to £347.46.

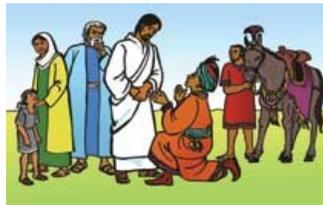
Next week there is a retiring collection for Mission Sunday.

Blackfriars Advent Market is on 14 & 15 November (Saturday AND Sunday). ***Donations required*:** any bottles (wine/spirits), toys/stocking fillers, quality gifts, quality bric-a-brac, unwanted teddy bears, chocolate, home made cakes, Christmas cakes, mince pies, new candles, pot pourri, etc. Please avoid donating the following items, as they can't be sold or are difficult to sell: clothes, books, video cassettes and electronic equipment. Thank you for your generosity!

200 Club. Last month's winners were: 117, C Kelly £150; 175, E Lubek £100; and 104, E Ellis £50. Congratulations! **NEW MEMBERS OF THE 200 CLUB ARE ALWAYS WELCOME.**

Very many thanks for your continuing generosity.

Please pray for our benefactors (mostly anonymous) who have donated or paid for the following items for the parish: bells, pulpit, statues of Ss Anne, George, Rita, Michael, & Anthony, sanctuary curtains, choir stalls, eight chasubles, mysteries of the rosary plaques, icon of Our Lady of Perpetual Succour, altar rails for Lady Chapel, repairs to altar crucifix, and Martyrs' shrine (yet to be built). Thanks to their generosity, all these items have not cost the parish a single penny, and the church looks far more beautiful and as it ought. Pray for their intentions and welfare please.



Today's Gospel: "It is easier for a camel to pass through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter the kingdom of God."

Ratcliffe College is offering bursaries for children joining Year 7 next September. See noticeboard.

SPUC Piano Recital. A Classical piano recital given by Emma Willcox in aid of SPUC (Society for the Protection of Unborn Children) will take place on **Saturday 28th November** at 7.30pm. All are welcome to attend. Tickets are £5 and all proceeds go to the registered charity. There will be plenty of food and wine during the interval. No need to book your place, just turn up and enjoy an evening of uplifting music.

The Leicester SPUC branch will be a holding a cake stall in Blackfriars Hall on Sunday 25 October after the 9.30am and 11am Masses. Please do come along and help to support pro-life work in Leicester.

October: the month of the Rosary. Every day, Monday to Saturday, the rosary will be recited in church at 12noon, beginning with the Angelus. On Sundays the usual rosary group meets at 6pm. Please feel free to come at 12 on weekdays and join in.

Please pray for the Pope's intentions for the month of October. *General:* That Sunday may be lived as the day on which Christians gather to celebrate the risen Lord, participating in the Eucharist. *Mission:* That the entire People of God, to whom Christ entrusted the mandate to go and preach the Gospel to every creature, may eagerly assume their own missionary responsibility and consider it the highest service they can offer humanity.

| Year 1 | The week ahead... | Psalter Week 4 |
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| Monday: | St Wilfrid, bishop - <i>optional</i> | |
| Tuesday: | St Edward the Confessor, husband, king - <i>opt'l</i> | |
| Wednesday: | St Callistus I, pope, martyr - <i>optional</i> | |
| Thursday: | St Teresa of Ávila, virgin, religious, doctor | |
| Friday: | St Hedwig, wife and mother, religious <i>or</i> St Margaret Mary Alacoque, virgin, religious - <i>both optional</i> | |
| Saturday: | St Ignatius of Antioch, bishop, martyr | |
| WEEKDAY MASS IN LATIN. This week, Fr Thomas will say Mass in the older form on Monday, Thursday & 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 – 29th Sunday per annum, World Mission Sunday. Readings: | | |
| Isaiah 53: 10-11 | Hebrews 4: 14-16 | Mark 10: 35-45 |

In June the Holy Cross-based Leicester SPUC branch submitted a detailed response to the public consultation on whether abortion adverts should be shown on TV. We were among 400 consultation respondents. As a result of the opposition the ASA has delayed its decision until Spring. We must continue to oppose a proposal which would give free rein to abortion providers such as FPA and Brook. They have money to spend on ads – pro-life charities don't. Please help us by signing the petition on the table by the Wellington Street entrance.

The next biannual Mass for Lesbian and Gay Catholics, families and friends will take place here on Saturday 17 October at 3pm. Pastoral provision is given by Holy Cross priory to be sensitive to the pastoral needs of homosexual Catholics. Nothing contrary to the Catholic faith is intended or promoted by such care, and indeed, such care is mandated by the Catechism.

| Forthcoming events for your diary | | |
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| Fri 16 Oct | Leicester Theological Society meeting, 7:30pm at Christchurch, Clarendon Park Road. See noticeboard. | |
| Sat 24 Oct | Race Night in aid of Chaplaincy to Universities, at Holy Cross Centre, 7pm. First Race 7:30pm | |
| Sun 25 Oct | SPUC cake stall after 9:30 and 11:00 am Masses | |
| Sat 31 Oct | All Saints' Eve Music Festival 7:30pm Holy X Centre | |
| Sat 28 Nov | SPUC Piano Recital, 7:30pm Holy Cross Centre | |
| Sat 28 Nov | Kaine Festival of Gospel Music, Y Theatre | |
| Sun 6 Dec | Parish Lunch, Holy Cross Centre | |

| REGULAR SERVICE TIMES |
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| 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. |
| Website for past Newsletters: holycrosschoirleicester.co.uk |
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