

HOLY CROSS CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Where can we fix our gaze throughout this Lenten journey? It is simple: upon the Crucified one. Jesus on the cross is life's compass, which directs us to heaven. The poverty of the wood, the silence of the Lord, his loving self-emptying show us the necessity of a simpler life, free from anxiety about things. From the cross, Jesus teaches us the great courage involved in renunciation. We will never move forward if we are heavily weighed down. We need to free ourselves from the clutches of consumerism and the snares of selfishness, from always wanting more, from never being satisfied, and from a heart closed to the needs of the poor. Jesus on the wood of the cross burns with love, and calls us to a life that is passionate for him, which is not lost amid the ashes of the world; to a life that burns with charity and is not extinguished in mediocrity. Is it difficult to live as he asks? Yes, it is difficult, but it leads us to our goal. Lent shows us this. It begins with the ashes, but eventually leads us to the fire of Easter night; to the discovery that, in the tomb, the body of Jesus does not turn to ashes, but rises gloriously. This is true also for us, who are dust. If we, with our weaknesses, return to the Lord, if we take the path of love, then we will embrace the life that never ends. And surely we will be full of joy. **Pope Francis.**



UCM The Union of Catholic Mothers is a national organisation of Catholic women, open to all women who support our aims and objectives in "prayer, love and active witness to marriage, family and Christian life in the world" from our membership prayer. We meet every Wednesday evening 8 pm – 10 pm in Hartley Hall. Some of our activities include talks with slides, discussions and quiz nights. Newcomers are always welcome to join, and you can ring for a chat first to find out more. Jenny Gyles: 020 8697 6972, mobile 07502 399574.

Parish Office Opening Hours: The parish office will be open on Mondays and Thursdays from 10 am – 12 noon.

UCM: During Lent there will be a Lenten Reflection on the Middle 5 Wednesdays in Hartley Hall 8pm- 9pm. (March 13th, 20th, 27th, April 3rd, 10th).

Fr John Mulligan's Remembrance Mass There will be a planning meeting on Tuesday 19th March at 7.30 pm in Hartley Hall. You are very welcome.

The God who Speaks: A year of the Word

Scripture, the Bible, is at the centre of everything the Church does. The year 2020 will be the 10th anniversary of *Verbum Domini*; Pope Benedict XVI's Apostolic Exhortation on 'The Word of the Lord' and the 1,600th anniversary of St Jerome's, who translated the Bible into Latin. These events have inspired the Catholic Bishops' Conference of England and Wales to make 2020 a year of focus on the Bible and 'The God Who Speaks'. Throughout the year there will be a range of resources and activities for our parish and beyond.

Ecumenical Pilgrimage to Aylesford

On 29 May 2019. Holy Cross church, St Andrew's church and St Lawrence church will make a joint pilgrimage to Aylesford Priory. It will be led by the ministers of these three churches. The pilgrimage will also visit an Anglican shrine. Kindly give your names to Fr Antony if you wish to participate.

Please join
Rosary: Mon, Tues, Thurs: 9.40 am, Wed 8.50 am
Stations of the Cross: Wed 9.40 am and Fri 7.30 pm
Confessions: Sat 10 - 11 am and 6 pm
Parish Diary
Palm Sunday: 14 th April Lenten Confessions 16 th April 7.30 pm Good Friday: 19 th April Easter Vigil 20 th April 8 pm Easter: 21 st April First Holy Communion: 11 th / 12 th May Bishop Pat 's visit 17-19 May Confirmation 18 May Finance : Loose: £762.20 Standing orders: £503

St Patrick's Feast: Patrick's poem of faith explains his trust in God: "Christ be within me, Christ behind me, Christ before me, Christ beside me, Christ to win me, Christ to comfort and restore me, Christ beneath me, Christ above me, Christ inquired, Christ in danger, Christ in hearts of all that love me, Christ in mouth of friend and stranger." On this day of St Patrick, we wish the Irish, Nigerians and all a **Happy Feast.**



Third Thursday Time This Thursday, 21st, drop in to our friendly cafe between 5.30 and 8.30 pm for yoga, felting, singing and more... you are all welcome, whether you want to join in with activities or just relax away from the stresses of everyday life. We are open to all, so let your friends and neighbours know too.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY (SVP) COFFEE MORNING

The SVP/YouthSVP coffee morning after last weekend's Mass went very well. We raised £180.77 in the hall and a further £276.19 from the second collection at Mass. Thank you for your support.

80th Birthdays

Two of our parishioners, Leonie Nwawhdu and Shirine Sukhram are celebrating their 80th birthdays. As we wish them all the best, we also pray for them. Ad multos annos.

Pray for the sick: Let us pray for the sick including Fidelis Demello, John Fish, Charlie Hyam and Eileen O Reilley. To include anyone's name, kindly complete a form kept in the Information Corner.

Members of Legion of Mary from Ireland will be visiting our families from 29th June to 6th July. They will be staying in our home while doing their missions. If you are able to accommodate anyone, please contact Fr Antony.

BAPTISM COURSES If you have a child that you would like to be baptised, you will need to complete one of our baptism preparation courses. Please meet Fr Antony in Parish Surgery on Fridays or contact Ossie Folks.

Parish Surgery This Week: On Friday from 6 pm, you may meet our parish priest, Fr Antony, without prior appointment in the presbytery.

Altar Servers Club The next meeting will be on Saturday 13th April from 3 pm – 4 pm when we will be preparing for Holy Week and Easter.

Ecumenical Station of the Cross will be at St Andrews Church on 17th March at 5 pm.

Lenten Confessions - April 16th from 7.30 pm many priests will be available to hear your confession.

Hartley Hall Bookings and Enquiries: Please note that all bookings and enquiries should be emailed to this address: hartleyhall@holycross-catford.org.uk

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Parish Mobile: Kindly use this number [text, call or WhatsApp] to get information or any enquiries.

MASS INTENTIONS			
	MASS TIME	THIS WEEK (16-23 March)	NEXT WEEK (23-30 March)
SUN	6.30 [Sat]	People of the Parish	Francesca Candita Simpkins - <i>RIP</i>
	10 am	Alison McHale <i>RIP</i>	Innocent and Maria Liverpool
	11.30 am	Eileen and Henry Killick <i>RIP</i>	Catherine Ndeley
	12.30 pm	Baptism - Elizabeth-Mia Muriuki	Baptism – Noah De Cabral
MON	9.15 am	John Monaghan <i>RIP</i>	Birthday
TUE	9.15 am	Mini Vinnie's Mass	Sebastian - <i>Wellbeing</i>
WED	9.15 am	Rose <i>TG</i>	Fidelius - <i>Wellbeing</i>
THURS	9.15 am	Mina Bernardi <i>RIP</i>	Lilian - <i>TG</i>
FRI	8.00 pm	Bernadette Gnanapragasam <i>RIP</i>	Fr John Mulligan - <i>RIP</i>
SAT	9.15 am	No Mass Intention received	No Mass Intention received