



Holy Cross Catholic Church

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5th Sunday of Lent & Third Scrutiny

25 / 26 March 2023



In today's readings, it's about the Spirit of Jesus Christ who will open the graves and gives life. To belong to Jesus Christ you have to possess His Spirit.

In life various reasons make us choose our friends. We feel attracted to them by their way of life, their behaviour and characters.

Because of their faith, love and hospitality, Martha, Mary and Lazarus were friends of Jesus Christ.

Jesus wept at Lazarus' death as He did over Jerusalem. A true friend to count on even in death. He raised Lazarus from the tomb.

He is the resurrection, the Spirit of life.

What a friend we have in our Lord Jesus Christ. Let us live our life in such a way that Jesus Christ makes us his dear friends.

SUNDAY REFLECTIONS - Our Parishioners are writing the Sunday Reading Reflections every week. This week's reflection was written by **Antoine Kodjo**.



WEDDING CONGRATULATIONS!

Our congratulations go to **Maximilian Kong** and **Hailey Laing** who celebrated the Sacrament of Matrimony at Holy Cross Church on 6th January 2023.



I am sure you will all wish to join me in congratulating **Giovanna Finaldi** and **Samuel McRae** on their upcoming Marriage, which will take place at Holy Cross Church on Saturday 1st April.

First Holy Communion & Confirmation Dates

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

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| Sat 25 Mar at 10:00am | Reconciliation & Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament |
| Sat 22 Apr at 10:00am | Rehearsals for First Holy Communion |
| Sat 29 Apr at 11:00am | First Holy Communion Mass (First) |
| Sun 30 Apr at 9:00am | First Holy Communion Mass (Second) |
| Sun 7 May at 11:30am | First Holy Communion Mass (Third) |
| Sat 13 May at 10:00am | Final Session & Celebration |

CONFIRMATION

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| Sat 25 Mar at 10:00am | Parents' Meeting / Reconciliation & Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament |
| Sat 22 Apr at 4:30pm | Session 12 |
| Sat 20 May at 6:30pm | Celebration Mass (First) |
| Sat 27 May at 6:30pm | Celebration Mass (Second) |

KNOWING THE LITURGY: Did you know?

Jesus is more present than we may think! In addition to the real presence of Jesus reserved in the tabernacle, there are two further important places where the church teaches Jesus is present throughout the mass (not present as in the 'real presence' but present as an important aspect of our encounter with him).

The first is the Altar itself. A consecrated Altar is an important symbol of Jesus, as it points to the sacrifice of His passion, remade at every mass.

The second is the book of the Gospels, which is an important manifestation of Jesus' presence, as through it we hear His words.

Both the altar and the book of the Gospels are venerated throughout the Mass. The priest kisses the altar at the start and end of mass, and the book of the Gospels is also kissed by the priest after the Gospel reading. Both are also venerated with incense as a special sign of their importance and holiness.

Southwark Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes, 18th-25th August.

Message from Bishop Paul. After the restrictions of the past few years, I'm delighted that we are now once more able to include support for pilgrims who need assistance for medical or mobility reasons. In Lourdes, those who are often marginalised are placed at the centre, and we who travel with them are blessed by their presence. I warmly invite you to join us. For details, please see: <https://www.tangney-tours.com/pilgrimages/lourdes/southwark-ca>



Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Every Friday from 6pm to 7pm
5th Sunday of Lent [26 March 2023]: after 11.30am Mass
Monday of Holy Week [03 April 2023] from 7pm

Stations of the Cross

Every Wednesday after 9.15am Mass

Every Friday after 7:00pm Mass:

24 March 2023 [Led by **Diamond Club & UCM**]

31 March 2023 [Led by **Singing Angels-Children Choir**]

07 April 2023 [Good Friday] [Led by **Parishioners**]

Stations of the Cross [via Zoom]

Every Tuesday 8.45pm followed by the Night Prayer of the Church

Divine Mercy Chaplet

Every Monday after 9:15 Mass

Every Thursday 8.45pm [via Zoom]

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CHILDREN SINGING at HOLY CROSS

The Children's Choir will be leading Stations of the Cross on Friday 31 March. Children are asked to meet in the hall at 6.15pm

The children of Holy Cross School will be singing at the 9:00am Mass this Sunday.

Dates to Remember

Sat 1st / Sun 2nd Apr - Food Collection

31 July to 7 August 2023 - World Youth Day

Holy Cross News: Please join this WhatsApp group to receive up-to-date news of our parish and Church. If you would like to join, please send a **message to 07578777461**

MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS Sat 25th - Fri 31st Mar

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| SAT | 6:30pm | <i>The Annunciation of the Lord</i> People of the Parish |
| SUN | 9:00am 11:30am | Emma Elekala – Birthday Thanksgiving The Coughlan Family - Thanksgiving |
| MON | 9:15am | Rachael Pereira Wibberley - Wellbeing |
| TUE | 9:15am | Chief Paul C Njoku R.I.P. |
| WED | 9:15am | Lisa O'Hara – Wellbeing and Thanksgiving |
| THU | 9:15am | Jean Wilson - Thanksgiving |
| FRI | 6:00pm 7:00pm | Adoration, Reconciliation and Divine Mercy Chaplet <i>Available for your intention</i> |

Please Pray for the Sick: Mary Rand, Janet Snagg, Danny Annund, Mary Baptiste-Munroe, Sherine Sukhram, Albert Young, Myra Hannon, Vivianne Owens, Dorothy Okonji-Okafor, Phil Obanya, Gala Lobo, Lydia Joseph, Melanie Thomas, Pat Doyle, Katie Bourner, Marian Perez, Martin Flatley, Florence Nosegbe, Colin Maton, Susan Murphy, Eileen Embury, Mary Emmanuel, Kitty Wilkinson, Theresa Butler, Ann Whittington, Elfrida Wacholz, Rosa O'Connell, Jill Campbell, Graham Canelle, Rachael Pereira Wibberley, Erica Canelle, Jo Rocca Smith, Norma Jones and Elaine Williams.

ADMITTED TO HOSPITAL? - Contact Lewisham Hospital Catholic Chaplain directly on 020 8333 3299 In an emergency, please say to the staff that you would like to see a Catholic priest.

Special time for Adoration and Confessions:

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Entrance Antiphon

Cf. Ps 42: 1-2

Give me justice, O God,
and plead my cause against a nation that is faithless.
From the deceitful and cunning rescue me,
for you, O God, are my strength.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 129(130)

With the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption

Gospel Acclamation

Jn11:25, 26

Glory and praise to you, O Christ!

I am the resurrection and the life, says the Lord;
whoever believes in me will never die.

Glory and praise to you, O Christ!

Communion Antiphon

Everyone who lives and believes in me
will not die for ever, says the Lord.

I confess... Gloria: page 8 & 9

Creed(s): pages 11 & 12

Preface: page 65

Our Father...:page 56

Blue Missal Book ...page 135

Rest in
Peace

Joan McEvoy whose funeral Mass
will be on 27th March

Stephen Charles - Recently Deceased

Sandra Costello - Recently Deceased

5th Sunday of Lent:

Hope: did you know?

.....that Hope is a theological virtue, together with Faith and Charity. It is theological in that it directly relates to God and helps Christians to live *in a relationship* with the Holy Trinity (CCC 1812). God the Father Almighty constantly draws people to Himself, seeking a response. This response is Faith and a person open to the promptings of the Holy Spirit would always seek the joy of participating in this Divine life. This yearning is Hope and this hope is certain because the Son, Jesus has shown us the way. The Beatitudes (Mt 5:1-12) tells us what is possible and together with the Our Father (Mt 6:9-13), prayed *in spirit and in truth* (Jn 4:24), is the way to get there. **Father, hallowed be thy name, Amen**

RCIA Journey in Faith Group