

HOLY CROSS CATHOLIC CHURCH

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3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time [25th/26th Jan 2020] Sunday Readings: Page **127** of the Parish Mass Book

Gospel Reflection In today's Gospel Jesus begins his ministry of healing, proclaims the kingdom of God and calls his first disciples, Simon and Andrew, and then the sons of Zebedee, James and John. Those first disciples might have preferred to keep their jobs, remain with their families and stay with the life they knew. Remarkably, though, all four of these people, just as they are, follow after this stranger who interrupts their daily routine. When they see Jesus and hear his words to them, they make a different choice. They take a risk, step out in faith, leave behind that which is comfortable and secure. They choose to follow Jesus. How far are we willing to go to leave the comfort and security of the life we know to follow Jesus?



A Message from our Archbishop "The God Who Speaks" – Year of the Word 2020

To mark the special Year of the Word Archbishop John Wilson is inviting all Parishes in the diocese to join him for a special diocesan gathering in Aylesford on Saturday 27th June. More details can be seen on the poster on the notice board at the back of the church, and further information will be published in due course, but please save the date in your diary.



Prayers of the Faithful this month: Marie Bernard [26/01] **February:** Mary Baldwin [02/02]; Ossie Folkes [09/02]; Margaret Folkes [16/02]; Rachelle Thevathas [23/02]; Ash Wednesday – Francisca Dunbar [26/02]

<p>Parish Contacts Parish Office - Open Wed & Fri [10am -3pm] Josepha Flahive [secretary] Lisa O'Hara [volunteer] 020 8698 3672; catford@rcaos.org.uk</p> <p>Franciscan Sisters of the Immaculate Holy Cross Bookshop, 020 3441 8240</p> <p>Holy Cross School [020 8698 2675] Miss Mary Collins & Miss Giovanna Finaldi www.holycross.lewisham.sch.uk</p>	<p>Repository: To buy gifts and cards, the church shop is open after all weekend Masses.</p> <p>St Vincent De Paul [SVP] 07835 188411 Safeguarding Line 07598 524024 Third Thursday Time TTT Email: thirdthursdaytime@gmail.com</p> <p>Hartley Hall [Angela Allen] Culverley Road, SE6 2LD Email: hartleyhall@holycross-catford.org.uk</p> <p>Finance: £602.90 SO £503 ☩ Thank you ☩</p>
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MASS INTENTIONS

MASS TIME	This Week (25 th – 31 st Jan)	Next Week (1 st – 7 th Feb)
SUN 26 6.30 pm [Sat 25] 10.00 am 11.30 am	Sunday of the Word of God Anne Hanevy – Wellbeing Bill & Peggy Jones R.I.P. Rosa O'Connell – Wellbeing	Presentation of the Lord A Arulpragasam - Birthday Brendan & Tom Kilcoyne R.I.P. Baptism - Pierre Aaron Boga
MON 27 9.15 am	St Angela Mary Monaghan R.I.P.	St Laurence / St Blaise / St Ansgar Theresa Green R.I.P.
TUE 28 9.15 am	St Thomas Aquinas Fr Edward Fagan R.I.P.	Diamond Club Volunteers - Thanksgiving
WED 29 9.15 am	Edith Clark Vass Parker R.I.P.	St Agatha Mary Hartley R.I.P.
THU 30 9.15 am	12.45 Funeral – Alan Clark RIP Ellie Marie and Patricia - Thanksgiving	St Paul Miki and Companions Melanie Thomas - Birthday
FRI 31 7.30 pm 8.00 pm	St John Bosco Adoration & Benediction Joseph Monaghan R.I.P.	12 noon Funeral – Barbara Cottle RIP 7.00 pm Adoration & Benediction

☩ **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.

Food/Household Items Bank

This will start in 2 weeks time, **9th February**. Please bring donations (and bags) to the trolleys in Church porches during 6.30 Vigil Mass and before 10am Mass, and to Hartley Hall after 10am Mass during the YSVP coffee morning. Parishioners are encouraged to take items from the trolleys if needed at these times, without charge. At the end of coffee morning, leftover items will be taken to people in need or local organisations.

Ideas, suggestions and offers of help to organise - e mail 1000AQ@googlemail.com

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.

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.

Parish Pastoral Council

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

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 priest house. 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



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.

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.

Christ the King Sixth Form Colleges – are conducting a search for two new Foundation Governors. Further details can be found on the notice board at the back of the church. Closing date is 7th February 2020.

"Come, follow me," Jesus said, "I will make you fishers of men." [Matthew 4:19]