

HOLY CROSS CATHOLIC CHURCH

29 Sunday of Ordinary Time

17/18 October 2020



Parish Office

Josepha Flahive & Lisa O'Hara
catford@rcaos.org.uk; 02086983672

208, Sangley Road
Catford, SE6 2JS
<https://www.holycross-catford.org.uk>

Fr Antony Megalan Sellam
Parish Priest
antonymegalan@rcaos.org.uk

Sunday Mass Readings

First reading [Isaiah 45:1,4-6]

Thus says the Lord to his anointed, to Cyrus, whom he has taken by his right hand to subdue nations before him and strip the loins of kings, to force gateways before him that their gates be closed no more: 'It is for the sake of my servant Jacob, of Israel my chosen one, that I have called you by your name, conferring a title though you do not know me. I am the Lord, unrivalled; there is no other God besides me. Though you do not know me, I arm you that men may know from the rising to the setting of the sun that, apart from me, all is nothing.'

Responsorial Psalm [Psalm 95(96):1,3-5,7-10] *Give the Lord glory and power.*

Second reading [1 Thessalonians 1:1-5]

From Paul, Silvanus and Timothy, to the Church in Thessalonica which is in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ; wishing you grace and peace from God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

We always mention you in our prayers and thank God for you all, and constantly remember before God our Father how you have shown your faith in action, worked for love and persevered through hope, in our Lord Jesus Christ.

We know, brothers, that God loves you and that you have been chosen, because when we brought the Good News to you, it came to you not only as words, but as power and as the Holy Spirit and as utter conviction.

Gospel Acclamation [Jn17:17]

Alleluia, alleluia! Your word is truth, O Lord: consecrate us in the truth. Alleluia!

Gospel [Matthew 22:15-21]

The Pharisees went away to work out between them how to trap Jesus in what he said. And they sent their disciples to him, together with the Herodians, to say, 'Master, we know that you are an honest man and teach the way of God in an honest way, and that you are not afraid of anyone, because a man's rank means nothing to you. Tell us your opinion, then. Is it permissible to pay taxes to Caesar or not?' But Jesus was aware of their malice and replied, 'You hypocrites! Why do you set this trap for me? Let me see the money you pay the tax with.' They handed him a denarius, and he said, 'Whose head is this? Whose name?' 'Caesar's' they replied. He then said to them, 'Very well, give back to Caesar what belongs to Caesar – and to God what belongs to God.'

Sacrament of Confirmation (2020):

Last week we celebrated the Sacrament of Confirmation for the following candidates:

Diane Ukah, Elijah Fuller, Ruben Gifford, Sebastiano Candita Simpkins, Lauren Hosang, Isabel Galvelo, Jefflin Jesuthas, Jeffny Jesuthas, Jeron Justin, Faith Atayi, Francesca Savarimuttu, Vanessa Onyenekwu, Aisosa Ero, Victoria Ozon-Gonzalez, Ysabella Galvelo, Lola Allen, Erin O'Hara and Keeva McGuire. Please remember the candidates in your prayers. May the Lord always keep them in His favour and keep alight the Holy Spirit within their souls. We give special thanks to the catechists, Piero & Chiara Finaldi, Francesco & Roberta Lala, Brian Thevadhass and Florence Avwunu for their time in guiding and supporting the young people on this important part of their spiritual journey.

Meet Fr Antony without an appointment this week: Monday from 3.30pm and Tuesday and Wednesday from 10am. Parents must come with their children/candidates. The church will be open for you and you will meet Fr Antony in the sacristy. Please come and occupy the first rows of the church.

Offertory Collection last weekend: £147.87 [loose]– Thank you. Thank you also for your donations for the second collection which amounted to £200.88 for Home Missions Day, Day for Life and World Communications. The second collection for CAFOD taken the previous week amounted to £125.88. There will be second collection for this weekend for MISSIO.

Please pray for sick: Myra Hannon, Kay Grey, Lydia Joseph, and Pat Vessey. If you want the parish community to pray for the sick members of your family and to be added in the newsletter, please send us an email.

Diamond Mass: Please note there will be a special Mass for members of the Diamond Club on Tuesday 10th November at 11am. If you would like to attend, please contact Lesley Allen.

R.I.P.: Please pray for the peaceful repose of the soul of Floriana Korley who passed away recently and whose funeral Mass will be on 20th October at 12.30pm. One of our parishioners, Eileen Hanlon, passed away last weekend. Please can you keep Eileen and her family in your prayers during this difficult time. At this time, there is no date set for a funeral. Details to follow.

Live Streaming: Our parish will routinely provide live streaming of Masses. This is a great help in this Pandemic times 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>

NEW COVID-19 REGULATIONS: As we are in Tier2 category of Covid 19 regulations, please take care and observe all the rules. Kindly follow the guidance of the Welcome Ministers. Please keep safe distancing and wear a face covering, and sanitise your hands when you enter and leave the Church. The maximum people now can attend funeral (thirty), and baptism (six). Thanks for your cooperation and many thanks to our Welcome Ministers.

In November, it being the month of Holy Souls, we particularly remember and pray that the Lord embrace them with his tender love; deliver them from every evil and bid them enter eternal rest. We received permission to visit Hither Green Cemetery to bless the graves from 3pm on Sunday, 1st November. Please watch this space next week for more news.

Pope Francis’ new Encyclical ‘Fratelli tutti’: Fraternity and social friendship are the ways the Pontiff indicates to build a better, more just and peaceful world, with the contribution of all: people and institutions. With an emphatic confirmation of a ‘no’ to war and to globalized indifference. To read this meaningful Church document, please log on to:



http://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/encyclicals/documents/papa-francesco_20201003_enciclica-fratelli-tutti.html



Please note clocks will go back one-hour next weekend on 25th October.

HOLY MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS			
		THIS WEEK	NEXT WEEK
SAT	2.30pm 7pm	Baptism: Gabriel Gouveia Deceased Relatives of Mr & Mrs Flahive R.I.P.	Kevin Hook R.I.P.
SUN	9am 11.30am	Mary Monaghan R.I.P. Oscar Fernandes – Thanksgiving [Birthday]	Edwin Noronha R.I.P. Bill & Enid Benzynie - Thanksgiving
MON	7pm	Edwin Noronha R.I.P.	Eileen Hanlon R.I.P.tgQW
TUE	9.15am 12.30pm	Oscar & Melba – Wellbeing Funeral: Floriana Korley R.I.P.	Sarah Phipps R.I.P.
WED	9.15am	Bridget Doyle R.I.P.	Mary Emmanus & Family - Thanksgiving
THU		No Mass for the public	
FRI	7.00pm 7.30pm	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament Amelita Alcuino R.I.P.	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament Amelita Alcuino R.I.P.