

**Please join**

**Rosary:** Mon Tues Thurs 9.40am / Wed 8.50am  
**Chaplet of Divine Mercy:** Wed 9.40am  
**Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament:** Fri 7.30pm  
**Confessions:** Sat 6pm

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**We have got a new Parish Secretary:** Josepha Flahive is our new parish secretary. She was one of nine applicants who applied for this job, and was interviewed and chosen by Sarah Wood [HR Advisor of our Diocese]. She will begin her job on 1<sup>st</sup> November this year. Josepha has worked for almost 40 years for e.surv Chartered Surveyors (*Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors*) as a Health & Safety Co-ordinator and RICS Contact Officer. We wish her all the best.

**Dear Jesus, help me** to spread your fragrance everywhere I go; Flood my soul with your spirit and life; Penetrate and possess my whole being so completely That all my life may be only a radiance of yours; Shine through me and be so in me That everyone with whom I come into contact May feel your presence within me. Let them look up and see no longer me—but only Jesus. Amen. [**St. John Henry Cardinal Newman**]

**Remembering Blessed John Henry Newman:** Between Sunday 6th and Sunday 27th October 2019, St George's Cathedral in Southwark will be displaying a relic of Blessed John Henry Newman, who was canonised in Rome on Sunday 13th October 2019. In addition, a Mass will be celebrated in honour of Newman's canonisation by Archbishop John Wilson on Sunday 27th October at 11.30 am.

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**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  
**Safeguarding Line** 07598 524024

Third Thursday Time **TTT**  
 Email [thirdthursdaytime@gmail.com](mailto:thirdthursdaytime@gmail.com)

Finance: Loose £710.70 SO: £483  
 CaFod: £517.00

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

**Public Consultation**

For over a year Holy Cross School and St Augustine's School have been working together in a soft federation under the leadership of Miss Mary Collins. The two schools are currently in the process of a consultation Proposing that this become a permanent arrangement therefore becoming a hard federation with the two schools sharing one governing body. Both schools will continue to work closely with their respective parishes. The consultation documents are available on both school websites. If you wish to add your views to the consultation please email them to: [consultationresponse@holycross.lewisham.sch.uk](mailto:consultationresponse@holycross.lewisham.sch.uk) We look forward to hearing from you [from Mary Collins , Executive Headteacher Holy Cross & St Augustine's Catholic Primary Schools].

**Gospel Stewardship Reflection:** If we want to know what Jesus' parable is about in today's Gospel, it seems that we don't need to work too hard because Saint Luke tell us right at the beginning: "Jesus told his disciples a parable about their need to pray always and not to lose heart." This parable has often been used to bring comfort to us about our prayer life. But could there be a more challenging message for those who take stewardship seriously? Widows were the poorest and most vulnerable of people in Jesus' time. Oppressive legal and economic structures were the norm. Jesus embraced with great compassion the poor and the marginalized. Could it be that we are also encouraged to pray

persistently for the poor, the weak and the vulnerable as we hear their cry for justice? And that we must not lose heart that we can effect change in their lives? [from Ossie Folkes].

**Be on the alert** –There have been reports of parishes/parishioners in our diocese receiving fake emails from the Archbishop or their Parish Priest asking for money or favours. The email address this comes from is [orlandi613@gmail.com](mailto:orlandi613@gmail.com). This is spam mail – do not open or respond just delete. The Diocese are aware of this situation.

**WORLD MISSION SUNDAY** is this Sunday, 20th October. It will be a special day to pray for the poor parishes all over the world and to help them financially. There will be a second collection this weekend.

**R.I.P.:** Please pray for the peaceful repose of the soul of Franci Faluyi who died recently.

**All Saints Day choir practice:** We will be practising the music to celebrate the occasion on 24th and 31st October at 7.30pm, in the church. Please come and join us.

**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.

**Wedding Blessings:** Harin Karunakaran and Mary Sepamalai celebrated their wedding here at Holy Cross on Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> October. As they became one in Christ, we pray for their happiness and more joy and blessings.

**CAFOD:** On behalf of CAFOD and the people of Uganda, we thank you for your kind generosity and prayers. In total we raised £517.00.

**The Late Archbishop Michael Bowen:** It is with great sadness that we inform you that former Archbishop Michael Bowen died on 17th October, at St Peter's Home, Vauxhall. May he rest in peace.

**ECUMENICAL DIARY 2020**

ECUMENICAL PALM SUNDAY LITURGY – MARCH 5<sup>TH</sup> AT 9.45am

WALK OF MERCY –MARCH 8<sup>TH</sup>

ECUMENICAL STATIONS OF THE CROSS – MARCH 29

**ECUMENICAL COACH TRIP** – JUNE 3<sup>RD</sup> – TO ST ALBAN'S

CORAL EVENSONG – JUNE 28<sup>TH</sup>

HOLY CROSS FEAST - ECUMENICAL CELEBRATION –

**MASS INTENTIONS**

MASS TIME	This Week (19 <sup>th</sup> – 25 <sup>th</sup> Oct.)	Next Week (26 <sup>th</sup> Oct – 1 <sup>st</sup> Nov)
SUN 6.30 [Sat] 10 am 11.30 am	Tracy Coleman - thanksgiving Lydia Joseph - Thanksgiving Henry & Eileen Killick R.I.P.	Alona Birthday -Thanksgiving Mary Monaghan R.I.P. The Gabriel Family WB & R.I.P.
MON 9.15 am	Hermia Henry R.I.P.	<b>St Simon and St Jude, Apostles</b> Bridget Anne Sullivan R.I.P.
TUE 9.15 am	John Byrne R.I.P.	Rachel Leul WB
WED 9.15 am	Francisca Candita Simpkins R.I.P.	No Mass Intentions
THURS 9.15 am	David Holmes R.I.P.	Albert Henry R.I.P.
FRI 7.30 pm 8.00 pm	<b>Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament</b> Marie Bernard - wellbeing	<b>Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament</b> Eileen Kelly (Thompson) R.I.P.

**Bible verse to remember:** The Lord will guard you from evil, he will guard your soul. The Lord will guard your going and coming both now and for ever [Psalm 212:8].