

# HOLY CROSS CATHOLIC CHURCH

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7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> Sep 2019 [23<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time]

**Want to become a Catholic or to find more about our faith?** The RCIA Programme (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults), starts on 30<sup>th</sup> September at 7.30pm in Hartley Hall. Please come and see if this is for you. If you are a parishioner, be brave, **invite friends, family members and acquaintances** to take the opportunity to look at their lives and maybe find some answers to the big questions. Come and see!

If you are interested please speak to Fr Antony, look at the parish website to find out more about the RCIA and download the application form or contact [ossiefolkes1@gmail.com](mailto:ossiefolkes1@gmail.com)

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**Franciscan Sisters of the Immaculate**  
Holy Cross Bookshop [02034418240]  
4 Brownhill Road, Catford  
[www.holycrossbooks.co.uk](http://www.holycrossbooks.co.uk)

**Holy Cross School** [020 8698 2675]  
Miss Mary Collins, Miss Giovanna Finaldi  
[www.holycross.lewisham.sch.uk](http://www.holycross.lewisham.sch.uk)

**St Vincent De Paul** 07835 188411  
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Third Thursday Time TTT  
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Finance: Loose £743.25 SO: £483

**Newsletter matters** to be sent to [antonymegalan@rcaos.org.uk](mailto:antonymegalan@rcaos.org.uk) by Wednesday.

**Pray for the sick:** Let us pray for the sick including Mariam Philomin, Charlie Hyam, Rose Calver, Agatha Lewis, Elizabeth Goba, Florence Nosgobie, Gala Lobo and Ann Whittington.

**Live Streaming:** Our parish will routinely provide live streaming of Mass, especially the 11.30am Mass on Sundays, from 15<sup>th</sup> September. This will be a great help for those housebound, parishioners now living in other parts of the world and for those family members whose beloved ones' sacraments are celebrated here in Holy Cross. To access this, kindly log on to our parish website or click: <http://www.holycross-catford.org.uk/livestreaming.php>

**YSVP Coffee Morning** - Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> September after 10am Mass.

**Parish Mass Books** will be introduced in our parish from December. This book contains the Order of the Holy Mass, many prayers and all readings of the Holy Week liturgy, Christmas and important feasts. Any suggestions, kindly bring it to Fr Antony.

**Holy Cross Parish Feast Day:** We celebrate our Parish Feast day, the Feast of the Triumph of the Cross on Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> September at the 6.30pm Mass. All parishioners are invited to celebrate our Feast Day and join us afterwards in the School Hall for a shared celebration. Families and



individuals new to our parish are especially welcome. Please put your name on the appropriate list at the back of the church if you are able to help, and what items of food/drink you would like to bring on that day.

**Parish Feast Day Choir:** We will be practising the music to celebrate the occasion on 12<sup>th</sup> September at 7.30pm, in the church. Please come and join us.

**Blessings:** Olamide Olatokunbo Mariam OLANREWAJU and Luke Christian SANDERSON are getting married in Holy Cross on 20<sup>th</sup> September at 1pm. As you become one in Christ, we wish you more joy and blessings.

**Sacrament of Confirmation:** If you are starting Year 9 in September and feel it is time to take the next step in your life of faith, we will be starting our journey towards the Sacrament of Confirmation in October. Please write a letter with your full contact details including email to Fr Antony (by 25<sup>th</sup> September) explaining why you want to receive this important Sacrament of the Holy Spirit.

**New academic year Mass** on Friday [13<sup>th</sup> Sep at 9.15am] for Holy Cross children and staff - parishioners are welcome.

**Second Collection:** this weekend (7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> September) – Catholic Education Service

**First Holy Communion 2020.** Please remember the closing date for applications is Monday 9<sup>th</sup> September, unfortunately, applications cannot be accepted after this date. The information meeting on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> is for those parents who have already submitted their applications, it is not for registration.

**Our Parent and Toddler group** has been a popular and invaluable resource for families in the parish and wider community for several years. This is largely due to the selfless dedication of Eileen Hanlon, who has devoted her time, talents and energy to leading and facilitating the group and supporting numerous parents/carers on two mornings a week. We thank Eileen for her service to our parish community. Sadly, numerous appeals in recent months for volunteers to help keep these sessions running has generated not much response and therefore the group will now run on Mondays term time only - commencing 9<sup>th</sup> September.

**Holy Cross School** has Nursery places available for children aged 3 and 4. We offer part-time and full-time places in our fantastic Nursery. Please call the School on 0208 698 2675 for further information.

**R.I. P:** Kindly pray for the peaceful repose of the soul of Ellen Deborah Parsons whose funeral Mass will be on Friday 11<sup>th</sup> September at 1.45pm. Also, pray for Fraulene Marjorie London whose funeral mass will be on the 26<sup>th</sup> September at 11.30pm. May they rest in peace.

**Fr John Mulligan Memorial Stained Glass Window:** We fondly remember and pray for Fr John Mulligan as we offer Mass on the 1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary of his death this Saturday [7<sup>th</sup> september] in our parish, we bless and dedicate a stained glass window in the front porch in memory of him after the 6.30pm Mass. Many thanks to Tony Early and family for donating this window.

**Diocesan Day for Catechists:** At St George's Cathedral Southwark on Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> September.

We are looking to recruit a Parish Secretary, who could start in October. This will initially be for a 6 month fixed term contract. The role is to provide ongoing support and administration of the parish office; take responsibility for Hartley Hall bookings; operate the Diocese's online accounting systems; liaise with volunteers and lay ministers; liaise with Holy Cross School. The ideal candidate will have previous secretarial experience and a good knowledge of the Catholic church. Good communication skills at all levels and an excellent working knowledge of main IT products (e.g. Outlook, Word, Excel, etc) are essential. Terms: 10 hours per week – actual hours/days to be mutually agreed; £10.00 per hour. If you would like to apply please email a copy of your CV to [catford@rcaos.org.uk](mailto:catford@rcaos.org.uk) by 1<sup>st</sup> October 2019.

## MASS INTENTIONS

MASS TIME	This Week (7 <sup>th</sup> – 13 <sup>th</sup> Sept.)	Next Week (14 <sup>th</sup> – 20 <sup>th</sup> Sept.)
SUN 6.30 [Sat] 10 am 11.30 am	Fr. John Mulligan R.I.P. [UCM] Stanislaus (Merlyn) R.I.P. Finaldi Family – Thanksgiving	Sat: <b>The exaltation of the Holy Cross – Feast</b> <b>Our Lady of Sorrows - Feast</b> People of the parish Mary Monagan R.I.P. Brian Conroy – 80 <sup>th</sup> birthday
MON 9.15 am	<b>The Most Holy Name of Mary - Feast</b> Josephine Pushpam R.I.P. (1st Anniversary)	Anne Hanrey - Wellbeing
TUE 9.15 am	Genovieve Stanislaus R.I.P.	Patrick Bogan
WED 9.15 am 1.45pm	Thierry Gnana Kumar R.I.P. Funeral Mass of Ellen Deborah Parsons	Bernadette Hau - Thanksgiving
THURS 9.15 am	<b>The most Holy Name of Mary</b> Jenita Nicholaus (Birthday)	Maurice Lenane R.I.P.
FRI 7.30pm 8.00 pm	Adoration of the blessed Sacrament Sebastian Chen R.I.P.	Adoration of the blessed Sacrament Sebastian Chen – R.I.P.

