

HOLY CROSS CATHOLIC CHURCH

30 Sunday of Ordinary Time

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Sunday Mass Readings

First reading [Exodus 22:20-26] The Lord said to Moses, ‘Tell the sons of Israel this: “You must not molest the stranger or oppress him, for you lived as strangers in the land of Egypt. You must not be harsh with the widow, or with the orphan; if you are harsh with them, they will surely cry out to me, and be sure I shall hear their cry; my anger will flare and I shall kill you with the sword, your own wives will be widows, your own children orphans. “If you lend money to any of my people, to any poor man among you, you must not play the usurer with him: you must not demand interest from him. “If you take another’s cloak as a pledge, you must give it back to him before sunset. It is all the covering he has; it is the cloak he wraps his body in; what else would he sleep in? If he cries to me, I will listen, for I am full of pity.”’

Responsorial Psalm [Psalm 17(18)]: *I love you, Lord, my strength.*

Second reading [1 Thessalonians 1:5-10] You observed the sort of life we lived when we were with you, which was for your instruction, and you were led to become imitators of us, and of the Lord; and it was with the joy of the Holy Spirit that you took to the gospel, in spite of the great opposition all round you. This has made you the great example to all believers in Macedonia and Achaia since it was from you that the word of the Lord started to spread – and not only throughout Macedonia and Achaia, for the news of your faith in God has spread everywhere. We do not need to tell other people about it: other people tell us how we started the work among you, how you broke with idolatry when you were converted to God and became servants of the real, living God; and how you are now waiting for Jesus, his Son, whom he raised from the dead, to come from heaven to save us from the retribution which is coming.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! Open our heart, O Lord, to accept the words of your Son. Alleluia!

Gospel [Matthew 22:34-40]: When the Pharisees heard that Jesus had silenced the Sadducees they got together and, to disconcert him, one of them put a question, ‘Master, which is the greatest commandment of the Law?’ Jesus said, ‘You must love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the greatest and the first commandment. The second resembles it: You must love your neighbour as yourself. On these two commandments hang the whole Law, and the Prophets also.’

November Devotions: *Blessing of Graves – Sunday 1 November:* As we are soon to be in the month of November, it being the month of Holy Souls, Fr Antony will be visiting Hither Green Cemetery on Sunday 1st November to Bless the graves of those who have loved ones that have been laid to rest there. Between 2:00pm and 4:00pm Fr Antony will locate all the graves who have family members awaiting a Blessing. We have been informed that currently the cemetery is open without restrictions on numbers visiting, but please bear in mind that this ruling may change at very short notice.

Tree of Remembrance: For the month of November, a Tree of Remembrance will be lit up and be present in the Church to shine on the names of those loved souls whom we shall be remembering. May we invite you to take a tag as you leave church, on which you can write the name/s of your loved ones – and include a picture if you wish. There will be a dedicated basket for the return of the completed tags, which will then be hung on the Tree of Remembrance on your behalf.

Remembrance Sunday: The Masses to be said on Saturday 7th and Sunday 8th November will be in remembrance of all the departed, and especially those who have died during the past year.

R.I.P.: We ask for your continued prayers for the repose of the soul of one of our parishioners, Eileen Hanlon, who passed away recently. Please keep Eileen and her family in your prayers during this difficult time. Funeral details to follow.

Offertery Collection last weekend: £193.46 [loose]– Thank you. Thank you also for your donations for the second collection which amounted to £176.34 for Missio. **CIA program 2020-21:** The RCIA team would like to extend an invitation and welcome to all who may be interested to join the Catholic family, also to those newly baptised or confirmed or to any Catholics who just want to deepen their faith. Sessions will start on 14th November, probably each Saturday evening at 4.30-5.30pm. Details to be confirmed. The program will be a mixture of Zoom meetings as well as group meetings at Holy Cross. We will journey together, pray together, discuss and reflect. Parishioners interested to support and share their faith with new candidates are very much welcome. Please contact Father Antony or the office catford@rcaos.org.uk or 02086983672 to register your interest.

Meet Fr Antony without an appointment this week: Those who wish to sign their school applications, 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 [RCIA] 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 importance to participate in the preparation programmes. Please meet him without an appointment on this Tuesday and Wednesday after the 9.15am Mass. Parents must come with their children/candidates.

Please pray for sick: Myra Hannon, Kay Grey, Lydia Joseph, Pat Vessey and John Conway. 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.

Diamond Mass: Please note there will be a special Mass for members of the Diamond Club on Tuesday 10th November at 11am. If you would like to attend, please contact Lesley Allen.

Live Streaming: Our parish will routinely provide live streaming of Masses. This is a great help in this Pandemic times for those housebound, parishioners now living in other parts of the world and for those family members whose beloved ones' sacraments are celebrated here in Holy Cross. To access this, kindly log on to our parish website or click: <http://www.holycross-catford.org.uk/livestreaming.php>

Year of the Word [The God Who Speaks]: The Diocese of Southwark organises the Bible Timeline Course, via live-streaming, , **starting on Wednesday 4th November 2020 at 7.00pm**, over 7 weekly sessions. Mauro Iannicelli will deliver. I would like to encourage you to experience this inspirational and evangelistic course. Course Info: www.comeandsee.org | info@comeandsee.org
To Register: www.comeandsee.org/registration.html



Please note clocks will go back one-hour this weekend on 25th October.

HOLY MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS			
		THIS WEEK	NEXT WEEK
SAT	7pm	Kevin Hook R.I.P.	Mary Lewis - Wellbeing
SUN	9am 11.30am	Netochukwu – Birthday Thanksgiving. Bill & Enid Benzynie - Thanksgiving	All Saints' Day Tom & Brendan Kilcoyne R.I.P. People Of The Parish
MON	7pm	Oscar & Melba Fernandes - Wellbeing	All Souls' Day People of The Parish
TUE	9.15am	Sarah Phipps R.I.P.	Oscar & Melba Fernandes - Wellbeing
WED	9.15am	Mary Emmanus & Family - Thanksgiving	The Coughlan & Rigney Families - Wellbeing
THU	No Mass for the public		
FRI	7.00pm 7.30pm	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament Amelita Alcuino R.I.P.	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament Doreen Phelan R.I.P.