



HOLY CROSS CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Christmas [Nativity of the Lord]



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	Readings	The Creed	Sanctus...	Our Father	Mass Intention
Vigil Mass 5pm	95	11	25	56	People of the Parish – children and young people
Vigil Mass 7pm	95	11	25	56	People of the Parish – sick and housebound
Midnight Mass 12 midnight	98	11	25	56	People of the Parish
During the Day Mass 10am	103	11	25	56	People of the Parish –
During the Day Mass 11.30am	103	11	25	56	People of the Parish - November List

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

The Angel of the Lord said to the shepherds: “Do not be afraid. Listen, I bring you news of great joy, a joy to be shared by the whole people. Today in the town of David a saviour has been born to you; he is Christ the Lord...” The same message is given to us today. Yes, after having prepared ourselves in a worthy way in the season of Advent, it is time for us to rejoice. As we joyfully celebrate this solemnity, let us also become an angel to bring this great joy to those who are unloved, unwanted and uncared for. Let us be an angel to strengthen those who live in fear and bring that Immanuel God who is always with us and always loves us.

If you are new to this parish, you are most welcome to experience both an invisible communion with God and a visible communion with God’s People. For more than a century, this beautiful church has been a spiritual power House for people to have shared in this invisible and visible communion.

Please come and taste this unconditional love of God and to experience this friendly atmosphere in our Holy Cross parish. I Wish You and Your Family a Joyful Christmas and a Blessed New Year 2020. With every blessing, Fr Antony.



FEASTS AFTER CHRISTMAS

26th December [Mass at 9.15am] - **Saint Stephen**, the first Martyr

27th December [Mass at 8pm] - **Saint John**, Apostle, Evangelist

28th December - **The Holy Innocents**, Martyrs

29th December [Sunday] - **The Holy Family**

1ST January – **Mary, Mother of God**, New Year 2020

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and Benediction - 31st December 11pm

Feast Day Mass - 12 midnight

Want to Baptise your child?

1. Complete a Baptism Application Form (either collect it from the Welcoming Corner or download it from the parish website)
2. Make an appointment with Fr Antony and submit the completed form with evidence of Parents’ and God Parents’ religion. The evidence can be either their Baptism/Confirmation Certificates, certificate of marriage in the Catholic Church or a letter from their parish priest.
3. Participate in the Baptism Preparation Course.
4. Fix a date for the celebration of the sacrament.
5. Receive the Baptism Certificate in any one of the following Sunday Masses.

Parish Newsletter You can obtain an email version of the newsletter by sending a request via <http://www.holycross-catford.org.uk/newsletter.html>

THE CRIB: The crib offerings this year go to Minivines [Children SVP] and the collections at all the Christmas Masses will be your gift to Fr Antony. Thank you.

Pope Francis’ Christmas Message to Young People: Dear boys and girls, I leave you a task to do at home: on Christmas Day, gather in prayer and, with the same wonder as the shepherds, look at the Child Jesus, Who came into the world to bring God’s love, Who makes all things new. With His birth, Jesus made Himself a bridge between God and mankind, reconciled earth and sky, and recomposed the whole human race in unity. And today He also asks you to be little “bridges” where you live: you already realize that there is always a need to build bridges, don’t you? What is better? Building bridges or walls? [The young people answer: “Bridges!”]. And today He also asks you to be little bridges, where you live. Already you realize that this is always necessary. Sometimes it is not easy, but if we are united with Jesus we can do it.



I ask Mary, the Mother of Jesus and our Mother, to accompany your journey. I recommend that you learn from her what it means to say: “Christmas”. She and Saint Joseph can truly teach us how to accept Jesus, how to adore Him and how to follow Him day by day. I bless you and all the boys ... And you, please, do not forget to pray for me. Thank you!

A Christmas Message from Archbishop John: At Christmas and into the new year, our communities and country need the unity and harmony taught by the nativity. There is a space in the stable for everyone, with no exception. Each of us has an active part to play in loving others and it begins in the simplest ways. If we want a better society, country, and world, then we have to start by loving the people around us. This is the example of the Lord Jesus. It sustains our hope that a new future is possible.

Like the wise men - Bishop Patrick’s Christmas message:

- Like the wise men we too are given a Light to follow - the Light of Christ.
- Like the wise men we don’t make that journey alone – we make it in a community and as a community.
- Like the wise men we too will have questions as to what God wants us to be or to do.
- Like the wise men we too will meet opposition – perhaps not the opposition of violence but more likely the opposition of apathy, indifference and injustice.
- Like the wise men we too are called to kneel in worship, in prayer and in thanksgiving before Him,
- Finally, like the wise men we too are called to return (to live) in a ‘new way’ (the way of faith, hope and love) and truly be the ‘Salt of the earth’ and ‘light of the world’.

Welcome Corner: the welcoming ministers after weekend Masses help you to find the following: Parish registration Form, Baptism Application Form, Baptism Certificate Request Form, Altar Servers Application Form, New Readers Application Form, Standing Order Form, Gift Aid Form, New Volunteers Form, SVP Referral Form, Third Thursday Time Application Form and so on. You may also find the Holy Mass request Form there. Kindly use it.

Bible Verse to Remember:

...no longer are you to be named ‘Forsaken’, nor your land ‘Abandoned’, but you shall be called ‘My Delight’ and your land ‘The Wedded’; for the Lord takes delight in you and your land will have its wedding [Is 62:1-6].

NEW YEAR MASS IN HOLY CROSS

Adoration and Benediction from 11pm
New Year Mass begins at midnight
Holy Mass in Tamil - 7.30am
New Year Day Mass – 10am

WE WISH YOU AND YOUR FAMILY A JOYFUL CHRISTMAS AND A BLESSED NEW YEAR 2020