

**HOLY CROSS CATHOLIC CHURCH**

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**A HAPPY EASTER**

My dear brothers and sisters in Christ, Easter is a wonderful opportunity to commit ourselves to new life in Christ; to renew our faith and cast off any darkness that threatens to draw us from the path that God has planned for us.

This Easter, let us welcome the Lord into our innermost being with open arms and open hearts, allowing His grace, love, peace and joy to renew, restore, and transform our lives.

With these thoughts and hopes, I offer my heartfelt prayers for all the members of our parish, school, organisations and communities, praying that the spirit of the Resurrection will inundate our souls with love, peace, joy and goodness and guide us throughout the year to become who God intends us to be.

Renewed in spirit, faith, hope and in love, let us put off our old selves and put on our new selves, and in unison sing praises of joy and thanksgiving, for CHRIST IS RISEN FROM THE DEAD. BLESSED IS THE RESURRECTION OF CHRIST.

**A HAPPY EASTER FOR US ALL - Fr Antony**

**Welcome** – We welcome any visitors to Holy Cross over Easter. If you have moved in permanently to the parish please complete a census registration form available at the Contact corner.

**RCIA:** Congratulations to all those involved with the RCIA this Easter and especially those who celebrate the Sacraments of Initiation at the Easter Vigil.

Welcome to – Justin, Maria, Nicholas, Janice, Caspar who will be baptised.

Blessings on Justin, Maria, Nicholas, Diana who will be confirmed and receive the Eucharist. Many thanks to the sponsors, godparents and families who have been so supportive. We keep the whole group in our prayers. We are grateful to the RCIA catechists for their hard works and commitment.

**EASTER LITURGIES:** A big THANK YOU to everyone who helped make our Holy Week celebration so special: Those who cleared, prepared and decorated our Church so beautifully, those who put together all the resources and equipment we needed, including the school playground, all involved in the music ministry, the huge number of readers, the extraordinary ministers of the Holy Eucharist, welcoming ministers, offertory collectors, the hard-working altar servers and most especially all of you who came along to participate in our journey through Easter. Thanks again.

**EASTER COLLECTION:** Today's collection by tradition is your personal gift to the Parish Priest. Many Thanks.

**Baptism Course** The next Baptism course will take place on Saturdays, 18th and 25th of May, 10am -11.30am in Hartley Hall. If you would like your child baptised, you will need to attend the Baptism Preparation course. Please contact either Ossie Folkes or Fr Antony.

**Holy Communion** The next Holy Communion session is on Saturday 27th April in the church. Please arrive promptly at 10.00am.



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

**Pray for the sick:** Let us pray for the sick including Mariam Philomin, Fabian Chen, Fidelis D'Mello, Charlie Hyam, Rose Calver, Clifford Aristide, Agatha Lewis and Ann Whittington. To include anyone's name, kindly contact Lesley Allen.



**Please join**  
**Rosary:**  
Mon, Tues, Thurs: 9.40 am, Wed 8.50 am  
**Confessions:** Sat 6 pm

**Parish Diary**  
**Divine Mercy Sunday:** 28th April, at 3pm  
First Holy Communion: 11th / 12th May  
Bishop Pat 's visit 17-19 May  
Confirmation 18 May  
Baptism Course: 18th and 25th May  
**Finance :** Loose: £932.20  
Standing orders: £503

**Contact Numbers**  
**St Vincent De Paul** 07835 188411  
Safeguarding Line 07598 524024  
Third Thursday Time TTT  
Email [thirdthursdaytime@gmail.com](mailto:thirdthursdaytime@gmail.com)

**Hartley Hall - Parish Community Centre**  
Culverley Road, SE6 2LD  
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**HOLY CROSS SCHOOL** 020 8698 2675  
Headteachers: Miss Mary Collins / Miss Finaldi

**No Parish Surgery This Week**

**Ecumenical Pilgrimage:** We have changed the location of Holy Cross's first ecumenical pilgrimage. Instead we will be going to Aylesford and West Malling with our friends from St Andrews and St Laurence's on Wednesday 29th May, cost of the day by coach from Hartley Hall is £10. Please register your place with Fr Anthony. Times and details to follow.

**R.I.P.:** Please pray for the peaceful Repose of the souls of Genevive, Jackey and David who have died recently. May they rest in peace.

**The Lord's descent into the underworld and the Resurrection** [From an ancient homily for Holy Saturday]  
Jesus has gone to search for our first parent... he has gone to free from sorrow the captives Adam and Eve, he who is both God and the son of Eve. He took Adam by the hand and raised him up, saying: "...I am your God, who for your sake have become your son... See on my face the spittle I received in order to restore to you the life I once breathed into you. See there the marks of the blows I received in order to refashion your warped nature in my image. On my back see the marks of the scourging I endured to remove the burden of sin that weighs upon your back. See my hands, nailed firmly to a tree, for you who once wickedly stretched out your hand to a tree.

I slept on the cross and a sword pierced my side for you who slept in paradise and brought forth Eve from your side. My side has healed the pain in yours. My sleep will rouse you from your sleep in hell. The sword that pierced me has sheathed the sword that was turned against you.

Rise, let us leave this place. The enemy led you out of the earthly paradise. I will not restore you to that paradise, but I will enthrone you in heaven. I forbade you the tree that was only a symbol of life, but see, I who

| MASS INTENTIONS |                                    |  |  |
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| MASS TIME       | WEEK (21 – 27 April)               | NEXT WEEK (27 April – 3 May)   |  |
| SUN             | 8 pm [Sat]<br>10.00 am<br>11.30 am | Solemn Mass of the Easter Vigil<br>Mary Monaghan <i>RIP</i><br>Brendan Sullivan <i>RIP</i> | 6.30pm Jusuthasan <i>RIP</i><br>10.00am Bridget Woods <i>RIP</i><br>11.30am Mario Fina <i>RIP</i><br>3.00pm People of the Parish |
| MON             | 9.15 am                            | Margaret Scales <i>RIP</i>   | Theresa Green <i>RIP</i>   |
| TUE             | 9.15 am                            | Francesca Candita Simpkins <i>RIP</i>  | Cliford Adonai <i>RIP</i>  |
| WED             | 9.15 am                            | Olimpia Cominetti <i>RIP</i>   | Theresa Green <i>RIP</i>   |
| THURS           | 9.15 am                            | Mina Bernardi <i>RIP</i>   | Theresa Green <i>RIP</i>   |
| FRI             | 8 pm                               | Hazel Damiral <i>Wellbeing</i>   | John Konan & Family<br><i>Thanksgiving</i>   |
| Sat             | 9.30am                             | <b>Feneral Mass: Genevive Stanislaus</b>   |  |

am life itself am now one with you. The kingdom of heaven has been prepared for you from all eternity...