

HOLY CROSS CATHOLIC CHURCH

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16TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
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Today's Gospel gives us a salutary lesson. Jesus identifies Martha's problem as anxiety - that is directed in being "anxious about many things." We, like Martha, need to not be so anxious about things.

Today our role as 'listening disciples' is muddled by work, homemaking, raising children and myriad other distractions. We need a balance in life. We need to slow down and listen to Jesus' words and deeds, not be distracted and then bring the understanding of this into our daily lives and everything we do. The Holy Mass, prayer times, retreats...are times to be with Jesus Christ and to listen to Him.



Rose Calver RIP was a long standing parishioner. She was a lifelong member of the UCM & Diamond Club and supported parish life in many ways by helping parishioners with childcare, needlework alterations and cooking. She will be received into the church at 4.30pm on Tuesday 26 July 2022 and her funeral will be at 12pm on Wednesday 27 July 2022.

Joan Loughnane RIP was an active member of Holy Cross church between 1962 until 2020. In her younger years she was part of Parish Council, the UCM and helped support the elderly and SVP. Joan will be received into the church at 4 pm on Thursday 28 July 2022 and her funeral will be at 11.30am on Friday 29 July 2022.



Baptism: If you would like to have your child or children baptized, please arrange to see Father Antony to collect the forms. Our next Baptism preparation course will take place on 17th and 24th September 2022 in our parish hall at 10am for each session. For more information, kindly email catfordbaptism@rcaos.org.uk

BAPTISM

This Sunday, we shall be welcoming into the Catholic Faith **Victoria Essenam Agah**. Please keep Victoria, and her parents Alexis and Samuel and all her family in your prayers at this joyous time.

Poverty and Pandemic Relief Fund

There are a number of requests to help and support poor families within our parish community at this time of financial difficulty.

If you are willing to support them, please put donations into the box kept in front of the Marian Chapel marked '**Poverty and Pandemic Relief Fund**'. Alternatively, **scan the QR code** to donate online, but remember to tick the 'write a comment' box on the first page and mark it '**Relief Fund**'.



Lewisham and Greenwich NHS Trust are looking for Chaplaincy volunteers at the University Hospital Lewisham. Please see the Notice Board for further details. *Thank You*

MONDAY MOVIES



Film **THE TWO POPES** will be shown on Monday **25th at 6:30pm** in Hartley Hall. Tea and Coffee will be available. We will have a time for socialising. Many thanks to Gracey George for

MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS Sat 16th - Fri 22nd July

SAT	6:30pm	<i>Our Lady of Mount Carmel</i> People of the Parish
SUN	9:00am 11:30am	Rose Calver R.I.P. Brendan and Tom Kilcoyne R.I.P.
MON	9:15am	Margaret Fernandes R.I.P.
TUE	9:15am	Rose Calver R.I.P.
WED	9:15am	Rachael Pereira Wibberley – Wellbeing
THU	9:15am	Genovieve Stanislaus R.I.P.
FRI	6:00pm 7:00pm	<i>Saint Mary Magdalene</i> Confessions & Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament Chuz, Ibadun, Jidechi & Dara – For God's Protection

Application Forms – 2022/23: The application forms for First Holy Communion, Confirmation and RCIA for next year can be collected from Fr Antony after any of the weekday Masses. **The deadline to submit your application form will be 23rd July.**

BLESSING OF CHILDREN: It being the last Sunday in this School Year, we will offer special prayers for our children and bless them. Please bring them to Mass this weekend.

Entrance Antiphon

See, I have God for my help.
The Lord sustains my soul.
I will sacrifice to you with willing heart,
and praise your name, O Lord, for it is good.

Ps 53: 6, 8**Gospel Acclamation**

Alleluia, alleluia!
Open our heart, O Lord,
to accept the words of your Son.
Alleluia!

cf.Ac16:14**First reading****Genesis 18:1-10**

The Lord appeared to Abraham at the Oak of Mamre while he was sitting by the entrance of the tent during the hottest part of the day. He looked up, and there he saw three men standing near him. As soon as he saw them he ran from the entrance of the tent to meet them, and bowed to the ground. 'My lord,' he said 'I beg you, if I find favour with you, kindly do not pass your servant by. A little water shall be brought; you shall wash your feet and lie down under the tree. Let me fetch a little bread and you shall refresh yourselves before going further. That is why you have come in your servant's direction.' They replied, 'Do as you say.'

Abraham hastened to the tent to find Sarah.' 'Hurry,' he said 'knead three bushels of flour and make loaves.' Then running to the cattle Abraham took a fine and tender calf and gave it to the servant, who hurried to prepare it. Then taking cream, milk and the calf he had prepared, he laid all before them, and they ate while he remained standing near them under the tree.

'Where is your wife Sarah?' they asked him. 'She is in the tent' he replied. Then his guest said, 'I shall visit you again next year without fail, and your wife will then have a son.'

Responsorial Psalm**Psalm 14(15):2-5**

The just will live in the presence of the Lord.

Lord, who shall dwell on your holy mountain?
He who walks without fault;
he who acts with justice
and speaks the truth from his heart;
he who does not slander with his tongue.

He who does no wrong to his brother,
who casts no slur on his neighbour,
who holds the godless in disdain,
but honours those who fear the Lord.

He who keeps his pledge, come what may;
who takes no interest on a loan
and accepts no bribes against the innocent.
Such a man will stand firm for ever.

The just will live in the presence of the Lord.

Second reading**Colossians 1:24-28**

It makes me happy to suffer for you, as I am suffering now, and in my own body to do what I can to make up all that has still to be undergone by Christ for the sake of his body, the Church. I became the servant of the Church when God made me responsible for delivering God's message to you, the message which was a mystery hidden for generations and centuries and has now been revealed to his saints. It was God's purpose to reveal it to them and to show all the rich glory of this mystery to pagans. The mystery is Christ among you, your hope of glory: this is the Christ we proclaim, this is the wisdom in which we thoroughly train everyone and instruct everyone, to make them all perfect in Christ.

Gospel**Luke 10:38-42**

Jesus came to a village, and a woman named Martha welcomed him into her house. She had a sister called Mary, who sat down at the Lord's feet and listened to him speaking. Now Martha who was distracted with all the serving said, 'Lord, do you not care that my sister is leaving me to do the serving all by myself? Please tell her to help me.' But the Lord answered: 'Martha, Martha,' he said 'you worry and fret about so many things, and yet few are needed, indeed only one. It is Mary who has chosen the better part; it is not to be taken from her.'

Communion Antiphon**Ps 110: 4-5**

The Lord, the gracious, the merciful,
has made a memorial of his wonders;
he gives food to those who fear him.

Hymns

All hymns for the Mass will be on the boards on the front pillars and also announced.

Please Pray for the Sick: Myra Hannon, Melanie Thomas, Pat Doyle, Florence Nosegbe, Lydia Joseph, Mary Emmanus, Kitty Wilkinson, Marian Perez, Susan Murphy, Ann Whittington, Bunty Kane, Gala Lobo, Jim Eggeton, Elfrida Wacholz, Martin Flatley, Eileen Embury, Theresa Butler, Katie Bourner and Rachael Pereira Wibberley.

If you would like members of your family to be added in the newsletter, please send us an email.

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