

HOLY CROSS CATHOLIC CHURCH

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*16th Sunday in Ordinary Time
17 / 18 July 2021*

Dear Parishioner,

As the country moves into Step 4 (from 19th July) of the Government Covid-19 Response Roadmap, it is our responsibility to create a safe environment in our parish. From the Catholic Bishops' Conference guidance, I have drawn 20 points to be followed in our parish. Please find them in a separate attachment and in the Noticeboards.

Please sanitise your hands at entrance and exit. You are strongly encouraged to wear face coverings. The Saturday 6:30pm Mass will be the weekend Mass where everyone is expected to wear a face covering and keep to the social distancing guidelines.

This weekend and next weekend, a number of our children are receiving the Sacrament of Holy Communion for the first time and next weekend some of our young people the Sacrament of Confirmation. Please keep them and their families in your prayers.

Fr Antony

CONGRATULATIONS...

To the **First Holy Communion** candidates who will receive the Sacrament of the Holy Eucharist for the first time. Please keep the children and their families in your prayers.

Thank you,

This weekend on Saturday 17th July

Megan Appiah, William Dinneya, Oriah Finaldi, Lucy Hubbard, Caleb Rengifo Gordon, Valen Rengifo Gordon, Gabriel Sanderson, Ebube Ugwoke and Ayzsa Clement-Harper.

Next weekend on Saturday 24th July

Chidimma Agbonye, Vivienne Aguila, Chioma Alozie, Sophia Davey, Chloe Domingo, Natalie Emmanuel, Eleora Evans, Jacob Galvelo, Sean McCarthy, Jimuel Mendoza, Patrick O'Hara, Kamsiyochukwu (Francis) Onyenekwy, Raymond McNulty and Camille McNulty

And congratulations also to the young people of our parish who will receive the **Sacrament of Confirmation** on Sunday 25th July:-

Cecilia Ogechi Ofoegbu, Kehinde Ijiyode, Taiwo Ijiyode, Daphney Rajan, Elizabeth Downton, Glory Chiamaka Festus, Chidinma Martin-Iwuajoku, Amaranna Agbonye, James Hubbard and Dominique-Marie Anguibi.

THANK YOU

Thank you to the Catechists who have prepared the young members of our Parish to receive the Sacraments of Holy Communion and Confirmation:

Anne Mellis, Carolina Gonzalez, Zdenka Vitale, Edel Fallon, Franck Anguibi and Patricia Anguibi. Let us also not forget the commitment of the Parents of these young Candidates for their example and commitment, and also the support of a number of parishioners who gave a presentation.

First Holy Communion Celebration for Both the 2020 And 2021 Children: In **September** this year, we will have the final sessions and celebration for the children who received this Sacrament in both 2020 and 2021. The dates for each session will be given nearer the time. All the children will be presented with their certificates at that time.

Baptism Preparation Course: Upcoming Baptism Course will be on Saturday 24th and Saturday 31st July 2021 at 10:30am via Zoom. The links will be emailed to all parents who are registered for an upcoming Baptism.

Morning Prayers: Morning prayers after Mass will resume in September. You are invited to join the group as follows:

Rosary – Mon, Tue, Thu @ 9.45am

Divine Mercy Chaplet – Wed @ 9.45am

Want to Baptise your Child? From September 2021, the process to follow for those wishing to Baptise their child will be as follows:

- Complete the Baptism Application Form available from the Parish Website or Church Porch.
- Book an initial appointment with the Parish Office (Monday and Friday, 10:00am to 3:00pm) to submit the form and accompanying documents.
- Attend a Baptism Preparation Course.
- Meet with Fr Antony during the Parish Surgery (times announced in the Newsletter each week), to book a date for the Baptism and discuss the Order of Service.
- Baptisms are celebrated on the first Sunday of every month at 2:00pm.
- Certificates are issued on the second Sunday of every month.

Baptism:

This Sunday 18th July, we shall be welcoming into the Catholic Faith Royshan Victor Gnaseelan. Our congratulations to Royshan and his parents Victor and Mariyarani. Please keep the Gnaseelan family in your prayers.

Congratulations: Patricia Rajani and Shan Anbalakan celebrated their wedding on Sunday, 11th of July 2021, in Liverpool. Patricia Rajani is the daughter of Mariampillai Jeyarajah Philomin [Phil] and Stella Victoria. You are in our prayers.

Forthcoming Marriage: Your prayers are asked for Cielo Mesiona Alcuino and David Bernard Mahoney who will be receiving the Sacrament of Marriage on Wednesday 21st July 2021. Very many congratulations to Cielo and David on this joyous occasion!

Altar Servers: A message for all those who would like to return to their mission as Altar Servers AND for those who would like to become Altar Servers, please collect a form from Fr Antony after any Mass.

The Holy Cross Beaver and Cub scout group has been meeting outside this summer term and will have spaces for new joiners to the group from September. The group meet on Mondays. Children aged 6-8 years can join Beaver Scouts who meet from 4pm to 5pm. Children aged 8-10.5 years can join Cub Scouts and they will be meeting from 5:15pm to 6:45pm. Places in the group are filling up fast and so to avoid disappointment, if your child is interested, then please contact Mrs Summerford on 07778 354712 or send an email to holycrosscatford.scouts@gmail.com to reserve your place.

Confirmation 2021-2022: young people, aged 14 and above, who wish to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation, can request an Application Form from Fr Antony after any Mass

Want to be a Trained Catechist? The Archbishop's Certificate (ArchCert) is an online course for all in Southwark who wish to know their Catholic faith more deeply.

Participants will take a two-year journey through the Church's teaching to understand their faith in a more profound way and be able to share it with confidence and joy. The course will commence in October 2021 and the cost will be £365 per year. Registration must be completed in advance. Further details can be obtained from Fr Antony.

Altar Servers Summertime Programme – 2021 [Tuesday 3 – Friday 6 August]

Following last year's cancellation, we are pleased to announce that this annual activity is back, and commend it to boy and girl altar servers aged 10 - 15 years within Southwark Diocese.

Summertime 2021 will take place at the Oratory School in Reading and will open with Mass celebrated by Archbishop John Wilson. Activities will include talks, discussions, prayer, daily Mass, as well as sport, a trip to Thorpe Park and Swimming.

A coach is being provided from St. Anselm's, Dartford, and the cost of £165 covers all board and lodging, Thorpe Park and swimming.

For more details, please [obtain a form from the Sacristy](#) or contact Fr Stephen Boyle, Chaplain to the Guild of St. Stephen. Tel: 01322 220075

Email: dartford@rcaos.org.uk

Mass in Celebration of the Sacrament of Marriage [October 9th at St George's Cathedral]:

If you are celebrating your 1st/10th/25th/40th/50th/60th + wedding anniversary this year, please apply as soon as possible. Get in touch with us at mflse@rcaos.org.uk so you can receive an invitation from the Archbishop. Spaces are limited.

Holy Mass from Monday 19th July:

After receiving the Holy Communion, you can return to your seats to receive the final blessings. Please follow the guidance of the Welcome Ministers as you leave. You may remain in the church for your personal prayers for a short time, up to 5 minutes when a bell will be rung, as the church will need to be sanitised. Fr Antony and one other Extraordinary Minister of the Holy Eucharistic will be distributing the Holy Sacrament at all weekend Masses.

Eucharistic Ministers:

Please note that from next weekend Fr Antony will be assisted by one other Eucharistic Minister when distributing Holy Communion. A rota will be issued to the Eucharistic Ministers who have recently submitted their details and renewed the commitment to their Ministry last month. If you do not appear on the rota and would like to, then please contact the Parish office. Many thanks.

Children's Liturgy:

Please keep an eye on the newsletter for further updates. As yet, we are not going to resume the Children's Liturgy until it is safer to do so. If anyone has any suggestions, or would like to join the group of catechists, please can you contact Fr Antony.

PARISH CONTACTS

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The Parish Office is open on Mondays and Fridays, 10am to 3pm. email: catford@rcaos.org.uk; phone: 020 8698 3672.

<i>MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS Saturday 17th July – Friday 23rd July</i>		
SAT	6:30pm	Mary Clara Thuraisingham 100 th Birthday R.I.P.
SUN	09:00am 11:30am	People of the Parish Genovieve Stanislaus R.I.P.
MON	09:15am	Brendan Kilcoyne R.I.P.
TUE	09:15am	David Rawden R.I.P.
WED	09:15am	Rachael Pereira Wibberley - Wellbeing
THU	09:15am	<i>Saint Mary Magdalene</i> Tom Chia R.I.P.
FRI	6:30pm 7:00pm	<i>Saint Bridget, Religious, Patron of Europe</i> <i>Confessions and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament</i> Alba Fernandes R.I.P.

9pm for Night Prayer [every day except Saturday]: In this Pandemic, let us pray together as God’s family and receive His blessings before going to sleep. Please invite your family also to join prayer. **Meeting ID:** 7578777461; **Passcode:** 20212021.

Please Pray for the Sick: Clowie Aspery, Myra Hannon, Melanie Thomas, Florence Nosegbe, Lydia Joseph, Pat Vessey, John Conway, Dorothy Beacon, Gala Lobo, Mary Emmanuel, Pat Doyle, Tommy Murphy, Alan Durkin, Margaret Woodward, Rachael Pereira Wibberley and Ann Whittington. If you would like the parish community to pray for the sick members of your family and to be added in the newsletter, please send us an email.

The Church Care Team undertakes a deep clean and sanitises our church every Saturday at 12 noon. Please join if you can. Sincere thanks to our Church Care Team for their sacrifices.

Mass Offerings: Your loose cash offering last weekend: £376. Thank you. Thank you also for your kind donation of £123 at last week's Second Collection for The Apostleship of the Sea.

Bible Verse to Remember:

The sheep that belong to me listen to my voice,
says the Lord, I know them and they follow me.

[John 10:27]

MASS READINGS

Sunday 18 July 2021

Readings at Mass

Entrance Antiphon

See, I have God for my help.
The Lord sustains my soul.
I will sacrifice to you with willing heart,
and praise your name, O Lord, for it is good.

Ps 53: 6, 8

Collect

Show favour, O Lord, to your servants
and mercifully increase the gifts of your grace,
that, made fervent in hope, faith and charity,
they may be ever watchful in keeping your commands.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
God, for ever and ever.

First reading

Jeremiah 23:1-6

I will gather together the remnant of my flock and raise up shepherds for them

‘Doom for the shepherds who allow the flock of my pasture to be destroyed and scattered – it is the Lord who speaks! This, therefore, is what the Lord, the God of Israel, says about the shepherds in charge of my people: You have let my flock be scattered and go wandering and have not taken care of them.

Right, I will take care of you for your misdeeds – it is the Lord who speaks! But the remnant of my flock I myself will gather from all the countries where I have dispersed them, and will bring them back to their pastures: they shall be fruitful and increase in numbers. I will raise up shepherds to look after them and pasture them; no fear, no terror for them any more; not one shall be lost – it is the Lord who speaks!

‘See, the days are coming – it is the Lord who speaks – when I will raise a virtuous Branch for David, who will reign as true king and be wise, practising honesty and integrity in the land. In his days Judah will be saved and Israel dwell in confidence. And this is the name he will be called: The-Lord-our-integrity.’

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 22(23)

The Lord is my shepherd: there is nothing I shall want.

The Lord is my shepherd;
there is nothing I shall want.
Fresh and green are the pastures
where he gives me repose.
Near restful waters he leads me,
to revive my drooping spirit.

The Lord is my shepherd: there is nothing I shall want.

He guides me along the right path;
he is true to his name.
If I should walk in the valley of darkness
no evil would I fear.
You are there with your crook and your staff;
with these you give me comfort.

The Lord is my shepherd: there is nothing I shall want.

You have prepared a banquet for me
in the sight of my foes.
My head you have anointed with oil;
my cup is overflowing.

The Lord is my shepherd: there is nothing I shall want.

Surely goodness and kindness shall follow me
all the days of my life.
In the Lord’s own house shall I dwell

for ever and ever.

The Lord is my shepherd: there is nothing I shall want.

Second reading

Ephesians 2:13-18

Christ Jesus is the peace between us

In Christ Jesus, you that used to be so far apart from us have been brought very close, by the blood of Christ. For he is the peace between us, and has made the two into one and broken down the barrier which used to keep them apart, actually destroying in his own person the hostility caused by the rules and decrees of the Law. This was to create one single New Man in himself out of the two of them and by restoring peace through the cross, to unite them both in a single Body and reconcile them with God: in his own person he killed the hostility. Later he came to bring the good news of peace, *peace to you who were far away and peace to those who were near at hand*. Through him, both of us have in the one Spirit our way to come to the Father.

Gospel Acclamation

Jn10:27

Alleluia, alleluia!
The sheep that belong to me listen to my voice,
says the Lord,
I know them and they follow me.
Alleluia!

Gospel

Mark 6:30-34

They were like sheep without a shepherd

The apostles rejoined Jesus and told him all they had done and taught. Then he said to them, 'You must come away to some lonely place all by yourselves and rest for a while'; for there were so many coming and going that the apostles had no time even to eat. So they went off in a boat to a lonely place where they could be by themselves. But people saw them going, and many could guess where; and from every town they all hurried to the place on foot and reached it before them. So as he stepped ashore he saw a large crowd; and he took pity on them because they were like sheep without a shepherd, and he set himself to teach them at some length.

Prayer over the Offerings

O God, who in the one perfect sacrifice brought to completion varied offerings of the law, accept, we pray, this sacrifice from your faithful servants and make it holy, as you blessed the gifts of Abel, so that what each has offered to the honour of your majesty may benefit the salvation of all.
Through Christ our Lord.

Communion Antiphon

Ps 110: 4-5

The Lord, the gracious, the merciful,
has made a memorial of his wonders;
he gives food to those who fear him.

Prayer after Communion

Graciously be present to your people, we pray, O Lord,
and lead those you have imbued with heavenly mysteries
to pass from former ways to newness of life.
Through Christ our Lord.