

# Holy Cross Catholic Church

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## Celebrating 120 Years of Faith and Community at Holy Cross Parish

This September 14th & 15th, 2024, we joyously commemorate the 120th anniversary of our beloved Holy Cross Church. The St. Joseph's Council is diligently working to create a truly memorable feast day, filled with prayer, meaning, and celebration.

**Feast Day Mass:** Join us for a special multilingual Mass at 11:30am on Sunday 15th September. Readings, prayers, and hymns will be shared in various languages, reflecting the rich diversity of our parish. Prayers will be said and hymns sung by our Parishioners of the UK & Ireland, Nigeria, Philippines, Spain, Ivory Coast & French Speaking Countries, Portugal, Poland, Ghana, India, Sri Lanka, Italy, Caribbean Countries, Kenya, and so on. Please also join the offertory procession as families of nations.



PLEASE COME WITH YOUR TRADITIONAL COSTUMES



### HOLY CROSS FOOD FESTIVAL - a continuation of our celebration

On **Sunday 22nd September**, we will hold a Food Festival after the 11:30am Mass in our car park. The Car Park will be decorated with different national flags. The Food stalls will be set up there.

Delight in a delicious array of international cuisine prepared by our talented parishioners. This culinary journey is a wonderful opportunity to experience the diverse flavours and cultures that enrich our community.

### HISTORY OF HOLY CROSS PARISH, CATFORD

**Bishop Amigo** opened **Holy Cross Church** on **14 September 1904** – the **Feast of the Triumph of the Cross**. Originally serviced from Lewisham, the new church's first parish priest, **Fr Edward Escarguel**, was installed on **7 January 1905**. The church had to wait until **July 1960**, however, to be formally **consecrated**.

**Holy Cross** was one of over 20 churches built in the early years of the 20th Century under the financial patronage of Miss Frances Ellis (1846-1930), an heiress who converted to Catholicism and was received into the Church in January 1901. Since then the church has undergone several changes, including the addition of the sanctuary, sacristy and organ in 1924, and the porch at the front of the building in 1949. The interior has also seen many changes including the addition of stained glass windows, wall paintings, shrines and statues over the years, as well as the major refurbishing and reordering of the sanctuary in 1991, which produced the open, welcoming interior familiar to us all today.

**RCIA Journey in Faith:** If you are searching for God and want to find out more about the Catholic faith, or have been baptised but never confirmed or already a Catholic but simply want to deepen your faith, come and join us every Saturday afternoon, 4.30 -6pm from September onwards.

We are a small friendly group meeting each year to accompany you in your faith journey. "Come and see" (Jn 1:39) and allow the Holy Spirit to take you on a life-changing journey!

Contact [catford@rcaos.org.uk](mailto:catford@rcaos.org.uk) or see Fr Antony or Judy Chen after any Mass.

**Preparation for the Sacramental Programs:** In September, we will begin preparations for the celebrations of First Holy Communion and Confirmation. Please refer to the parish noticeboard for detailed information.

**Holy Cross Shop** is open after all weekend Masses.

**New Parish Website** will be launched soon.

**Fr Antony's vision for the parish 2024-2025** will be published in our newsletter next week.

Please join the **Night Prayer of the Church at 9 PM**. Details next page.

**Bible verse to Remember:** How good and pleasant it is when God's people live together in unity! [Psalm 133:1]

**Blue Missal Book - page 783**

**I confess...** : page 453      **Gloria:** page 455  
**Creed(s):** pages 458 - 459      **Our Father...**485

**Prayer Time at Holy Cross**

**Holy Mass:** Mon to Thurs - 9.15am; Fri - 7pm;  
 Sat - 6.30pm; Sun - 9am & 11.30am  
**Rosary** – Mon, Tue, Thu @ 9.45am;  
**Divine Mercy Chaplet** – Wed @ 9.45am and Fri 7.30pm  
**Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament & Confessions:** Fri 6.00pm

**Night Prayer at 9pm**

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**Password: 20212021**

**Next Sunday Bible Readings**

**1st Reading:** Isiah 50:5-9      **Psalm:** 114  
**2nd Reading:** James 2:14-18      **Gospel:** Mark 8:27-35



**SUNDAY BIBLE CLASS:** We hope to begin Sunday Bible classes for children, young people, and parents on the **third Sunday of October**. Thereafter, they will be held every first and third Sunday after the 9 a.m. Mass in Hartley Hall. More information to follow.

**ST JOSEPH'S COUNCIL MEETING** will be held on Monday, 16 September 2024 at 7.30pm. Please join.

St. Joseph's Council focuses on Evangelization and Outreach. Their missions include elderly care, food bank support, coordinating the parish's diverse cultural and linguistic groups, sick visits, counselling and bereavement support.

**Cleaner Needed:** We are currently seeking a cleaner for the parish office and Presbytery. If you know of anyone who might be interested in this position, please ask them to contact the parish office at [catford@rcaos.org.uk](mailto:catford@rcaos.org.uk)



**Union of Catholic Mothers**

**Celebrating 80 years at Holy Cross Church**

A reminder that the thanksgiving Mass will be at Holy Cross Church on Wednesday 11th September at 6:30pm.

**MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS**

	Sat 7 - Fri 13 Sep	Sat 14 - Fri 20 Sep
SAT 6:30pm	80 Years of the UCM in Catford - Thanksgiving	People of the Parish
9:00am	People of the Parish	People of the Parish
SUN 11:30am	Rachael Pereira Wibberley - Wellbeing	<b>Feast Day Multilingual Mass:</b> People of the Parish
MON 9:15am	<i>Available for your intention</i>	<i>Available for your intention</i>
TUE 9:15am	<i>Available for your intention</i>	Rosary Selvaratnam R.I.P. (1st Anniversary)
WED 9:15am	Thierry Christian-Gnanakumar R.I.P.	<i>Available for your intention</i>
THU 9:15am	<i>Available for your intention</i>	<i>Available for your intention</i>
FRI 7:00pm	Wellbeing & Safe Travel for the family of the late Michael Nosegbe	<i>Available for your intention</i>

**SCAN AND JOIN OUR PARISH MISSIONS**

**THE NEXT IN-PERSON BAPTISM PREPARATION COURSE**

**14th Sept 2024 at 10:00am in Hartley Hall**  
 The last course date in 2024 is: **23rd November**

**HOLY CROSS PARISH - FOOD COLLECTION**

The food collection took place on the first Sunday in September - **1st Sept**. Your donations are welcome anytime - please use boxes at the back of the church.

**Please Pray for the Sick:** Mary Rand, Pat Doyle, Albert Young, Joe Green, Sherine Sukhram, Vivianne Owens, Trish Keaveney, Eileen Embury, Ivor Lewis, Norma Jones, Myra Hannon, Melanie Thomas, Titi Balogun, Colin & Pauline Maton, Katie Bournier, Aboa Claudine, Florence Nosegbe, Susan Murphy, Kitty Wilkinson, Theresa Butler, Jo Rocca Smith, Ann Whittington, Elfrida Wacholz, Pat Gallagher, Abosede Elizabeth Goba, Leonie Nwawudu, Meesh Gemmell, Lydia Joseph, Elaine Williams, Baby Gwen Williams, Jessica O'Hara, Rachael Pereira Wibberley.

**ADMITTED TO HOSPITAL?** - Contact Lewisham Hospital Catholic Chaplain directly on 07436051067. In an emergency, please say to the staff that you would like to see a Catholic priest.

LAST WEEK'S MASS OFFERING : **£520 Thank you**

**2nd Collection** this week for the Catholic Education Service (CES)

**PARISH CONTACTS**

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