

HOLY CROSS CATHOLIC CHURCH

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2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time [18th/19th Jan 2020] Sunday Readings: Page 125 of the Parish Mass Book



Gospel Reflection In today's Gospel, John the Baptist shows us how what we do and say reveals to others what we really believe. He has a clear sense of who he is and who he is not, and by his life's work he gives testimony to God's active presence in people's lives. He challenges us to examine how our actions reveal our attitudes, testify to our beliefs and show how those beliefs reveal our true selves to others. Good stewards of their faith are aware of the sort of God they reveal to the world by their words and actions. Do our acts witness to a God who takes away that which alienates people from God and each other? Do our actions truly reveal God's presence in the world today?

Safeguarding Is Everyone's Business. Thank you for supporting the work of the safeguarding team during 2019. Later this year there will be changes to how applications are processed. A new system is being introduced by the Diocese. It is imperative that everyone who undertakes any duties within the Parish that involves either young people or vulnerable adults must be in possession of a Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) certificate authorised by the Diocese BEFORE undertaking duties. If you have any queries in this regard look at the policy document on the parish website (www.holycross-catford.org.uk/safeguarding.html) or speak to the lead person of your organisation or Fr Antony.

Please also be aware that adults should not enter the sacristy before or after Mass unless specifically asked to do so by Fr Antony. **Pat Barber** – Parish Safeguarding Lead for Holy Cross.

Parish Pilgrimage to the Holy Land: As we celebrate the Year of the Word of God, it is meaningful to make a pilgrimage to the Land where our Lord Jesus Christ proclaimed his Good News to humanity. We will Visit Mount Tabor, Cana, Nazareth, Sea of Galilee, Jordan River, Jericho, Bethlehem, Mount of Olives, Mount Sion, Calvary [Way of the Cross], western wall of the Temple of Jerusalem, Ein Karem, Masada and Dead Sea and so on. Cost from £1,191. Kindly see the Notice Board/Parish Website for more details. Last date to apply is 31st January. Kindly pick up an application form from the parish office.

Prayer of the Faithful this month: Anne Mellis [19/01/2020], Marie Bernard [26/01/2020],

If you are sick at home and would like Holy Communion brought to you, please give your name, address and telephone number to Fr. Antony or Lesley Allen and a Eucharistic Minister will get in touch with you. Also, if you are aware of a parishioner who is housebound or ill please let us know. If you are in hospital and wish to speak to a priest, please ask the staff to contact the Catholic Chaplain.

Pray for the sick: Let us pray for the sick including Pat Doyle, Gloria Israel, Mariam Philomin, Rose Calver, Charlie Hyam, Joan Loughnane, Agatha Lewis, Myra Hannon, Elizabeth Goba, Florence Nosgobie, Gala Lobo and Ann Whittington.

Building & Maintenance Committee The first meeting of our newly formed committee will be on Wednesday 5th February at 6pm in the priesthouse. If you are interested in the building and maintenance of our church and hall, you are most welcome to join the first meeting. We are hoping to refurbish Hartley Hall and the Sacristy. If you have any suggestions, please let us know before the first meeting – email: Catfordsupport@rcaos.org.uk

Funerals: Please pray for the peaceful repose of the souls of Alan Clark, whose funeral will be on Thursday 30th January at 12.45pm, Barbara Cottle, whose funeral will be on Friday 7th February at 12 noon and John Taylor, whose funeral will be on Monday 17th February at 12.30pm. We also pray for their families, some are coming from abroad. We pray they have a safe trip and all are blessed with much strength at this difficult time.

The next Baptism Preparation Course is on Saturday 25th Jan and 1st Feb at 10am in Hartley Hall. If you have sent in your application, please attend this course. You can only book your child's baptism once you have attended the course.

Parish Contacts
Parish Office - Open Wed & Fri [10am -3pm]
Josepha Flahive [secretary]
Lisa O'Hara [volunteer]
020 8698 3672; catford@rcaos.org.uk

Franciscan Sisters of the Immaculate
Holy Cross Bookshop, 020 3441 8240

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

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

St Vincent De Paul [SVP] 07835 188411
Safeguarding Line 07598 524024
Third Thursday Time TTT
Email: thirdthursdaytime@gmail.com

Hartley Hall [Angela Allen] Culverley Road, SE6 2LD
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Finance: £703.07 SO £503
✠ Thank you ✠

MASS INTENTIONS

MASS TIME	This Week (18 th – 24 th Jan)	Next Week (25 th – 31 st Jan)
SUN 19 6.30 pm [Sat 18] 10.00 am 11.30 am	Peace Day Bridget O'Sullivan R.I.P. Sheila & John O'Hara R.I.P. Ornan Reggie - Wellbeing	Sunday of the Word of God Anne Hanevy – Wellbeing Bill & Peggy Jones R.I.P. Rosa O'Connell – Wellbeing
MON 20 9.15 am	St Fabian, St Sebastian Ivaline McCall R.I.P.	St Angela Mary Monaghan R.I.P.
TUE 21 9.15 am	St Agnes Theresa Green R.I.P.	St Thomas Aquinas Fr Edward Fagan R.I.P.
WED 22 9.15 am	St Vincent Edward Dohne – Thanksgiving	Edith Clark Vass Parker R.I.P.
THU 23 9.15 am	Francesca Candita Simpkins R.I.P.	
FRI 24 7.30 pm 8.00 pm	St Francis de Sales, Bishop Adoration & Benediction Gnanapragasam Manuelpillai R.I.P.	St John Bosco Adoration & Benediction Joseph Monaghan R.I.P.

Welcome to Holy Cross Newcomers If you have moved into our parish since January 2019, you are warmly invited to a welcoming reception on Sunday 2nd February from 5pm in Hartley Hall. It will be an opportunity for you to meet with Fr Antony so please do make some time to join him. If you are able to attend, please email Lisa O'Hara catfordsupport@rcaos.org.uk so we can ensure we have enough refreshments for you.

Catholic Mothers Apostolate New Study group starting next week Join us every Thursday morning 10.30-12 as we explore what Aquinas has to teach us about the virtues and theory and the essential purpose of living the moral life as Catholic women.

Catholic Mothers Iconography Classes Mary-Maye Lorriman, Catholic Mother, Artist and Iconographer will be joining Catholic Mothers to lead a prayerful journey and discovery into the discipline of Iconography. We will work on an Icon of Jesus's holy face, whilst pondering the Gospel of Mark chapter 5: Verses 25-34. The course is a practical course and will involve preparation of the Icon table (board). You will learn how to work in egg tempora and will experience Guiding your Icon. It is our hope that you will all come away with a finished Icon and have the confidence to take further courses.

WHEN? 8 Thursday sessions, 10am to 2pm : 30th Jan, 13th Feb, 12th Mar, 26th Mar, 23rd April, 21st May, 11th June, 25th June Email CatholicMothersUK@gmail.com for more info.

St Ursula's Convent School_Staff Vacancies: Exam Invigilators We are looking to recruit Exam Invigilators to work on a *supply/bank basis* during the school's examination periods, which mainly take place in May and June. Exam Invigilators must be available w/c 27th April 2020 to attend a half day training session. **A Teacher of Textiles** to provide the highest quality of education for our students in our outstanding school. The post is part time (2 days per week) and for one year in the first instance. For further information on this role, please visit the school website at www.stursulas.com/st-ursulas/vacancies

Parish Pastoral Council
The next meeting is on
Tuesday 4th February at 8pm
in Hartley Hall.

"Here I am, Lord! I come to do your will."