



HOLY CROSS PRIORY CHURCH



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A MESSAGE FROM THE PARISH PRIEST

Dear brothers and sisters,

In this month dedicated to Our Lady and the Rosary, I wanted to draw your particular attention to the fact that there is a public Rosary in the church every Sunday evening at 6 p.m., in the presence of the Exposed Sacrament. This is an excellent opportunity to come along and pray, and perhaps to prepare for Mass if you are coming to the 7 p.m. celebration – especially because you can also make Confession until 6.45 when Benediction takes place.

As noted below, next month is a time of intensified prayer for the souls of the departed, so do please take a 'November Dead List' envelope and bring it back with a list of those you want to pray for.

As it gets colder and darker we will need to start putting the heating on and more lights, which all costs lots of money – perhaps this month would be a good time to think about whether you could offer a little more each week, or maybe give by standing order and make a gift aid declaration. Do please come and talk to me about that.

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.

NOVEMBER DEAD LIST

From the day after All Souls day, a Mass will be offered every day in November for all the departed whose names are in our 'Dead List', and you can add as many names to that list as you like by simply taking a 'dead list' envelope and putting in it a piece of paper with the names of your loved ones written on it. You can also put in a donation, but of course like all Mass offerings that is entirely optional, although much appreciated.

REPOSITORY

Many thanks to those who donated soft toys to replenish the toybox - much appreciated, although further donations are still welcome. May we remind those who sit in the narthex during Mass not to move things around or let children interfere with items on sale in the repository? Also, please do not leave chairs in front of the tables or doors for someone else to move! Thank you for your co-operation.

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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.***

CALLING YOUNG MEN TO HELP OXFORD UNIVERSITY!

Some surveys suggest that a growing number of younger men are engaging with Christianity. A research team at the University of Oxford is looking for volunteers to tell them about their faith journey and help them understand their experiences better. They are looking for Christian men aged 18-30 who have found faith or the church in the last 5 years. If this describes you, you are invited to participate in a 40-60 min interview online or in person. You'll be asked questions about how you came to faith or church, your beliefs and practices, and the role Christianity plays in your life and identity. Your details will be kept confidential, every effort will be made to ensure you are not identifiable in any reports or publications from the study. If you are interested and would like more information, please contact Szilvi Watson at Regent's Park College, University of Oxford at szilvi.watson@regents.ox.ac.uk

PARISH GROUPS

SCRIPTURE STUDY: The Scripture Group meets in the Frassati Centre on Tuesday evenings – please arrive by 7.45 p.m. Ask Fr Richard for more information – and please bring a bible! We have just started reading the Gospel of Luke, but it is never too late to join, and new or occasional participants are always welcome. Please ask Fr Richard for more information.

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: There is a monthly event for Young Adults every month and the next will be on 28 October. It begins with the 6.10pm 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 contact Fr John Church or Fr Benedict for more information.

STUDENTS

New and returning students of Leicester and De Montfort universities are warmly welcomed, and encouraged to come along to the many events organised each week for them. There are notices about this in the entrances and more information on the Parish website.

PARISH FAIR

There will be a Parish Fair on Sunday 8 November with a raffle, and an opportunity to buy Advent calendars and Christmas cards and presents. If you can make a donation towards the bottle stall or offer a raffle prize, we shall be very grateful – please bring them along when you can. But the main emphasis of this year's Fair will be on food, so do please come along and try some of the many offerings that we will have from parishioners and others.

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. 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.