

# HOLY CROSS CATHOLIC CHURCH

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23<sup>rd</sup>/24<sup>th</sup> November 2019 [34<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time]

**This Sunday** we celebrate the **Solemnity of Christ the King, Youth Day**. There will be special prayers for the young people in all Masses. There will also be a collection for the Catholic Youth Services, which supports youth work in the diocese and beyond, especially the Southwark Catholic Youth Service.

**Bible verse to remember:** "He is the image of the unseen God and the first-born of all creation, for in Him were created all things in heaven and on earth: everything visible and everything invisible, Thrones, Dominations, Sovereignities, Powers – all things were created through Him and for Him."  
[Colossians 1:16]



**The Missionary Sisters of St. Peter Claver** will be in our Parish to sell their Mission Calendars on this weekend of 23<sup>rd</sup> / 24<sup>th</sup> November 2019. They say: "Having a Mission Calendar is a way of reminding ourselves all the year round of our duty to sustain the missions by our prayer and sacrifice." Please help the sisters generously.

**2019-2020 The Year of the Word *The God Who Speaks***. To help our parish understand the Sunday Readings this Advent we offer the Daily Reflections from the Diocesan Spirituality Commission, for the following Sunday over the 4 weeks. Do please pick up a leaflet.

**Whatsapp for the University Students from Holy Cross Parish**

Our parish priest asked me to create a group which will be eligible for all young people within this parish who are attending university this year and current university students of this parish. This will be a social chat group where you will be comforted, reassured and gain a deeper understanding that you are not alone in any challenging situation - **Marie-Catherine Kodjo**. Kindly contact **07578777461** or **079207 485934** to include your name.

**Holy Cross Carol Service December 15th 4pm**. There will be choir practices in the church on Thursday evenings, 28th November, 5th and 12th December, 7.30pm. If you would like to take part, please come along.

**Ecumenical Advent Carol Service** to be held on Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> December at 6pm at St Laurence, Bromley Road. All are very welcome to join.

**Christmas Card Competition:** At the Centre for Catholic Formation (CCF), we are inviting all children aged 6 to 11 to submit a design for a Christmas card. The winners will receive a wonderful Jesse Box which can be used to

create a Nativity scene. Kindly submit an entry to The Centre for Catholic Formation by Monday 9<sup>th</sup> December [www.ccfootingbec.org.uk](http://www.ccfootingbec.org.uk).

**Parish Mass Books** will be introduced in our parish from the new Liturgical Year [December 1<sup>st</sup>].

**Amoris Laetitia** If you are interested in finding out more about what the Catholic Church teaches about marriage and family life in the modern world, then you may find the document Amoris Laetitia, written by Pope Francis, worth a read. Follow the link below: [https://w2.vatican.va/content/dam/francesco/pdf/apost\\_exhortations/documents/papa-francesco\\_esortazione-ap\\_20160319\\_amoris-laetitia\\_en.pdf](https://w2.vatican.va/content/dam/francesco/pdf/apost_exhortations/documents/papa-francesco_esortazione-ap_20160319_amoris-laetitia_en.pdf)

**Please join : Rosary:** Mon, Tue, Thu 9:40 am / We 8:50 am • **Chaplet of Divine Mercy:** Wed 9:40 am

**Holy Hour this week:** Friday 7 pm • **Confessions:** Sat 6 pm

**Parish Contacts**

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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

**Repository**

To buy gifts and cards, the church shop is open after all weekend Masses.

Third Thursday Time TTT  
Email thirdthursdaytime@gmail.com

Finance: Loose £777.30 SO: £503.00  
Second Collection: Archbishop's Administration £166.20  
Many thanks

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

**Meet our Parish Priest without an appointment** on Friday from 5.30 pm

**Parish Christmas Fayre for Sacristy Refurbishment:** The Christmas Fayre is next Saturday, 30<sup>th</sup> November from 11:30am-2:30pm in Holy Cross School • The prize draw is our best fundraiser and the first prize is £500 • If you would like to donate please place your donation (cash or cheque) in an envelope marked FAO Fr Antony or Angela Allen (many thanks to those of you who have donated already) • If you are able to volunteer to help in any way, either on the Friday or Saturday or with donations for raffle prizes etc, please put your name and contact details at the back of the Church • All are welcome so we look forward to seeing you on the day.

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



**Baptism – Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> November – 11.30am**  
Please pray for Zachary Arinze Parker who will be baptised at Holy Cross this weekend. May he always be blessed with God's everlasting love.

**Year of the Word 2:** How will you prepare for Christmas? How about trying out two different ways of praying. **Prepare a way for the Lord** Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> December Hartley Hall Culverley Road, Catford SE6 2pm – 4pm. There are two separate prayer experiences, a Guided Meditation and a Lectio Divina. Both sessions will be led by members of the Archdiocesan Spirituality Commission. Tea/coffee after, and an opportunity to find out more about "**Ways into Prayer**", the Spirituality Commission's Prayer Pack.

**Reflection:** In today's Gospel we hear of the rulers who sneered at Jesus, the soldiers who jeered at him, the criminal who reviled him, and the people who just stood by. At our own parish church the cross stands high. Yet, every Sunday there are those who sit in front of it and are not moved by it. There are people who walk right by the cross, unmoved by it. Perhaps they've walked by it so many times they no longer give it a second thought. Could it be they are unmoved because the heart of this unbelieving thief is in them? Good stewards walk by the cross, notice it and ask themselves: "All this you did for me, what have I done for you?"

MASS INTENTIONS			
MASS TIME	This Week (23 <sup>rd</sup> – 29 <sup>th</sup> Nov)		Next Week (30 <sup>th</sup> Nov – 6 <sup>th</sup> Dec)
	<i>Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe</i>		
SUN 24th	6.30 pm [Sat] 10.00 am 11.30 am	Francesca Candita Simpkins R.I.P. Family Members of Vera Gentle R.I.P. Robert Lobo R.I.P. (100 <sup>th</sup> birthday)	Theresa Green R.I.P. <b>St Andrew, Apostle</b> Mary Monaghan R.I.P. Mary Etty Henry R.I.P
MON 25th	9.15 am	Robert Lobo R.I.P. (100 <sup>th</sup> birthday)	John Broadley R.I.P.
TUE 26th	9.15 am	Bernadette Gnanapragasam R.I.P.	Joe Green R.I.P.
WED 27th	9.15 am	Vincent Calvin Ricketts R.I.P.	Family of Rea Kane R.I.P. and TG
THU 28th	9.15 am	Tony Tyrell R.I.P.	Mr M. F. Rajendram R.I.P.
FRI 29th	7.30 pm 8.00 pm	<b>Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament</b> Christine Bernard R.I.P.	<b>7:00pm Holy Hour</b> Rudolph Crispin Mitchell R.I.P.