

HOLYCROSS CATHOLIC CHURCH

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How is your Lent going?

Life is full of risks, chance happenings, natural disasters and catastrophic happenings surround us in the news everyday. Jesus tells us to be prepared for the unexpected by repenting now.

Lent is a time to take a risk, to change our lives and follow Jesus. Stewardship is a simple way of coming close to God and to one another; by being grateful for the gifts God gives us each day, growing those gifts, sharing them with others and returning them to the Lord with increase.

In our parish you can come closer to God by looking at your talents/gifts and making a genuine effort to use them for the benefit of your parish or the wider community.

Our talents/gifts change and develop over time, so look closely at the new talents/gifts that you have now, that you can use for the benefit of others.

So go on take a risk! If you haven't done so already complete a talent/gift pledge/promise card and attach it to our Lenten Cross on the sanctuary.

We might not be able to do anything about our beginning; but starting now we can make sure that we have a different ending.

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 Divine Mercy Sunday: 28 th April, Mass at 3pm First Holy Communion: 11 th / 12 th May Bishop Pat 's visit 17-19 May: Confirmation 18 May Finance : Loose: £847.40 Standing orders: £503

Lenten Reflection During Lent there will be a Lenten Reflection on the middle 5 Wednesdays in Hartley Hall 8 pm- 9 pm. (March 27th, April 3rd, 10th). Everyone is welcome.



On Divine Mercy Sunday [28th April at 3pm], we shall have a special Mass with Divine Mercy prayers and Divine Mercy Chaplet.

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.

Bidding Prayers PLEASE READ!!

Are you able to spare a few minutes out of your week to compose the bidding prayers in time for the Sunday Masses? You will be provided with all the necessary resources and guidance. If you are interested, please enquire by emailing Sarah Edwards at holycrossprayers@yahoo.co.uk.

First Holy Communion

Please be reminded that the next session is this Saturday 30th March, 10 am start.

Gospel Reflection: In today's Gospel Jesus offers his parable about last chances. The fig tree will have one last chance to bear fruit before it is cut down and destroyed. Good stewards realize that, like the fig tree, they are endowed with God-given gifts that are meant to "bear fruit" for God and neighbour. God has legitimate expectations of them. They also realize they do not know how much time they have left before the gardener returns for an accounting of their fruitfulness. How are we using our God-given gifts? How might we use our gifts to bear more fruit? The answer requires some urgency.

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.

"Thy will be done" We see God's will revealed in the person of Jesus: to seek out and to save that which is lost. We can affirm, however, without a doubt, that God's will is indeed for the salvation of all mankind. Our prayer, then, is offered by children who know their Father's heart and are certain of his loving plan. This prayer, moreover, inspires in us the same desire for the Father's will as we see in Jesus, especially when, in the garden of Gethsemane, he prayed, "Father, if you are willing, remove this chalice from me; nevertheless not my will, but yours, be done" (*Lk* 22:42). Jesus is crushed by the world's wickedness, yet he abandons himself faithfully to the Father's will. We can do likewise, for the conviction that God will never abandon us is more than a hope. It is a certainty!



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.

Lenten Confessions - April 16th from 7.30 pm when 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

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

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

MASS INTENTIONS			
	MASS TIME	THIS WEEK (23 – 30 March)	NEXT WEEK (31 March – 7 April)
SUN	6.30 [Sat] 10 am 11.30 am 12.30 pm 1.00 pm	Francesca Candita Simpkins - <i>RIP</i> Innocent and Maria Liverpool Catherine Ndeley Baptism – Noah De Cabral [susan]	Betty McHugh <i>RIP</i> Albert Louis Michael Slater <i>RIP</i> Musa Goba <i>RIP</i> Baptism – Sean Ignatius McNamara Baptism – Oliver Dominic Kowalski
MON	9.15 am	Birthday	Mary Monaghan <i>RIP</i>
TUE	9.15 am	Sebastian - <i>Wellbeing</i>	Victoria Okor - <i>RIP</i>
WED	9.15 am	Fidelius - <i>Wellbeing</i>	O'Hanlon Family intentions
THURS	9.15 am	Lilian - <i>TG</i>	Fabian Chen - <i>Wellbeing</i>
FRI	8.00 pm	Fr John Mulligan - <i>RIP</i>	The Dunbar Family - <i>TG</i>
SAT	9.15 am	Sandy Parkes - <i>Wellbeing</i>	Grace Morango