

# Holy Cross Catholic Church

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## Dear Parishioners,

The Bible speaks of prophets, both major and minor, not based on their importance but on the length of their books. Their mission, however, was unified: to call God's people back to a life of faithfulness and justice.

In Amos 7:12-15, we see the prophet Amos bravely challenging injustice in his time. Just as Amos did, we are all called to be prophets in our own lives. This doesn't mean we need to predict the future, but rather, we are called to speak out against the injustices we see around us, to defend the vulnerable, and to work tirelessly to create a more just and compassionate world.

Let us all be prophets of hope, truth, and love, working together to build a world that reflects God's beauty and goodness. **Fr Antony**

## Catholic FAITH [Part 12]

[Please read Catechism of the Catholic Church, nos 232 to 267]

### The Holy Trinity - Introduction

**Summary:** At the heart of our Catholic faith is the mystery of the Holy Trinity - one God in three divine Persons: the Father, the Son (Jesus), and the Holy Spirit. They are distinct but inseparable. This is a mystery we cannot fully grasp, but we believe it because God has revealed it to us. The Father is the source of all creation. Jesus, His Son, came to save us, revealing the Father's love. The Holy Spirit guides and sanctifies us, leading us closer to God. Through Baptism, we share in the life of the Trinity.

**Reflection:** Just as we have different roles in our families (mother, father, child), so too does God exist in three Persons, each with a unique role in our salvation. However, unlike human families, God is perfectly united in love. We can reflect this Trinity in our own lives by working together as a community, each using our unique gifts to build up the kingdom of God.

**Question for Discussion in your Family:** How can we, as a community of believers, reflect the love and unity of the Holy Trinity in our relationships with one another?

**Bible Verse to Remember:** "Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit." (Matthew 28:19)

**Activity:** Draw a triangle to symbolize the Trinity and write inside it the names of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Write down some of the special qualities of each person of the Trinity and reflect on how they work together in our lives.

## BIBLE VERSE TO REMEMBER

The Spirit of the LORD is upon Me, Because He has anointed Me To preach the gospel to *the* poor; He has sent Me to heal the broken-hearted, To proclaim liberty to *the* captives And recovery of sight to *the* blind, To set at liberty those who are oppressed..." [Luke 4:18 & Isaiah 61:1]

## Altar Servers' Training

Our parish is blessed with many dedicated altar servers, but we're always eager to welcome new members to this special ministry.

If you have received your First Holy Communion, we invite you to join us in serving at the altar.

A training session for all altar servers, both new and experienced, will be held on Sunday, July 13/14<sup>th</sup> following all Masses: **Saturday Vigil Mass: 6:30 PM; Sunday 9:00 AM and 11.30 AM.**

## HOLY CROSS REPOSITORY [CHURCH SHOP]



Did you know we have a lovely **church shop** located at the back of the church, near the Saints' Corner? There you'll find a wide variety of spiritual items, including **books, statues, rosaries, Mass cards, and greeting cards.** It's a wonderful place to find a meaningful gift for yourself or a loved one. By supporting our church shop, you're not only sharing your faith but also helping our parish community. We invite you to visit the shop and discover all the treasures it holds! These are the people who are responsible for the Church shop.

Irene Iro [6.30 PM]



Amarana Agbonye [9 AM]



James Beardow [11.30 AM]



Last date to receive an Application Form for **First Holy Communion** and **Confirmation** is **28 July 2024.** Please meet Fr Antony after any Mass over the next couple of weeks.

**Special Mass and Anointing of the Sick,** we invite you to a **Mass for the Elderly** on **Saturday, July 27th, 2024, at 3:00 PM.** During this Mass, we will also offer the sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick, a source of strength and healing for those facing illness or advanced age. Please bring all elderly people of your family/ Community to Holy Cross.

## Blue Missal Book - page 751

**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**  
[Zoom]  
Meeting ID: 7578777461;  
Passcode: 20212021

**Bible Verse to Remember:** Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid or terrified of them, for the Lord, your God, is going forth with you. He will never leave you or abandon you. [**Deut 31:6**]

### Next Sunday Bible Readings

**1st Reading:** Jer 23: 1-6      **Psalm:** 23  
**2nd Reading:** Ephesians 2: 13-18      **Gospel:** Mark 6: 30-34

### **First Holy Communion Certificates**

Children who received the Sacrament of First Holy Communion this year will be presented with their certificates on **July 20/21st 2024**, after all weekend Masses. Please ensure your child attends Mass in their First Holy Communion garments to receive their certificate.

### **Confirmation Certificate Presentation**

Join us for a special 9:00am Mass **This Sunday, July 14th, 2024**, as we celebrate our young parishioners who received the Sacrament of Confirmation this year. All confirmands are invited to attend and receive their certificates during this joyous occasion. We look forward to sharing in this milestone with you and your families!

## **RCIA Programme 2024-2025**

**Journey in Faith Group:** This is RCIA Plus! Come join us if you want to learn more and to deepen your faith, if you have been baptised but not yet confirmed, if you are thinking about becoming a Catholic, or if you simply want some answers to life. We will pray together, learn together and share together.  
**'Come and see' (John 1: 39)**  
**Please meet Fr Antony to collect an application form.**

### **MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS - Sat 13 - Fri 19 July**

SAT	6:30pm	UCM Intention – Christine Conroy & Family – Wellbeing
SUN	9:00am 11:30am	Theresa Green R.I.P. Rachael Periera Wibberley - Wellbeing
MON	9:15am	<i>Saint Bonaventure, Bishop, Doctor</i> Theddeus Ofoegbu Eberendu R.I.P. (4th Anniversary)
TUE	9:15am	<i>Our Lady of Mount Carmel, Memorial</i> Thang Nguyen – Wellbeing and Thanksgiving
WED	9:15am	Brendan Kilcoyne R.I.P
THU	9:15am	People of the Parish
FRI	6:30pm 7:00pm	<i>Confessions and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament</i> Vitalis Hiakalmo Aharwnu R.I.P. (4th Anniversary)

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

### **New Lectionary Coming This Advent (Part 1)**

A revised Lectionary, the book containing Scripture readings for Mass and Sacraments, will be introduced this Advent as part of an ongoing effort to enhance liturgical translations. This means that the books currently used for Mass readings, including blue missals, will no longer be valid starting in December.

### **What's Changing:**

The new Lectionary will be based on the English Standard Version: Catholic Edition (ESV-CE) and the Abbey Psalms and Canticles (APC). While the Scripture passages themselves remain similar, this update offers a fresh and more accurate translation of the texts. This change is part of a global initiative to modernize liturgical translations for greater fidelity to the original texts, incorporate current language usage, and benefit from the latest biblical scholarship.

As we embark on this exciting journey, let's embrace the opportunity to hear the Word of God with renewed ears and hearts.

We are proud that **Piero Finaldi**, CEO of CTS, hails from our parish. CTS was appointed by the local Bishops' Conferences to publish the official ritual editions of the Lectionary for England & Wales and Scotland. All the best and Congratulations dear Piero! (Stay tuned for **Part 2** of this announcement next week, with more details about the new Lectionary.)



**Fundraising Quiz night**, a chance to get quizzical and have some fun. **Thursday the 18<sup>th</sup> July in Hartley Hall, 7 for a 7.30 start.**

Teams of 8 or come and join a team.  
A light super will be served. Cost £8

Please contact Lesley by texting to [07729785843](tel:07729785843)



**R.I.P.:** Please pray for the peaceful repose of the soul of Agnes Regis who died recently and whose funeral Mass will be on Tuesday, 16 July 2024 at 11am.  
May she rest in Peace!

### **Money Matters - THANK YOU**

Main Collection: £630  
Peter's Pence: £128

**2nd Collection This Week for Stella Maris** – supporting seafarers worldwide, regardless of nationality or belief.

### **PARISH CONTACTS**

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