

HOLY CROSS CHURCH



Date 29th/30th Dec

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MASS TIMES

Monday-Thursday : 9.15am

Friday 8pm

Saturday: 6.30pm Vigil Mass

Sunday: 10.00am & 11.30am

Reconciliation: Saturday 6pm

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Special Ministers of Holy Communion

This weekend 5th Sunday (29th/30th Dec)

6.30pm Bridgette Laing, Chris Joyce.

1) Pat Barber, 2) Rubi Erangey, P) Rahel Leul

10am Joe Baptiste, Caroline Cleary, Francesca Dunbar, Dilys Grant, Vacant for today

1) Francesca Savanmut 2) Frances Travers P) Diane Ukah

11.30 John Ogunbadewa John Walsh, Franck Anguibi

1) Vacant, 2) Dillon Augustin, P) Vacant

Next weekend 1st Sunday (5th/6th Jan)

6.30pm Lesley Allen, Pat Monaghan,

1) Malcolm Jonesm 2) Eunice Conroy P) Pat Barber

10am Iotha Lorde, Marigold Okor, Kathleen O'Sullivan, Shirine Sukhran, Rafel Skrzyp.

1) Amos Kong 2) Frances Travers P) Kesia Palmer

11.30am Jude Ibe, Anne Mellis, Cynthia Myers, Franck Anguibi, Vacant.

1) Ngozi Adedj, 2) Lisa O'Hara 3) Vacant

I would like to thank you for all your cards, good wishes and gifts over Christmas and your generous Christmas offering - Fr Antony

Sat 6.30 Mr Steve Clark *RIP*

Sun **Holy Family**

10.00 Mary Monaghan *RIP*

11.30 People of the Parish

Mon 10am Mary Holden

Midnight Mass People of the Parish

Tues **Mary Mother of God**

10am Titus Nwachukwu *RIP*

Midnight Mass People of the Parish

Wed **Sts Basil and Gregory**

8.50 Rosary

9.15 Virginia Teresa Desousa

9.40 Divine Mercy

Thur **Most Holy Name of Jesus**

9.15 Margaret Jones *RIP* (St Joseph's)

9.40 Rosary

Fri 7.30 Exposition & Benediction

8pm Virginia Soromenho

Sat 6.30 David Champ *RIP* (Baldwin)

Sun **Epiphany of the Lord**

10.00 Ann Nelligan

11.30 Gino & Rita Biasi

New Year [2019] thanksgiving service and Mass

At the end of the year 2018, we are going to spend an hour of adoration of the blessed sacrament in our parish to thank and praise for all God's blessing. Holy Mass will begin at midnight to welcome the new year in a prayerful atmosphere. All welcome.

As we are welcoming the New Year 2019, we also look back and give thanks for the joys of the old and permit me to say a few words of thanks on behalf of you all. to our Altar Servers and the Parish M.C.s, our Catechist teams for Baptism, First Holy Communion & Reconciliation, Confirmation, Children's Liturgies, and the RCIA course, our Cantors at mass, the Choir, our truly dedicated Organists and the Band, all the Church Cleaners and Maintainers, the Christmas Tree Decorators, the Sunday Coffee organisers, our Collection Takers and Counters, the Crib Builder, the helpers that carry the statues for the crib, the school 'signing-in' helpers, the Database updater, the Deanery Pastoral Council rep, the Diamond Club Leader and Helpers team, our Eucharistic Ministers and Visitors, the Flower Ladies, the Gift Aid Organiser, the Hartley Hall Committee, Parent & Toddler leader and helpers, Parish Administrator, the parish Registers keeper, the Parish Pastoral Council, the Sacristans, our School Headteachers, Staff and Governors, the Parish Treasurer, our Readers at mass, the Readers co-ordinator,

the SVP, our Ushers at mass, the Union of Catholic Mothers, Website Manager and all who lead and take part in our Prayer Groups and the : - Indeed a big **THANK YOU** to everyone who helps to carry the mission of our Parish in Catford forward (including those I may have accidentally missed out in this list!!).

What Makes a Family Holy? – Pope Francis

1. First: *the family prays....*

I would like to ask you, dear families: Do you pray together from time to time as a family? ...Praying the Our Father together, around the table, is not something extraordinary: it's easy. And praying the Rosary together, as a family, is very beautiful and a source of great strength! And also praying for one another! The husband for his wife, the wife for her husband, both together for their children, the children for their grandparents....praying for each other. This is what it means to pray in the family and it is what makes the family strong: prayer.



2. Next, *the family keeps the faith.*

Here too, we can ask: How do we keep our faith as a family? Christian families are missionary families. ...They are missionary in everyday life, in their doing everyday things, as they bring to everything the salt and the leaven of faith! Keeping the faith in families and bringing to everyday things the salt and the leaven of faith.

3. And finally: *the family experiences joy.*

Dear families, you know very well that the true joy which we experience in the family is not superficial; it does not come from material objects, from the fact that everything seems to be going well... True joy comes from a profound harmony between persons, something which we all feel in our hearts and which makes us experience the beauty of togetherness, of mutual support along life's journey. But the basis of this feeling of deep joy is the presence of God, the presence of God in the family and his love, which is welcoming, merciful, and respectful towards all. And above all, a love which is patient: patience is a virtue of God and he teaches us

how to cultivate it in family life, how to be patient, and lovingly so, with each other. To be patient among ourselves. A patient love. God alone knows how to create harmony from differences. But if God's love is lacking, the family loses its harmony, self-centredness prevails and joy fades. But the family which experiences the joy of faith communicates it naturally. That family is the salt of the earth and the light of the world, it is the leaven of society as a whole.

Reflection Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph.

The ultimate aim of Saint Paul's Letter to the Colossians is to teach the community how to deepen its relationship with Christ Jesus. His list of virtues summarizes the ideals of communal stewardship: compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience. For Paul, practicing these virtues opens our hearts to Christ as individuals and as a worshipping community. This is how the Christian community ought to live. This is how its members should behave in their dealings with others, particularly with fellow believers. As we approach the New Year, how might we embrace one of these virtues more fully in order to deepen our relationship with Jesus?

Happy New Year 2019

May the Lord bless you and keep you.
May the Lord let his face shine on you and be gracious to you.
May the Lord uncover his face to you and bring you peace."

The joy and peace of the Lord be always with you! - **Fr Antony**

PLEASE REMEMBER

..those who have died, namely David Gabriel. David was the brother of Desmond, husband of Donna and father of Christopher. Also, Eileen Kelly who was Mary Baldwin's sister. *May the rest in peace.*

SCHOOL FORMS

Please get your school form to the parish office by Friday 4th January in order to get it signed before Fr Antony goes away.