

# HOLY CROSS CHURCH

## Date 5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup> January



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### MASS TIMES

Monday-Friday: 9.15am  
Saturday: 6.30pm Vigil Mass  
Sunday: 10.00am & 11.30am  
Reconciliation: Saturday 6pm

### HARTLEY HALL

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## Special Ministers of Holy Communion

This weekend 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday (5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup> January)

6.30pm Lesley Allen, Pat Monaghan, Vacant

1) *Malcolm Jones* 2) *Eunice Conroy* P) *Pat Barber*

10am Iotha Lorde, Marigold Okor, Kathleen O'Sullivan, Shirine Sukran, Rafel Skrzyp

1) *Amos Kong* 2) *Frances Travers* P) *Rob Dunbar*

11.30am Jude Ibe, Anne Mellis, Cynthia Myers, Franck Anguibi

1) *Ngozi Adedj*, 2) *Lisa O'Hara* 3) *Vacant*

Next weekend 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday (12<sup>th</sup>/13<sup>th</sup> January)

6.30pm Myra Hannon, Prema Louth.

1) UCM, 2) UCM, P) UCM

10am Joe Baptiste, Caroline Cleary, Ossie Folkes, Cyril Mbaeri, Ray Williams.

1) *Kimberley Kong*, 2) *Ashley Lench* P) *Christina Savanmutti*

11.30 Jerome, Adedji, Mary Lewis, Vincent Okonji, John Walsh, Rosa Candita Simpkins.

1) *Elsa Pascal*, 2) *Frank Afful*, P) *Mitchelle Mbaeri*

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Sat 6.30 People of the Parish  
Sun **Epiphany of the Lord**  
10.00 Ann Nelligan  
11.30 Gino & Rita Biasi  
Mon 9.15 Mr J.P Paul *RIP*  
9.40 *Rosary*  
Tue 9.15 David Champ *RIP* (Baldwin)  
9.40 *Rosary*  
Wed 8.50 *Rosary*  
9.15 Virginia Soromenho  
9.40 *Divine Mercy*  
Thur 9.15 Irene Marston *RIP*  
9.40 *Rosary*  
Fri 8pm Thierry Gnanakumar *RIP*  
*Followed by Exposition & Benediction*  
Sat 6.30 Eileen Kelly *RIP* (UCM)  
Sun **The Baptism of the Lord**  
*The end of the season of Christmas*  
10.00 Larry Doyle *RIP*  
11.30 Tom & Brendan Kilcoyne *RIP*

## **Please pray for those whom our Ministers visit with HOLY COMMUNION:**

*Clifford Aristide, James Barlow, Mary Barry, Rose Calver, Margaret Doherty, Bridget Doyle, Ellesdene Edwards, Elizabeth Marie Forde, Eileen Embury, Audrey Fitzsimmons, Elizabeth Goba, Theresa Harney, Peter Hughes, William Keogh, Agatha Lewis, Gala Lobo Anthony Marshall, Ivy Mulroney, Susan Murphy, Florence Nosegbe, Eleanor Martin, Mabel Martin, Charity Oparaji, Josephine Patterson, Rex Phillips, Anthony Renouf, Casimar Santhiapillai, Jean Scott, Irene Stone, Bridget Sullivan, Genevieve Stanislaus, Vera Pollock, Sheila Tagg, Patricia Vesey, Ann Whitington,*

## MEMORIAL MASS FOR FR JOHN MULLIGAN

In order to prepare for this mass to be celebrated in a meaningful way the date originally set for 27<sup>th</sup> January will be re-arranged.

## FIRST HOLY COMMUNION SESSION

The next First Holy Communion session is on Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> January at 10am in Hartley Hall.

## BAPTISM PREPARATION COURSE

If you wish to apply for the January Course please do so this weekend.

We need an application form, the child's birth certificate and your own Baptism certificate to proceed. Any incomplete applications will go on to the waiting list for the next course due in March.

**Bible Verse to Remember:** "Arise, shine, for your light has come, and the glory of the LORD rises upon you [Isaiah 60:1].

## MASS INTENTIONS FOR 2019

There are brown envelopes available in the church to request for Masses for the coming year for your loved ones anniversaries, birthdays, get well wishes, exam success and thanksgiving. Please write clearly on the envelope and ensure they go through the parish office EITHER via Fr Antony or Mary.

## YSVP COFFEE MORNING

..after the 10am Mass on Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> January 4, 2019 Everybody most welcome. Please come and support!

The next YSVP meeting will be in the Upper room in Hartley Hall on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> January 2019.

## REFLECTION

In today's second reading we hear Saint Paul teach the community at Ephesus that God's revelation had come, not just to their community, but to others as well; that a broader community of believers was being allowed to exercise stewardship over the Good News. Good stewards recognize that it is in our life together as a Eucharistic community that we find ever new vistas and insights into God's vast universe of love and mercy. If we take time to listen to one another, we discover stories of faith beyond our own. Pause this week to converse with others, listen to their prayers, and observe acts of kindness and generosity. See if you can gain an understanding of God and the world that you have not experienced or known before.

### Glorious Manifestation of the Lord

*Dei Verbum 2-4*



In His goodness and wisdom God chose to reveal Himself and to make known to us the hidden purpose of His will (see Eph. 1:9) by which through Christ, the Word made flesh, man might in the Holy Spirit have access to the Father and come to share in the divine nature (see Eph. 2:18; 2 Peter 1:4). Through this revelation, therefore, the invisible God (see Col. 1:15, 1 Tim. 1:17) out of the abundance of His love speaks to men as friends (see Ex. 33:11; John 15:14-15) and lives among them (see Bar. 3:38), so that He may invite and take them into fellowship with Himself. This plan of revelation is realized by deeds and words having an inner unity: the deeds wrought by God in the history of salvation

manifest and confirm the teaching and realities signified by the words, while the words proclaim the deeds and clarify the mystery contained in them. By this revelation then, the deepest truth about God and the salvation of man shines out for our sake in Christ, who is both the mediator and the fullness of all revelation. (2)

God, who through the Word creates all things (see John 1:3) and keeps them in existence, gives men an enduring witness to Himself in created realities (see Rom. 1:19-20). Planning to make known the way of heavenly salvation, He went further and from the start manifested Himself to our first parents. Then after their fall His promise of redemption aroused in them the hope of being saved (see Gen. 3:15) and from that time on He ceaselessly kept the human race in His care, to give eternal life to those who perseveringly do good in search of salvation (see Rom. 2:6-7). Then, at the time He had appointed He called Abraham in order to make of him a great nation (see Gen. 12:2). Through the patriarchs, and after them through Moses and the prophets, He taught this people to acknowledge Himself the one living and true God, provident father and just judge, and to wait for the Saviour promised by Him, and in this manner prepared the way for the Gospel down through the centuries.

Then, after speaking in many and varied ways through the prophets, "now at last in these days God has spoken to us in His Son" (Heb. 1:1-2). For He sent His Son, the eternal Word, who enlightens all men, so that He might dwell among men and tell them of the innermost being of God (see John 1:1-18) ...He "speaks the words of God" (John 3:34), and completes the work of salvation which His Father gave Him to do (see John 5:36; John 17:4). To see Jesus is to see His Father (John 14:9). For this reason, Jesus perfected revelation by fulfilling it through his whole work of making Himself present and manifesting Himself: through His words and deeds, His signs and wonders, but especially through His death and glorious resurrection from the dead and final sending of the Spirit of truth. Moreover He confirmed with divine testimony what revelation proclaimed, that God is with us to free us from the darkness of sin and death, and to raise us up to life eternal.

... we now await no further new public revelation before the glorious manifestation of our Lord Jesus Christ (see 1 Tim. 6:14 and Tit. 2:13).