

# HOLY CROSS CATHOLIC CHURCH

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5<sup>th</sup> / 6<sup>th</sup> October 2019 [27<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time C]

**The next Altar Servers Club** is at **4.30pm on Saturday 12th October 2019**. This is a great opportunity for new Altar Servers to join the team. Children should be in Year Three or above and made their first Holy communion. Our aim is to do our best, to serve with reverence, understanding and regularity, for the glory of God and our eternal salvation.

**Our car park** has limited capacity. Please be considerate by observing all markings and notices. Only park in available DESIGNATED BAYS. Parking anywhere else creates an obstruction- especially when an emergency / first responder vehicle may need to access Parish or School premises

## Parish Contacts

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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  
**Safeguarding Line** 07598 524024

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

Finance: Loose £708.65 SO: £483

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

Another way to express this thought in the vocabulary of stewardship is: "Use your gifts now! Serve the Lord now! Get involved now! God put the fire inside you but you have to stir up the flame! Let it burn!" Everyone can give witness to Christ's presence in the world, and most of us can do more than one thing for the Lord. How exactly do you "stir into flame" God's unique gifts you hold within you?

## Mass for the Canonisation of Blessed John Henry Newman & display of relic

There will be a diocesan Mass for the Canonisation of John Henry Newman at St George's Cathedral on Sunday 27th October at 11.30 am. The Mass will be celebrated by Archbishop John. All welcome.

In addition, a relic of John Henry Newman will be available for people to see and venerate from Sunday 6th October until Sunday 27th.

**Migrant Help** has been awarded funding from the Home Office to raise awareness of the EU Settlement Scheme (EUSS) among vulnerable EU citizens, and to assist with the application process. EU citizens and their family members living in the UK need to apply to the EU Settlement Scheme before 30 June 2021. For further information please contact Migrant Help: [euss@migranhelpuk.org](mailto:euss@migranhelpuk.org) | 01304 806732 | [www.migranhelpuk.org](http://www.migranhelpuk.org)

**The First Holy Communion** first session is on Saturday 12th October, in Hartley Hall, starting promptly at 10.00 a.m.

**YEAR PLAN 2020:** Kindly find the first draft of the year Plan 2020 for our Holy Cross parish in the notice boards and give your suggestions to Fr Antony.

**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.

**The Diamond Club** have exhibited their creative talents as part of the creative ageing festival and Catford arts trail this weekend. If you didn't get a chance to attend many of the works will still be on display at the coffee morning following the 10 am Mass. The next **"Bring me Sunshine"** event is at Brownhill Rd Baptist church on Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> October, 11am-3pm for older adults with lunch, entertainment and R&B line dancing come and celebrate Windrush. Contact Lesley Allen 07729785843

**Stewardship Reflection October 5/6, 2019** [by Ossie Folks]  
From today's second reading, we are made to realize, like Timothy, that Christ's call to follow him is meant for us all. Good stewards realize they have everything necessary to live for Christ. "Stir up the fire that is already burning inside you."

## Primary & Secondary School Applications

Supplementary forms can be signed on this Friday (between 4pm – 6pm).

**Cafod - family fast day Friday 4th October** Thank you to those of you who participated in the Family Fast Day. Please ensure your envelope is returned during the **retiring collection**. Many thanks for your generosity.

**RCIA?** Please note there will be no session this Monday 7<sup>th</sup> October. The next session of the RCIA will be on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> October in Hartley Hall, 7.30-9pm. If you are interested in finding out more about the Catholic Faith, or if you know someone who is please come along and bring them with you. A very warm welcome awaits you.

**St Ursula's Convent School** is looking to recruit a Teacher of Science (required for January 2020 or sooner) and a Head of Science (required January 2020). For further information on these roles, please visit the school website at [www.stursulas.com/vacancies](http://www.stursulas.com/vacancies)

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

## Christmas Parish Fayre.

This year's Parish Fayre will be on Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> November.

This is a wonderful opportunity for all to participate and contribute your gifts and talents to great fundraising day. If you would like to join a small team to help plan and organise the day please make yourself known known to Fr Antony as soon as possible. More details to follow in the coming weeks.

**Request from a family:** Female personal assistant required to provide 1:1 support to our 35 year old daughter who has autism, mild learning disabilities and some mental health issues connected to autism. Similar or younger age person with enhanced DBS Certificate required. Catholic preferred. £12.90/hour gross pay, up to approx 16 hours per week spread across the week. In Catford. Contact 07944 711 594 between 11.00am and 5.00pm Mon Sat.

**Parish Carol Service this year** on Sunday 15th December at 4pm, in the church.

**R.I.P.:** please pray for the peaceful repose of the soul of **Connie Gomes** whose funeral Mass will be on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> October at 1.15pm. also pray for Tony Green, father of **Jo Flahive**, whose funeral Mass will be on Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> October at 10am in Saint Mary's Church, Croydon.

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## MASS INTENTIONS

MASS TIME	This Week (5 <sup>th</sup> – 11 <sup>th</sup> Oct.)	Next Week (12 <sup>th</sup> – 18 <sup>th</sup> Oct.)
SUN 6.30 [Sat] 10 am 11.30 am	<b>NATIONAL MASS COUNT</b> Gala Lobo – 80 <sup>th</sup> birthday celebrations Anna Maria Doyle - RIP Hermia Henry - RIP	<b>NATIONAL MASS COUNT</b> Marjorie London R.I.P (UCM) Antoine Emmanu Veronica Bernard R.I.P
MON 9.15 am	<b>Our Lady of the Rosary</b> Fernandes Family - WB	Joan Mary Lee R.I.P. (St. Joseph's)
TUE 9.15 am	Fortuna Medhanie and Jonathan Leul – WB (SVP)	<b>St Teresa of Jesus (of Avila)</b> No Mass Intention Received
WED 9.15 am	<b>Blessed John Henry Newman</b> Tony Zammit RIP (O'Hara)	No Mass Intention Received
THURS 9.15 am	Genovieve Stanislaus - RIP	No Mass Intention Received
FRI 7.30 pm 8.00 pm	<b>St John XXII, Pope</b> <b>ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT</b> Thierry Gnanakumar - RIP	<b>St Luke</b> <b>ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT</b> Andrew Bernard

## 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 4<sup>th</sup> at 7pm

**Confessions:** Sat 6pm