

HOLY CROSS CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Sunday Mass Readings

FIRST READING: A reading from the prophet Ezekiel 18:25-28

The word of the Lord was addressed to me as follows: 'You object, "What the Lord does is unjust." Listen, you House of Israel: is what I do unjust? Is it not what you do that is unjust? When the upright man renounces his integrity to commit sin and dies because of this, he dies because of the evil that he himself has committed. When the sinner renounces sin to become law-abiding and honest, he deserves to live. He has chosen to renounce all his previous sins; he shall certainly live; he shall not die.'

The word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm [Psalm 24(25):4-9] Remember your mercy, Lord

SECOND READING: A Reading from the letter of St. Paul to the Philippians 2:1-5

If our life in Christ means anything to you, if love can persuade at all, or the Spirit that we have in common, or any tenderness and sympathy, then be united in your convictions and united in your love, with a common purpose and a common mind. That is the one thing which would make me completely happy. There must be no competition among you, no conceit; but everybody is to be self-effacing. Always consider the other person to be better than yourself, so that nobody thinks of his own interests first but everybody thinks of other people's interests instead. In your minds you must be the same as Christ Jesus.

The word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia! *If anyone loves me he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we shall come to him.* Alleluia

GOSPEL: A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Matthew 21:28-32

Jesus said to the chief priests and elders of the people, 'What is your opinion? A man had two sons. He went and said to the first, "My boy, you go and work in the vineyard today." He answered, "I will not go," but afterwards thought better of it and went. The man then went and said the same thing to the second who answered, "Certainly, sir," but did not go. Which of the two did the father's will?' 'The first' they said. Jesus said to them, 'I tell you solemnly, tax collectors and prostitutes are making their way into the kingdom of God before you. For John came to you, a pattern of true righteousness, but you did not believe him, and yet the tax collectors and prostitutes did. Even after seeing that, you refused to think better of it and believe in him.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Communion Antiphon: By this we came to know the love of God: that Christ laid down his life for us; so we ought to lay down our lives for one another [1John 3: 16]

Meet Fr Antony without an appointment to receive Application Forms: Those who wish to baptise their children, to receive the sacraments of First Holy Communion and Confirmation or to be received into the full communion with the Catholic Church can obtain your application forms from Fr Antony. It will be an opportunity for Fr Antony to meet your family, to explain about the importance of the sacraments you are going to receive and to stress the necessity to participate in the preparation programmes. **This week:** Please meet him without an appointment on **Monday from 3pm to 4.30pm or Wednesday after the 9.15am Mass.** Parents must come with their children/candidates. The church will be open for you and you will meet Fr Antony in the sacristy. Please come and occupy the first benches.

Mass Offertory Collection: (£231.74 – Thank you)

Thank you to all who continue to make cash donations. We are also very grateful to all those parishioners who have continued to donate by standing order and those who have recently switched to this method of giving. A Standing Order and Gift Aid form is attached to this newsletter for those parishioners who may be considering making an offering in this way in future. Once complete, please pop it through the Presbytery letterbox. And please remember, your gift is most gratefully received no matter how small you may consider it to be.

Please pray for the sick: Eileen Hanlon, Kay Grey and Pat Vessey. If you want the parish community to pray for the sick members of your family and to be added in the newsletter, please send us an email.

Sick Visits: if anyone would like to receive Holy Communion and needs the sacrament of Anointing of the Sick, please contact Fr Antony.

HOLY MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS

| | | THIS WEEK | NEXT WEEK |
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| SAT | 10am 7pm | First Holy Communion Mass [4 th Batch] Requiem Mass – for all who died during the time of the Pandemic | First Holy Communion Mass Dennis Warren R.I.P. – 2 nd anniversary |
| SUN | 9.00am 11.30am 4pm | Lydia Joseph – 90 th Birthday Anthony Zammit R.I.P. First Holy Communion Mass | For the intention of Holy Cross Parishioners Edwin Noronha R.I.P. |
| MON | 5pm 7pm | Baptism: Baby Osinachi David Kalu Melba & Oscar Fernandes - Thanksgiving | Anthony Noronha R.I.P. |
| TUE | 9.15am | Saints Michael, Gabriel & Raphael, Archangels Edwin Noronha R.I.P. | Anna Maria Doyle R.I.P. |
| WED | 9.15am | Alba Fernandes - Thanksgiving | Our Lady of Rosary Oscar & Melba Fernandes - Thanksgiving |
| THU | | No Mass for the public | No Mass for the public |
| FRI | 7.00pm 7.30pm | The Holy Guardian Angels Adoration and Confessions Alven Salema – 1 st Birthday - Thanksgiving | St John Henry Newman Adoration and Confessions Alphones Manuelpillai R.I.P. |

First Holy Communion Information

Days of Celebration: 26 September at 10am; 27 September at 4pm, and 3 October at 10am.

Please remember in your prayers all those children who will be receiving the Sacrament of Holy Communion this weekend: Dylan Salter, Benedict Cresswell, Molly McFetridge, Finn McFetridge, Saoirse Beirne, Gabriella Etuk, Freya Malley, Gracie Nelson and Dion Duru.

Sacrament of Confirmation: The final session [the Gifts of the Holy Spirit] will be held on 30th Wednesday at 6.30pm in the church and the celebration of the Sacrament will be 13th and 14th October at 6.30pm and 17th October at 10am and 18th October at 5pm.

The RCIA will restart before Christmas, if you have someone in your family or social circle who might be interested in finding out more about the Catholic Church do please speak to Fr Antony about it. The RCIA is also for Catholics who want to find out a bit more about their faith. Speak to Fr Antony if you are interested.

R.I.P.: Please pray for **Anna Solly**, a long-time parishioner of Holy Cross, whose funeral will be on 29 September at 11am.

Diamond Club: There is good news that Bring Me Sunshine have been awarded a grant from the National lottery community fund and another from Launchpad Lewisham to continue bringing sunshine and producing and delivering magazines and useful information and deliver as many doorstep relevant activities as we can over the next 6 months. If you are aware of anyone that is housebound who wants to receive these deliveries, kindly contact parish office. Many thanks to Lesley Allen and her team for their great service in our community.

CAFOD: Our parish is marking CAFOD's Family Fast Day to help people facing the worst of the coronavirus crisis. We've all felt the impact of this terrible disease – let's come together to help the poorest and most vulnerable people in the world survive, rebuild and heal. Please pray for all those affected. You can donate : **online** at cafod.org.uk/give, using one of the **envelopes** which are available in the small porch, or **Text CAFOD to 70085** to donate £10. (Texts cost £10 plus one standard rate message and you'll be opting in to hear more about our work and fundraising via telephone and SMS. If you'd like to give £10 but do not wish to receive marketing communications, text CAFODNOINFO to 70085)



Pope Francis: 'The only way out of the current crisis is all together'

Speaking during the General Audience in the Vatican, Pope Francis looks to a post-pandemic world and reflects on the principle of subsidiarity, whereby every level of society has a role to play in revitalizing the social fabric. Continuing in his series of catechesis on the effects of the Covid-19 pandemic in light of the Church's teachings, Pope Francis said, "Every one of us is called to assume responsibility for his or her part," and he highlighted the fact that we must look to the future working for a social order in which the dignity and the gifts of all of its members are respected.

Bible Verse to Remember: Lord, make me know your ways. Lord, teach me your paths. Make me walk in your truth, and teach me: for you are God my saviour. [Psalm 25:4]