



HOLY CROSS PRIORY CHURCH

JUNE 2024 NEWSLETTER

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Very Rev Fr Richard Ounsworth OP *Prior*; Fr John-Patrick Kenrick OP *Subprior*; Fr Benedict Jonak OP *University Chaplain*; Fr Anthony Rattigan OP *Bursar*; Fr John Farrell OP; Fr James Claffey OP.

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A MESSAGE FROM THE PARISH PRIEST

Dear brothers and sisters,

Firstly, many congratulations to the children who make their first Holy Communion at the 10.30 Mass on Sunday 2 June. Let us continue to keep them in our prayers as they grow in Christian discipleship.

The same Sunday also sees our Summer Fair, and we thank you all for your support. Let us hope that the climate takes the hint and we get some summery weather at last! We did have very nice weather for our trip to Walsingham, which was a beautiful spiritual experience in honour of Our Lady, as well as a nice day out. I hope those of you who were not able to come will be able to manage it next year.

Finally, I want to encourage you all to take an interest in the General Election. It is very easy to become cynical and switch off from politics, but it is our Christian duty to be engaged and to vote in accordance with our conscience. Let us pray for all the election candidates.

Yours in Christ,

Richard OP **e-mail me: leicester@english.op.org**

MASS TIMES

LS = Livestreamed

Sunday: 8am, 10.30am (LS), 7pm

Saturday: 10am, 12.30pm (LS) & 6.10pm (Vigil)

Monday – Friday: 12.30 (LS) & 6.10pm

Church open 10am – 2pm Tuesday to Friday, 30 minutes before evening and weekend Masses.

Later opening on Mondays at 12 noon.

Holy Days of Obligation: 12:30 (LS) & 6:10

Confessions: Saturdays 11am – 12pm

ADORATION TIMES

Sunday: 6pm – 6.40pm (with Rosary)

Saturday: 10.30am – 12.15pm

Wednesday & Friday: 11.15am – 12.15pm

*Livestreamed Masses on **YouTube @ HolyCrossTV Leicester**, Sunday 10.30 a.m., weekdays 12.30 p.m.*

JUBILEE

The Holy Father has declared that 2025 will be a Jubilee Year, on the theme of Hope. Holy Cross church has been chosen to provide the Jubilee Doors – this means that anyone coming through the big doors at the back of our church to pray during that year can gain the Jubilee indulgence. We hope to put on a whole series of events to make the most of the year – please watch this space for more details nearer the time.

UK MARCH FOR LIFE

This annual event will take place on Saturday 7th September in London. It always draws thousands of people from around the UK to witness to the humanity of the unborn child and the injustice of abortion. If you would like to be part of a group travelling from Leicester please contact francisca@sicamartinez.plus.com or text/call on 07943 711549.

SACRAMENTS

Please contact the office by email, which is leicester.admin@english.op.org for any of the following:

- **Infant Baptisms, Marriages, Becoming Catholic:** Please apply to the parish office by email or talk to one of the priests.
- **Visiting the Sick:** If you would like a visit, either send an email or leave a telephone message with your name, tel. no. & address.
- **First Communion:** classes have begun for children who are not receiving catechism at school, so it is now too late to enrol new children. But there will be more classes next year, so please let one of the priests know.
- **Confirmation:** once the First Communions have taken place, we will start Confirmation classes for any children who need them – this will probably be in the autumn. If you are an adult and have not been confirmed, please speak to one of the priests and we will arrange for you to receive the sacrament.

*The Dominican priests continue to offer **pastoral care to the LRI**, in collaboration with the University Hospitals of Leicester (UHL) NHS Trust. **If you or a relative are in hospital, please ask the nurse to inform the hospital chaplain. If someone is dying, ask the duty nurse to call the Catholic chaplain – do not call yourself.***

CONFESSIONS ON SATURDAYS AND SUNDAYS

There is a huge demand for Confessions on Saturday lunchtimes, so much so that sometimes we are not able to get through everybody before the 12.30 Mass starts. Of course it is wonderful that so many people, parishioners and others from far and wide, want to avail themselves of this important sacrament. So we have decided that, from 9th June onwards, Confessions will also be available from 6 p.m. until 6.45 p.m. on Sundays. During this time the Blessed Sacrament is exposed, and there is Benediction at 6.45, so we would encourage you to come early and pray before the Sacrament while waiting for Confession. Please note that we will stop hearing Confessions at 6.45 sharp, and also at 12.15 sharp on Saturdays.

PARISH GROUPS

SCRIPTURE STUDY: we have started up again after a long Easter break, and we have started reading from St John's Gospel. There are very lively and interesting discussions, and I would strongly urge you to consider joining if you have not been before. We meet in the Frassati Centre on Tuesday evenings at 7.45 for about an hour, and all are welcome, including older children if accompanied by a parent or guardian. Please bring a Bible! Also please be on time – the door to the street will be shut at 7.45. For more information visit the parish website.

STUDENTS: if you are a new or returning student at the University of Leicester or De Montfort University, it is not too late to get involved with the Chaplaincy group – please ask for a form or make yourself known to Fr Benedict.

FRASSATI GROUP: Our group for young adults has been relaunched – please contact Christopher or Luisa Dillon if you are 18-35 and would like to be more involved in the life of the Church. Phone 07960 384449 or email cjdillon@live.co.uk. The group meets on Saturdays after the 12.30 Mass, in the Frassati Centre.

MEN'S GROUP: If you are interested in joining the men's group, Mr Chinedu Megwa would be very glad to hear from you if you are interested. Phone 07541 004298, or email megwachinedu@gmail.com. The first meeting takes place on Sunday 3 March at 5 p.m. in the Frassati Centre.

REPOSITORY

The repository has been restocked *again* with lots of lovely new items! Do please go and have a look at the back of the church – and please ensure that your children do not touch items for sale and any moved items are put back neatly in the correct place. Thank you.

VOLUNTEERING

If you think you could offer to help the parish in any way, from cleaning and odd jobs to reading at Mass or helping with catechesis, we would be enormously grateful. Please give your details to one of the priests. Thank you!