

De Lisle's Dream Come True

TWO hundred years ago an extraordinary man was born in Leicestershire, Ambrose Philips de Lisle. He was a scion of the ancient De Lisle family, and the founder of Mount St Bernard's Abbey. His descendants still come to Mass at Holy Cross. Ambrose de Lisle was a visionary ahead of his time. A convert to the Catholic faith, he dreamed of Christian unity. He wrote a pamphlet in 1876, voicing the idea of a corporate re-union of the Anglican Communion with the Catholic Church, whilst retaining Anglican juridical structures, liturgy and spirituality. When his friend Cardinal John Henry Newman read it, he wrote to him,

Nothing will rejoice me more than to find that the Holy See considers it safe and promising to sanction some such plan as the Pamphlet suggests. I give my best prayers, such as they are, that some means of drawing to us so many good people, *who are now shivering at our gates*, may be discovered.

The plan was doomed to be thwarted in De Lisle's lifetime. To console him, Newman said:

It seems to me there must be some divine purpose in it. It often has happened in sacred and in ecclesiastical history, *that a thing is in itself good, but the time has not come for it ...* And thus I reconcile myself to many, many things, and put them into God's hands. I can quite believe that the conversion of Anglicans may be more thorough and more extended, if it is delayed – and our Lord knows more than we do.

In our own time, Pope Benedict XVI has rightly been called the 'Pope of Christian Unity'. Two years ago, the Pope said that in the critical moments of the Church's history, when divisions arose, the failure to act on the part of Church leaders has helped to allow divisions to form and harden. He observed, 'This glance at the past imposes an obligation on us today: *to make every effort to enable for all those who truly desire unity to remain in that unity or to attain it anew.*'

It is with this in mind, no doubt, that Pope Benedict has made this unprecedented and overwhelmingly generous *response* (N.B. the Pope is *responding* to a request, not enacting his own initiative) to the many requests submitted to him by Anglicans left in dismay within their own Communion. Already such Anglicans are being castigated as misogynist homophobes – an uncharitable, prejudiced aspersion. Some Anglicans see them as traitors; some Catholics see them as less-than-desirable for our Church.

The real issue is one of unity, genuine unity: that those who seek communion with the Barque of Peter should not be left to founder amidst the waves, but be brought safely aboard where Christ is not asleep, but Master of wind and waves, standing on Peter's deck. The Pope has shown that real ecumenism is not about courteous disagreement trying to increase each other's insipidity until one church cannot be distinguished from another in a cosmic-beige mélange. No, the call of the Gospel still holds: one Lord, one Faith, one Baptism. These are our brothers and sisters, *shivering at our gates*, to be received as brothers and sisters, and not as traitors or second-class Catholics.

The Dominican Order has a small role in all this. On 21 February this year, our brother Fr Augustine Di Noia OP, then under-secretary of the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith, asked all Dominicans to pray the Litany of Dominican Saints from February 22 (the Feast of the Chair of St Peter) till March 25 (the Solemnity of the Annunciation) for an at-the-time undisclosed intention – it was for *this* intention. It is no wonder that in our history people have remarked, *'Beware the Litanies of the Dominicans!'*

Fr Leon Pereira OP

32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
Remembrance Sunday

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Sunday Masses	This week	Mass Intentions	Next week
6:00pm Vigil	Fr Isidore	Lucy & Armando Pinto, RIP	Fr Isidore
8:00am	Fr Duncan	<i>Pro populo</i>	Fr Isidore
9:30am Family	Fr Fabian	Doran & Nolan families	Fr Leon
11:00am Solemn	Fr Peter	Eric Collier, RIP	Fr Fabian
12:30pm Old rite	Fr Thomas	Eileen Martinez, RIP	Fr Thomas
5:00pm Students	Fr Fabian	Mass for Students in the Lady Chapel	Fr Peter
7:00pm	Fr Leon	Thomas William Roberts, RIP	Fr Leon

OTHER SUNDAY SERVICES	6:00pm Rosary	7 November	Confessions	14 November
9:00am Lauds	6:20pm Compline	Fr Leon	10:30 - 11:30am	Fr Peter
5:45pm Vespers	6:40pm Benediction	Fr Fabian	5:00 - 6:00pm	Fr Duncan

Blackfriars Advent Market is on 21 & 22 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 support!**

The 11am Mass will be a solemn Requiem Mass for the dead of all wars.
The texts are in *Emmanuel*, Mass 15. Readings will be those given below.

Entrance	Let my prayer come before you, Lord; listen, and answer me.
Antiphon:	
1 st Reading:	1 Kings 17: 10-16
Psalm Response:	Praise the Lord, O my soul. (Ps 146)
2 nd Reading:	Hebrews 9: 24-28
Alleluia:	Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
Gospel:	Mark 12: 38-44
Communion	
Antiphon:	<u>Either</u> – The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want. In green pastures he gives me rest, he leads me beside the waters of peace. <u>Or</u> – The disciples recognised the Lord Jesus in the breaking of bread.

MONEY MATTERS: Last Weekend's collections – Offertory Collection £1160.51; SVP £35.90; Friends of Holy Cross £14.28; Holy Souls £13.23; Crib restoration £7.75. The collection for the Dominican Priests' Training Fund has received an extra £60, bringing the total to £286.04. The McNabb Appeal fund now stands at £3246.97.

Next week there will a retiring collection for the Diocesan Quota.

Our 200 Club is currently a 92 Club! There is room for 108 new members. Membership is £5 a month, with prizes of £150, £100 and £50 per month. All proceeds to the Church Restoration Fund. Membership forms are available from the 200 Club desk by the Wellington Street door.

Very many thanks for your continuing generosity.

Parish pre-Christmas Party. This is from 1pm on Sunday 6 December. There will be a traditional 3-course Christmas lunch with a few songs, games and great company. All welcome, but by ticket only. Tickets will be on sale at all Sunday Masses from 15 November. Tickets: £10 (£7 concession), Family (2 adults and up to 3 children) £25, (1 adult) £15. Children £5. Please listen/look for announcements of how to buy your tickets.



Today's Gospel:
The Widow's mite.

VACANCY: The Dominican Fathers are looking for a cook to prepare an evening meal 3 days a week (Mon, Wed, Fri), for 5-7 persons; 9 hours a week in total. For more details (including salary), call the bursar, Fr Thomas Crean on 252 1511.

Sr Angela's classes begin next Sunday 15 November at 9:30am (First Holy Communion class) and 10:15am (Confirmation class) in St Clement's Hall.

HEADTEACHER VACANCY – EASTER 2010. St John Fisher Primary School, Alvaston Street, Derby DE24 0PA; Group 2. Number on roll : 200. A successful school with a strong Catholic and community ethos. To visit the school, ring 01332 572154. For application details, ring 01332 716843. Closing date Monday 23 November 2009 at noon.

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Eileen Martinez, Sica Martinez's mother, who died a few days ago. Her funeral Mass will be here on Tuesday 10 November at 10am followed by burial at Gilroes Cemetery after which there will be refreshments at the parish hall of Our Lady of Good Counsel, Gleneagles Ave.

'The Sacraments and the teaching of St Thomas Aquinas'. There will be a discussion morning in St Clement's Hall on Saturday 14 November, from 10.15, finishing with Mass at 12.30, led by Fr Joseph Vnuk, OP, who is a member of the Australian Province, currently researching at Nottingham University. All very welcome. See noticeboard.

Welcome to all the Pleasures – the Leicestershire Chorale is providing a celebration of the music of Henry Purcell at St James the Greater on Saturday 21 November at 7:30pm. More details on noticeboard.

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.

Year 1	The week ahead...	Psalter Week 4
Monday:	THE DEDICATION OF THE LATERAN BASILICA OF THE MOST HOLY SAVIOUR. <i>A plenary indulgence is granted to those who visit a cathedral church and piously recite an Our Father and a Creed</i>	
Tuesday:	St Leo I the Great, pope, doctor	
Wednesday:	St Martin of Tours, bishop	
Thursday:	St Josaphat, bishop, martyr	
Friday:	COMMEMORATION OF THE ORDER'S DECEASED BROTHERS AND SISTERS	
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, 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 – 33rd Sunday per annum. <i>Day of Prayer for Prisoners and their Dependants. Prayers are recommended for prisoners and their families. Readings:</i>		
Daniel 12: 1-3	Hebrews 10: 11-14.18	Mark 13: 24-32

The Leicester Theological Society's next talk will be given by Professor John Hoffman on "I believe in God – the case for a Transcendental Atheism" on Friday 13 November. All are welcome. Meetings are held at Christchurch, Clarendon Park Road (near Queens Road) at 7:30pm. Cost is £5 (students no charge). **Next month's talk will be given by Fr Richard Ounsworth on "Entering into God's rest".**

Christmas Crib Figures. Many of you have asked about sponsoring one of the figures of our Christmas Crib, as they are being restored to their former glory. We list here a guide to what their restoration costs. Some money has already been collected to defray these costs, as well as a grant from the Leicestershire Historic Churches Trust. The amount left to pay divided among the figures yields the following: ~~Christ Child – £200, Our Lady and St Joseph - £350 each, the three wise men Caspar, Melchior and Balthasar - £400 each, the three shepherds Asher, Zebulun, and Justus - £300 each, ~~Aleph the ox, and Hamor the ass - £250 each.~~~~ If you wish to sponsor them, speak to any of the friars. Remember: Gift Aid it! Figures deleted have already been sponsored (thank you!). The Christmas Crib collecting box, at Fr Isidore's request, will be changed to an appeal for Grenada. More details soon.

Forthcoming events for your diary	
Tue 10 Nov	Latin classes begin, 7pm Blackfriars Hall. No need to register - just turn up
13-15 Nov	Study Weekend at Stone - details from Fr Thomas
Sat 14 Nov	Discussion Morning, 10:15 St Clement's Hall
Sat 21 Nov	AND Sunday - Blackfriars Advent Market, 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
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 (& MON TO FRI AROUND XTMAS & NEW YEAR) 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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