



HOLY CROSS PRIORY CHURCH

JUNE 2026 NEWSLETTER

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A MESSAGE FROM THE PARISH PRIEST

Dear brothers and sisters,

The month of June is dedicated to the Sacred Heart, which is celebrated this year on Friday 12 June – you can eat meat then, because it is a Solemnity! This feast is a supreme reminder that Jesus shares fully in our humanity, that he comes alongside us in all our difficulties and that he poured out his blood for us on the Cross, making his Sacred Heart the source of our sacramental life. So it is very suitable that this month begins for us with the celebration of First Communion for some of our young parishioners. Please remember them in your prayers.

It is the responsibility of parents to pass on the faith to their children, and there is a meeting about that this Sunday, 7 June at 3 p.m. – see overleaf for more information. But even those of us without children can and should share in this responsibility of forming the next generation of our Church. We are the true Magnificent Humanity! On which topic, if you would be interested in having a talk on the Pope's new encyclical, please let me know and I will arrange one...

With warmest wishes,

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 – 12 noon and Sundays 6.00-6.45 pm

ADORATION TIMES

Sunday: 6pm – 6.40pm (with Rosary)

Saturday: 10.30am – 12.15pm

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

REPOSITORY

A reminder not to move things around in the narthex or let children interfere with items on sale. Also, please do not leave chairs in front of the tables or stack them in front of the cupboard doors. Many thanks for your co-operation.

BOOK LAUNCH

Br Giovanni Castellano is a Dominican Friar from Sicily who has been studying for some years in our Priory in Oxford. Following the sudden death of his father, he has written a beautiful little book called 'Love Beyond Loss' that offers hope to anyone faced with terrible grief and sadness; he will be preaching at the 10.30 Mass on Sunday 14 June and will then officially launch his book in the Frassati Centre after that Mass. Please come along and hear him speak, meet him and maybe buy a copy of the book!

WE BELIEVE!

The We Believe Festival took place for the first time last summer, and it was a huge success! Fr John Church and Fr Richard are going to be there again this year, and we hope that lots of parishioners will join us. If there is sufficient interest we could organise a coach from Holy Cross. There is more information on the posters in the church entrances – please consider coming: it could change your life.

SACRAMENTS

- **Infant Baptisms, Confirmation, Marriage, Becoming a 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, address and contact details.
- **First Communion:** classes have started and no new candidates can be accepted. To enrol your child for next year, please ask for a green form.

*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.***

PARISH GROUPS

SCRIPTURE STUDY: The Scripture Group meets at 7.45 in the Frassati Centre every Tuesday, and we are currently reading the Book of Tobit. Ask Fr Richard for more information. New members are always welcome – please bring a bible!

MEN'S GROUP: If you are interested in joining the men's group, Mr Chinedu Megwa would be very glad to hear from you. Phone 07541 004298.

JESUS YOUTH: The 'Upper Room' Young Adults Group gathers every Wednesday evening in the Frassati Centre after the 6.10pm Mass. Please do feel free to join them.

YOUNG ADULTS: On the fourth Wednesday of every month there is an evening for young adults, beginning with the 6.10 p.m. Mass, followed at 7pm with a time of adoration, music, readings, and the opportunity for confession. We then head into the Frassati Centre for a social and a short talk, and finish with night prayer at 9pm. Please come along, or as Fr John Church or Fr Benedict for more information.

FREE FLOWERS!

You will see around the church some envelopes containing seeds. These are to help promote Catholic Legacy Week, and the idea that you could consider leaving some money to Holy Cross, or to another Catholic charity, in your will. Please take an envelope of seeds – there is no obligation! But there is also the option to get some free help writing your will, again with no obligation. Like many churches, Holy Cross is always in need of funds, especially if we are going to be able to get the roof and the heating properly fixed, and a legacy can make a huge difference. In the autumn we will be launching an appeal to you to think about how much you give to the church and whether you could give more effectively...

CHRIST IS OUR HELPER

This Sunday, 7 June, there will be a meeting to re-start the Christ Is Our Helper Prayer Group, which is aimed at helping families teach the faith to their children. The meeting will be at 3 p.m. in the Frassati Centre and you are warmly invited to come along and get involved in this very important work.

SAFEGUARDING

Holy Cross Priory and Parish operates in accordance with Statutory Safeguarding Guidance and the Safeguarding Policies of the Catholic Church in England and Wales at all times. Our Parish Safeguarding Representatives are Mrs Virginia Astill (07513 725413, Virginia.AstillPSR@dioceseofnottingham.uk) and Mrs Gail Neill, who has recently renewed our noticeboards to highlight the safeguarding information, which we strongly encourage you to have a proper look at. The Local Safeguarding Friar is Fr Benedict. He can be contacted at benedict.jonak@english.op.org. Alternatively the Religious Life Safeguarding Service can be contacted on 0151 5562311 or safeguarding@religioussafeguarding.org if you have any concerns.