

# HOLY CROSS CATHOLIC CHURCH

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26<sup>th</sup> /27<sup>th</sup> October 2019 [30<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time]

**All Saints Day** [1<sup>st</sup> November, Friday]: Solemnity, Holy Day of Obligation. Masses at 9.15am and 8pm. Holy Hour at 7pm.

A plenary indulgence, applicable only to the holy souls, may be gained once in any church either on All Souls' Day, on the preceding or following Sunday or on the Feast of All Saints, on the usual conditions, viz a visit to a church, where the Our Father and Creed are recited, sacramental confession, Holy Communion and prayer for the Holy Father's intention. Those who visit a cemetery between 1st and 8th November and pray for the faithful departed, may obtain a plenary indulgence, applicable to the holy souls (and at other times a partial indulgence).



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

**All Souls Day:** [2<sup>nd</sup> November, Saturday] – special Mass at **10am** to remember and pray for the peaceful repose of the souls of our departed brothers and sister.

**Blessing of the graves:** we shall assemble at Hither Green Cemetery at 3.00pm for a prayer service of remembrance to honour our departed parishioners, relatives and friends.

**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  
We look forward to hearing from you

**Pray for the sick:** Let us pray for the sick including Mariam Philomin, Rose Calver, Charlie Hyam, Rose Calver, Agatha Lewis, Elizabeth Goba, Florence Nosgobie, Gala Lobo and Ann Whittington.

**Requiem Mass:** Please pray for Franci Faluyi whose funeral Mass will be on Monday 11 November. We also pray for his family at this difficult time.

### Gospel Stewardship Reflection

The Pharisee in today's Gospel is "praying to himself." It doesn't mean he was praying silently. It seems to mean something a lot more troubling, that he is praying to himself; that God is not his prayer's intended audience. The words of the Pharisee are very much centred on himself: he makes claims about his character. He highlights his own admirable activities. Good stewards of their prayer lives know that a prayer of praise and thanksgiving should focus on the goodness of God. Do your prayers of thanksgiving always stay focused on God's unfathomable, immeasurable goodness and generosity?

**Baptisms:** Please pray for Matteo Pollonais-Gonzalez, Valentina Pollonais-Gonzalez and Maia Pollonais-Gonzalez who are going to be baptised this weekend.

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Finance: Loose £690.66 SO: £503.00

**Newsletter matters** to be sent to  
antonymegalan@rcaos.org.uk by Wednesday.

**NOVEMBER LIST 2019:** we always remember our beloved departed family members and friends. 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. Please put the list of names in a Holy Souls envelope together with your offering and place it in the Holy Souls box. We will place all those names on the Altar and pray for those souls every day in the month of November.

Your offerings will be used to offer Holy Masses for the Holy Souls throughout the year or be sent to other deserving parishes to offer the Holy Masses for the Holy Souls.

### Parish Christmas Fayre for Sacristy Refurbishment:

This year's Christmas Fayre will be on Saturday 30th November from 11.30-14.30 in Holy Cross School Hall.

All funds raised will go towards the refurbishment of the Sacristy.

The prize draw is our best fundraiser and the first prize will be £500. To facilitate this we need 20 generous people to donate £25 each. If you would like to make a donation please put the cash or a cheque, made payable to Holy Cross Church, in an envelope marked FAO Angela Allen.

If you are able to volunteer to help in any way please add your name and contact details to the list at the back of the church or make yourself known to Fr Antony or Angela Allen.

**Holy Cross Quiz night:** Its time for our Holy cross Quiz night on Thursday, 7 th November, 7 for a 7.30 start £10 including Buffett supper. Soft drinks provided but bring your own alcohol if desired. come on your own or book a table, teams of 8. Contact 07729785843. Hosted by parish UCM and Diamond club.

**YSVP Pizza Event** [no charge]: The Youth SVP are holding a pizza event in Hartley Hall, on Saturday 16th November 2019 from 4.15 to 6.15pm. This event is for anyone between the ages of 12 &18. We will be starting with a short prayer session and finishing with Mass at 6.30pm. Any parent who would like to pick up his/ her child before that, please come at 6.15 to Hartley Hall otherwise you can meet them at the Church after Mass. Come along and meet people in the parish and find out what YSVP do. Call Phil on 07894058498 to find out more or just turn up on the day. Parental approval letters available at the back of the Church.

**Meet Fr Antony** this week without an appointment: Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday from 10am to 12pm.

**Parish Council Meeting** – at 7.30 pm on Wednesday, 6<sup>th</sup> November.

**How to request a Holy Mass** offered for your intention in Holy Cross? Find the Mass requesting Forms at the back of the church. The diocesan suggested offering is £10.

MASS INTENTIONS		
MASS TIME	This Week (26 <sup>th</sup> – 1 <sup>st</sup> Nov.)	Next Week (2 <sup>nd</sup> – 3 <sup>rd</sup> Nov.)
SUN 6.30 [Sat] 10.00 am 11.30 am	Alona Birthday -Thanksgiving Mary Monaghan R.I.P. The Gabriel Family WB & R.I.P.	Sat: <b>All Souls' Day</b> <b>[10am -special Mass for the Holy Souls]</b> Virginia, Charles, Michael Francisca Noel R.I.P. Tom & Brendan Kilcoyne R.I.P. Thierry Gnanakumar R.I.P.
MON 9.15 am	St Simon and St Jude, Apostles Bridget Anne Sullivan R.I.P.	Holy Souls – <b>People of the Parish</b>
TUE 9.15 am	Rahel Leul WB	Dennis Burke R.I.P.
WED 9.15 am	Holy Souls – <b>People of the Parish</b>	Thanksgiving – Sr Faustina
THURS 9.15 am	Albert Henry R.I.P.	Marilyn Williams - Wellbeing
FRI 9.15 am 7.00 pm 8.00 pm	<b>All saints Day</b> Holy Souls – <b>People of the Parish</b> <b>Holy Hour</b> Eileen Kelly R.I.P.	7.30 pm: <b>Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament</b> Anne Valton R.I.P.

**Bible verse to remember:** The humble man's prayer pierces the clouds [Ecclesiasticus 35:17].



**Please join**

**Rosary:** Mon Tues Thurs 9.40am / Wed 8.50am

**Chaplet of Divine Mercy:** Wed 9.40am

**Holy Hour this week:** Friday 7 pm

**Confessions:** Sat 6pm