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HOLY CROSS CATHOLIC CHURCH

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7TH SUNDAY OF EASTER 2022

29TH MAY 2022



THE STONING OF STEPHEN: Stephen was a man who was respected and had a very good reputation. He was one of the Seven appointed by the apostles as a servant. We are told that he was full of God's grace and power and he performed miraculous signs. It is also shown that Stephen was a dynamic and wise speaker. He went to the synagogue to teach about Christ.

The Jews at the Synagogue spread lies that Stephen was blaspheming against Moses, God and the temple. When the High Priest asked Stephen if the charges were true Stephen went on to show his devotion to God by telling the story of how God worked through his people to bring Jesus to the world even though throughout Israel's history they kept rejecting those God sent to them to lead and rescue them.

To put someone to death they required the approval of the Roman Procurator. In most cases though, the Roman procurator bent to the demands of the Sanhedrin. It is interesting to note that the Stoning of Stephen was most likely illegal, as there is no indication of the Sanhedrin seeking the confirmation of the Roman procurator. By comparison the crucifixion of Christ went through all the "proper" routes of justice and was a legal (although unjust) crucifixion.

After the Stoning of Stephen followers of Christ began to leave Jerusalem to escape further persecution. The good news about Jesus began to spread because, wherever they went, they told others about Christ. Stephen was a faithful follower of Christ whose only crime was obedience to the Lord. He is referred to as the first Christian martyr.

Many Thanks Dear Bishop Pat

Bishop Patrick Lynch was ordained by Archbishop Kevin McDonald on 14 February 2006 for the South East of London. Recently he retired from his active ministry due to health reason. As a Bishop, he looked after his priests and people very well. He visited our parish several times and supported us in various ways. He is a friend to many of our parishioners. He is due to visit us for the solemnity of **The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus** on June 24th and celebrate at the 7:00 pm Mass.



To thank him for his prayers and support, there will be a second collection for Bishop Pat at the Masses on the previous weekend, which is the 18th and 19th June (Corpus Christi), which will then be presented to him on 24th June.

Baptism Congratulations: This Sunday, we shall be welcoming into the Catholic Faith, baby Daniella Issahaku. Please keep Daniella, her parents Victoria and Richard, and all the family in your prayers at this joyous time.

9pm for Night Prayer [every day except Saturday]:

We as a virtual parish pray together as God's family and receive His blessings before going to sleep at 9pm everyday. We have been doing this for the Past 17 months. Please invite your family also to join in prayer with us.

Zoom Meeting ID: 7578777461; **Passcode:** 20212021.

School Signing In

If you have children of school age who require a parish priest's reference for their school application, you will have needed to complete the signing in sheets that will be available after **every weekend after Mass**.



Application Forms – 2022/23: The application forms for First Holy Communion, Confirmation and RCIA for next year, will be available from Monday 23rd May.

Please collect the forms you require from Fr Antony after any of the weekday Masses. The deadline to submit your application form will be **23rd July**. All programmes are due to start in September 2022.

SOCIAL EVENTS

BRING AND SHARE FOR THE QUEEN'S PLATINUM JUBILEE GET TOGETHER



On the 3rd June there will be a special platinum jubilee celebration service held in St Paul's Cathedral. The BBC coverage of the procession to the cathedral, the service and after is from 09:15 - 12:30.

We will be opening up the Hartley Hall from 09:30 until 12:30 for anybody who wishes to join together to watch the proceedings on the large screen TV together.

Biscuits, tea and coffee will be available but please bring any other food you wish to share.

FILM NIGHTS

To make more use of the large screen available in Hartley Hall it has been suggested that we could hold 'Film Nights'. Suggestions for suitable timings, films that could be shown and anything else please contact Fr Antony.

Parish Diary

Friday 3rd June

9.30am Jubilee celebration in Hartley Hall with BBC live coverage of the Jubilee Service

5th June Pentecost

12th June Holy Trinity

1.30pm Sacrament of Confirmation

Tuesday 14th June

Deanery Meeting

Saturday 18th and 19th June - Corpus Christi

6.30pm Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion - Renewal of their Commitment to the Ministry.
9.00am
11.30am

PARISH DIARY

Saturday 18th and 25th June

10.00am Baptism Preparation Meeting

Thursday 23rd June - St John the Baptist

Friday 24th June - Most Sacred Heart Feast

Bishop Patrick Lynch visit to Holy Cross

Wed 29th June - Sts Peter and Paul

LAST DAY TO SUBMIT SACRAMENTAL APPLICATION FORMS IS SATURDAY 23RD JULY

Church Care Team

Have you ever wondered how it is that our church always looks clean and tidy? Wonder no more! It is down to a small dedicated team. Could you spare 1 hour every week to help keep Your Church clean? If so, please come and join us on Saturdays at 12 noon.



OTHER NOTICES



Holy Cross Scout group - Beavers, Cubs and Scouts.

The Scout group meet on Mondays during term time:

Beavers (ages 6 to 8) meet from 4:15 to 5:15pm

Cubs (ages 8 to 10 1/2) meet from 6 to 7:30pm and

Explorer Scouts (ages 14-18) meet on Tuesdays or Wednesdays at other locations

They have lots of exciting outdoor activities arranged for the children this term including gardening on Culverley Green, a sponsored hike and a sleepover at a Scout activity centre. If your child is interested in joining this group then please contact Heidi Summerford on 07778 354712 or email holycrosscatford.scouts@gmail.com.

Archdiocese of Southwark 2022 Spring Assembly by the Justice and Peace Commission on Saturday 25th June 2022 at St Paul Catholic Church, 103 Maison Dieu Road, Dover, Kent CT16 1RU.

Preceded by Mass at 10.00am at St Edmunds Chapel, Priory Road, Dover CT16 1BB.

Registration 10.40am.

Programme 11am to 4pm. Entitled: Caught in the Act: How do we open a sea of hospitality in a distorted world for people fleeing countries of war, climate and economic disaster, when the Nationality and Borders Act and removal to Rwanda threaten their very being? Plus navigating the challenges to find opportunities in offering safe sanctuary to the people from Ukraine. Keynote speakers from major organisations.

Everyone welcome. Entrance is free. Lunch is provided. Donations suggested. Email: jpcontact@rcaos.org.uk or just turn up on the day. Finishing with a prayer service at the sea front and ice-creams on the beach.

Money Matters (Loose Collections)

Mass Offerings: Last week: £563
Previous week: £548

Thank you all for your kindness and generosity.

Diocesan Day for Catechists: This is on Saturday 25th June at the Amigo Hall and St George's Cathedral starting at 10:30am and ending with Mass at 4:00pm.

The fee of £10 will be paid by the parish. If you would like to attend please contact Lisa O'Hara on catfordsupport@rcaos.org.uk

NOTICES

Repository (church shop): We are planning to open the church shop after all weekend Masses, and are looking for a responsible person from each Mass to run it. If you are interested and are able to help please contact Fr Antony.

Children and Baby Liturgy: We would really like to reinstate the Children's and Baby Liturgies during the 9am Mass. If you would like to join the catechist team, please contact Fr Antony.

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion: Please note that on the Feast of Corpus Christi (18th/19th June) you will be able to renew your commitment to the Mission of distributing Holy Communion. Please can you confirm which Mass you will be attending that weekend as Fr Antony is going to read out each of your names – please email or message Lisa O'Hara.

Please consider visiting the sick and housebound; their spiritual welfare is an incredibly important part of our mission. We have a number of care homes and parishioners who are very keen to restart visits from Eucharistic Ministers. Please let Fr Antony know as soon as possible if you will be able to fulfil this request. Full training will be given.

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

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

Second Collection: This weekend there will be a second collection for World Communications. This collection supports the work of the Catholic Communications Network (CCN), the media office of the Bishops' Conference of England and Wales.

Police Ministry: If you are interested in Police Ministry and would like to find out how to get involved, you are invited to join Archbishop John Wilson at the Amigo Hall on Saturday 11th June. You can find out more information on how to register on the notice board at the Sangley Road entrance to the church, or contact Lisa O'Hara at catfordsupport@rcaos.org.uk.

HOLY CROSS CHILDREN'S CHOIR: Remember that our Children's Choir will sing on Sunday 5th June at the 11:30 Mass. They still have rehearsals on two more Saturdays (May 29th, and June 4th). For those involved please be in church ready to start at 11am.

If you have a child who would like to be part of this Choir, please contact Rachael Wibberley or Francisca Dunbar: catfordsupport@rcaos.org.uk

PARISH CONTACTS

Office: 020 8698 3672
(Next week only: Tue & Wed from 10:00am)

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Altar Servers:
Nick and Rachael Wibberley:
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Children Choir: Rachel Wibberley and
Francisca Dunbar:
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MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS Sat 28th May - Fri 3rd Jun

SAT	6:30pm	Rachael Pereira Wibberley - Wellbeing
SUN	9:00am	People of the Parish
	11:30am	The Housebound and Residents of Local Care Homes
MON	9:15am	Rachael Pereira Wibberley - Wellbeing
TUE	9:15am	Theresa Green R.I.P.
WED	9:15am	Available for your intention
THU	9:15am	Available for your intention
FRI	7:00pm	Available for your intention

Mass Intentions

There are several unfilled slots for Mass Intentions going forward. If you wish to have a loved one remembered or celebrate another occasion please let the Parish Office know at catford@rcaos.org.uk, or fill out a brown Mass Intention Envelope which is available in the side porch, and hand to any of the Welcome Ministers. Thank you.

7TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Entrance Hymn (see board)

Entrance Antiphon

Cf. Ps 26: 7-9

O Lord, hear my voice, for I have called to you;
of you my heart has spoken: Seek his face;
hide not your face from me, alleluia.

First reading

Acts 7:55-60

Stephen, filled with the Holy Spirit, gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God, and Jesus standing at God's right hand. 'I can see heaven thrown open' he said 'and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God.' At this all the members of the council shouted out and stopped their ears with their hands; then they all rushed at him, sent him out of the city and stoned him. The witnesses put down their clothes at the feet of a young man called Saul. As they were stoning him, Stephen said in invocation, 'Lord Jesus, receive my spirit.' Then he knelt down and said aloud, 'Lord, do not hold this sin against them'; and with these words he fell asleep.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalms 96(97):1-2b,6-7,9

The Lord is king, most high above all the earth.

The Lord is king, let earth rejoice,
the many coastlands be glad.
His throne is justice and right.

The skies proclaim his justice;
all peoples see his glory.
All you spirits, worship him.

For you indeed are the Lord
most high above all the earth,
exalted far above all spirits.

The Lord is king, most high above all the earth.

Second reading

Apocalypse 22:12-14,16-17,20

I, John, heard a voice speaking to me: 'Very soon now, I shall be with you again, bringing the reward to be given to every man according to what he deserves. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the First and the Last, the Beginning and the End. Happy are those who will have washed their robes clean, so that they will have the right to feed on the tree of life and can come through the gates into the city.'

I, Jesus, have sent my angel to make these revelations to you for the sake of the churches. I am of David's line, the root of David and the bright star of the morning.

The Spirit and the Bride say, 'Come.' Let everyone who listens answer, 'Come.' Then let all who are thirsty come: all who want it may have the water of life, and have it free.

The one who guarantees these revelations repeats his promise: I shall indeed be with you soon.
Amen; come, Lord Jesus.

Gospel Acclamation

cf. Jn 14:18

Alleluia, alleluia!

I will not leave you orphans, says the Lord;
I will come back to you,
and your hearts will be full of joy.
Alleluia!

Gospel

John 17:20-26

Jesus raised his eyes to heaven and said:

'Holy Father,
I pray not only for these,
but for those also who through their words
will believe in me.
May they all be one.
Father, may they be one in us,
as you are in me and I am in you,
so that the world may believe it was you who sent me.
I have given them the glory you gave to me,
that they may be one as we are one.
With me in them and you in me,
may they be so completely one
that the world will realise that it was you who sent me
and that I have loved them as much as you loved me.
Father, I want those you have given me
to be with me where I am,
so that they may always see the glory you have given
me because you loved me before the foundation of the
world.
Father, Righteous One,
the world has not known you,
but I have known you,
and these have known that you have sent me.
I have made your name known to them
and will continue to make it known,
so that the love with which you loved me may be in
them, and so that I may be in them.'

Homily

Offertory Hymn (see board)

Holy, Holy, Holy

Memorial Acclamation

Lamb of God

Communion Antiphon

Jn 17: 22

Father, I pray that they may be one
as we also are one, alleluia.

Communion Hymns (see board)

Recessional Hymn (see board)

Bible Verse to Remember: Matthew 6:33-34 "But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you. "Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about its own things. Sufficient for the day is its own trouble."