

HOLY CROSS CATHOLIC CHURCH

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21st/22nd September 2019 [25th Sunday in Ordinary Time C]

Want to become a Catholic or to find more about our faith? The RCIA Programme (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults), starts on Monday 30th 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

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Franciscan Sisters of the Immaculate
Holy Cross Bookshop [02034418240]
4 Brownhill Road, Catford
www.holycrossbooks.co.uk

Holy Cross School [020 8698 2675]
Miss Mary Collins, Miss Giovanna Finaldi
www.holycross.lewisham.sch.uk

St Vincent De Paul 07835 188411
Safeguarding Line 07598 524024

Third Thursday Time **TTT**
Email thirdthursdaytime@gmail.com

Finance: Loose £782.90 SO: £483
Second Collection: £144.10 (Home Missions)

Newsletter matters to be sent to
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 15th September. For the time being, only the sanctuary will be seen in the streaming. This can be zoomed out to the first pew when we celebrate weddings, Baptism, funerals and so on. 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>

All altar servers and readers who are below 18 years old must get your parents' consent if you want to serve at the altar or to do the readings at 11.30am Mass on Sundays. You may find the forms in the sacristy.

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.

Wedding Blessings: We congratulate Mr Luke and Mrs Olamide Sanderson on their marriage yesterday here at Holy Cross church. Now you have become one in Christ, we wish you more joy and blessings, and many years of happiness together.

Sacrament of Confirmation: Please note the deadline for your letter to reach Fr Antony is this Wednesday [25th September]. 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 full name, address and especially your email address) to Fr Antony explaining why you want to receive this important Sacrament of the Holy Spirit. The first meeting will be on Friday 27th September at 6.30 pm in Hartley Hall.

Diamond Club Help

Is there anyone who can spare half an hour of their time in order to assist Lesley set up the Diamond club on a Tuesday morning. It entails putting out chairs and moving tables at 8.40am, and 20 mins at 2pm to help clear away. Please contact either Lesley Allen direct or the parish office.

Flat to let - Sangley Road A newly refurbished 2 bedroom flat is available to let. Please email below for more details. suehooper.a.nu.propertyservice@gmail.com

Please note today is a special day of prayer for Harvest Thanksgiving.

St Ursula's Convent School will be having their open day for secondary school applicants on Saturday 21st September.

Job Vacancies – St Ursula's Convent School: Teacher of Science (required for January 2020 or sooner if available) and Break time Supervisors (as soon as possible). For further information on these roles, please visit the school website at www.stursulas.com/vacancies

Vacancy for Parish Secretary: 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. If you would like to apply please email a copy of your CV to catford@rcaos.org.uk by 1st October 2019.

Primary & Secondary School Applications

Please bring your supplementary forms to the parish office. We will let you know when they can be collected.

First Holy Communion

The First Holy Communion sessions start on Saturday 12th October at 10am in Hartley Hall. Please try and be prompt.

R.I. P: Kindly pray for the peaceful repose of the soul of Fraulene Marjorie London whose funeral mass will be on the 26th September at 11.30pm. May she rest in peace, and may her family and friends be comforted with much love and prayers at this difficult time.

Diocesan Day for Catechists: At St George's Cathedral Southwark next Saturday 28th September. This Day is for all the Catechists of the diocese, including those involved in Children's Liturgy of the Word and the RCIA process.

Holidays at Home: This summer's Holidays At Home: Summer Fun Days for families with children were a great success! 92 people attended the first day, 58 the second, 49 came on the coach trip to the beach and five families joined us for the park day, everyone having a wonderful time. Huge thanks to everyone who came along, to all the Parishioners who were so generous with time and donations, to the SVP, Youth SVP, and TTT (Third Thursday Time). We would also like to say an extra-special THANK YOU to Mick Cunningham, Purley Coaches and Delphine Preau and the Downham Nutrition Partnership. We are hoping to organise more family holiday activities in the future - watch this space!

Meeting for Parents of Children entering a Reception Class in 2020: Holy Cross School will be holding an open meeting for parents of children who are due to start Reception Class in the 2020/21 academic year on Wednesday 25 September at 7pm in the school hall. The meeting will explain the process involved in applying for a school place.

MASS INTENTIONS			
MASS TIME		This Week (21 st – 27 th Sept.)	Next Week (28 th Sept. – 4 th Oct.)
SUN	6.30 [Sat]	Donal O'Connell – RIP	John & Sheila O'Hara – RIP FIRST NATIONAL MASS COUNT
	10 am	Bridget Anne Sullivan - RIP	People of the Parish
	11.30 am	Cecile Gleeson Family - Wellbeing	Bernard Family - Wellbeing
MON	9.15 am	Lionel Frank Conroy - RIP	O'Mahony Family Intentions St Jerome
TUE	9.15 am	Our Lady of Walsingham Donelle Canede & Family - TG	St Thérèse of the Child Jesus No Mass Intention Received
WED	9.15 am	Frank & Myrtle Conroy - RIP	No Mass Intention Received
THURS	9.15 am 11.30 am	Mass of Thanksgiving to Our Lady Funeral: Fraulene Marjorie London	Florence Walton - RIP
FRI	7.30 pm 8.00 pm	St Vincent de Paul Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament Anastasia Bernard - TG	St Francis of Assisi 7.00 pm HOLY HOUR Daniel Briesfer - RIP

'Praise the Lord, who raises the poor.'

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

Holy Hour: First Fri October 4th at 7pm

Confessions: Sat 6pm