

**HOLY CROSS CATHOLIC CHURCH**

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

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

**EXTRA ORDINARY MINISTERS of HOLY COMMUNION:** If you are an Extraordinary Minister please collect a letter from the Information Corner by the Grotto, (with your name on it), containing the rota and contact details for other EMHCs.

**Prayers and Reflection:** The Pope asks us to pray that Christian communities, especially those who are persecuted, feel that they are close to Christ and have their rights respected.

**Mother's Baby and Toddler Group** Help is needed on Mondays and Wednesdays 8.30am – 11.30am. If you can, please come along to Hartley Hall and speak to Eileen Hanlon.

**Holy Communion** Our thanks to the Holy Communion children who, last weekend, provided food for the Holy Cross School food bank. This is then collected by the SVP and distributed twice a year.

**UCM** The UCM soup evening that followed the Ash Wednesday

<b>Please join</b>
<b>Rosary:</b> Mon, Tues, Thurs: 9.40 am, Wed 8.50 am
<b>Stations of the Cross:</b> Wed 9.40 am and Fri 7.30 pm
<b>Confessions:</b> Sat 10 - 11 am and 6 pm
<b>Parish Diary</b>
Palm Sunday: 14 <sup>th</sup> April Lenten Confessions 16 <sup>th</sup> April 7.30 pm Good Friday: 19 <sup>th</sup> April Easter Vigil 20 <sup>th</sup> April 8 pm <b>Easter:</b> 21 <sup>st</sup> April First Holy Communion: 11 <sup>th</sup> / 12 <sup>th</sup> May Bishop Pat 's visit 17-19 May: Confirmation 18 May <b>Next Baptism Course: May 2019</b>
<b>Finance :</b> Loose: £762.20 Standing orders: £503

Mass was a great success and through your generosity we raised £95.00. Thank you very much, this will be sent to Mother Teresa's Helpers.

**CAFOD Family Fast Day is Friday 15<sup>th</sup> March**, please join us by giving up one of your meals and praying for those that are not fortunate to have access to clean water and food. Rachele Thevathas is our CAFOD representative and she will update us soon about the Family Fast Day.

**Lent is a transition time**, a time to look honestly at our journey of faith as we walk with Jesus to the cross.

Jesus's wilderness experience was a pivotal moment in his journey and his extended period of temptation was a profound time, which would determine how he would move forward. Jesus faced himself, and his willingness to stay true to God's path.

- *How can we allow this Lent period to be a time of looking honestly at our journey of faith and our willingness to say YES to God.*
- *During this week, take some time to reflect upon the things that fill your heart.*
- *Does your heart belong to God, or are you easily led by other distractions.*
- *In what ways is Jesus your bread of life?*

**Fasting** is a form of Penance. Catholics between 18 and 60 are obliged to Fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. Catholics who have reached the age of 14 are obliged to abstain from eating meat on Ash Wednesday and the Fridays of Lent.

**Pope's Lenten Message:** "For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God" (Rom 8:19)

**ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY (SVP) COFFEE MORNING – SUNDAY 10<sup>th</sup> March**

Our Holy Cross Parish SVP groups, (Adult group, Youth SVP and Mini Vinnies) are all volunteers, aiming where we can to provide practical help, friendship and support. We are entirely dependant on donations. To boost our funds we have a second collection after all Masses on the weekend of 9<sup>th</sup>/10<sup>th</sup> March, and we have a **coffee morning after the 10 am Mass on Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> March**. Please do come to support us, gain information about SVP, learn how you might help - and enjoy some home-made cake.

**HOLIDAYS AT HOME COMMUNITY PROJECT.** Come along if you wish to volunteer for "Bring Me Sunshine" Holidays at Home Community Project, Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> March, 7-9pm, Hartley Hall. Offering 12 events across the year for older adults across 3 venues, Hartley Hall, St. Andrew's Church, Brownhill Baptist Church, the evening will consist of a Dementia Friends awareness session and a presentation. For more information contact [Lesleyaallen@btopenworld.com](mailto:Lesleyaallen@btopenworld.com) or telephone 07729785843.

**Rite of Election.** Please keep in your prayers our RCIA group, who attended the Rite of Election and Call to Continuing Conversion, at St George's Cathedral on Saturday. They were called by Archbishop Peter to continue their journey to the Easter Vigil, and reception into the Catholic Church.

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

**SACRISTANS TRAINING DAY**

SATURDAY 23 MAR 2019  
(10.30AM TO 4PM) at the CCF. Contact Fr Antony if you would like to participate.

**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 13<sup>th</sup> 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 17<sup>th</sup> March at 5 pm.

**Lenten Confessions** - April 16<sup>th</sup> from 7.30 pm many priests will be available to hear your confession.

**Liturgy Committee Meeting:** will be **Saturday, 16<sup>th</sup> March, 11.00am**, after Mass and Adoration in the church. All representatives who are involved in the liturgical activities in our parish, please come.

**Ecumenical Stations of the Cross** will be at St Andrews Church on Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> March at 5 pm.

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



MASS INTENTIONS			
	MASS TIME	THIS WEEK (9-16 March)	NEXT WEEK (16-23 March)
SUN	6.30 [Sat] 10 am 11.30 am 12.30 pm	Mary and Steve Baldwin People of the parish Bernadette Jeyachandra's Birthday TG	People of the Parish Alison McHale RIP Eileen and Henry Killick RIP <b>Baptism</b> - Elizabeth-Mia Muriuki
MON	9.15 am	Thierry Gnanakumar RIP	John Monaghan RIP
TUE	9.15 am	Margaret King	Mini Vinnie's Mass / Mary Holland RIP
WED	9.15 am	Fr Anthony TG	Rose TG
THURS	9.15 am	Linda for safe child delivery	Mina Bernardi RIP
FRI	8.00 pm	The Dunbar Family TG	Bernadette Gnanapragasam RIP
SAT	9.15 am	No Mass Intention	Lilian Amelia TG