

HOLY CROSS CATHOLIC CHURCH

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THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER 17 / 18 April 2021

New Testament and the Old Testament: The first reading in today's Holy Mass, Peter presents Jesus as the fulfilment of all the Messianic prophecies of the Old Testament. In today's Gospel reading, Jesus conveys the same message saying: 'This is what I meant when I said, while I was still with you, that everything written about me in the Law of Moses, in the Prophets and in the Psalms has to be fulfilled.' In order to understand the coherence between the Old Testament and the New Testament, Vatican Council II's Dogmatic Constitution on Divine Revelation *Dei Verbum* states: "The principal purpose to which the plan of the old covenant was directed was to prepare for the coming of Christ, the redeemer of all and of the messianic kingdom, to announce this coming by prophecy... These books, though they also contain some things which are incomplete and temporary, nevertheless show us true divine pedagogy. (1) These same books, then, give expression to a lively sense of God, contain a store of sublime teachings about God, sound wisdom about human life, and a wonderful treasury of prayers, and in them the mystery of our salvation is present in a hidden way. Christians should receive them with reverence. God, the inspirer and author of both Testaments, wisely arranged that the New Testament be hidden in the Old and the Old be made manifest in the New. (2) For, though Christ established the new covenant in His blood (see Luke 22:20; 1 Cor. 11:25), still the books of the Old Testament with all their parts, caught up into the proclamation of the Gospel, (3) acquire and show forth their full meaning in the New Testament (see Matt. 5:17; Luke 24:27; Rom. 16:25-26; 2 Cor. 14:16) and in turn shed light on it and explain it" [DV 14, 15]. Let us read and assimilate the Holy Bible and receive God's Blessings. **Fr Antony**

Hartley Hall Committee: If you are able to offer support to maintain and run our Parish Hartley Hall and would like to be part of the Hall Committee, please talk to Fr Antony. We are planning to make a hiring agreement with **Praetorium** to deal with the hiring of Hartley Hall rooms. All existing users are requested to contact us via email with details regarding your use of the Hall.

Please Note: Holy Mass at Holy Cross on **Saturday – 6.30pm** [as we used to have it before the Pandemic]

URGENT NOTICE

Please note that new traffic regulations come into force on **Monday 19 April 2021**. Cameras will start to monitor car drivers using Culverley Road between Holy Cross car park entrance and Bromley Road at certain times. Please **avoid access** to Holy Cross car park (Culverley Road) between **8.45-9.45am** and **2.45-3.45pm**, otherwise you will be issued with a penalty fine of £130.

Sunday Mass via Zoom: if you are unable to come to church on Sundays for any health reasons, please participate in the holy Mass via the live stream [every Mass] or via Zoom [Sunday 9am and 11.30pm].

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MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS	
SAT 6.30pm	Oscar & Melba Fernandes – 50 th Wedding Anniversary
SUN 09:00am 11.30am	Bernadate Gnanapragasan R.I.P. Tom and Brendan Kilcoyne R.I.P.
MON 09.15am	Sarah Phipps R.I.P. – 1 st Anniversary
TUE 09.15am	Kevin James Hook R.I.P.
WED 09.15am	Mark & Catherine Sanderson – 30 th Wedding Anniversary
THU No Mass	
FRI 6.30pm 7.00pm	<i>Saint George, Martyr, Patron of England</i> <i>Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament</i> People of the Parish

Please pray for the repose of the soul of John Maher who has recently died. The Funeral Mass for John Maher will take place on 18th May. Please also pray for the repose of the soul of Shirley Barrett whose Funeral Mass will take place on 4th May.

Virtual Meeting with Fr Antony via Zoom: If you would like to speak to Fr Antony, please use the ID and Passcode, on **Monday this week** from 10am. If there is someone before you, please wait in the Zoom Waiting Room.

Meeting ID: 7578777461; **Passcode:** 20212021

9 pm for Night Prayer Every Day: In this Pandemic, let us pray together as God's family and receive His blessings before going to sleep. Please invite your family also to join prayer.

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Please pray for the sick: Myra Hannon, Melanie Thomas, Florence Nosegbe, Lydia Joseph, Pat Vessey, John Conway, Gala Lobo, Mary Emmanus, Pat Doyle, Tommy Murphy, Alan Durkin and Margaret Woodward. If you would like the parish community to pray for the sick members of your family and to be added in the newsletter, please send us an email.

The Church Care Team undertakes a deep clean and sanitises our church every Saturday at 12 noon. Please join if you can. Sincere thanks to our Church Care Team for their sacrifices.

Second Collection: This Sunday's second collection is for Ecclesiastical Education which helps to meet the cost of training students for the priesthood and the permanent diaconate. It also supports certain forms of ongoing formation of the clergy.

Contact us: Parish Office is open on Mondays and Fridays from 10.00am to 3.00pm.
Josepha Flahive & Lisa O'Hara [phone: 02086983672; email: catford@rcaos.org.uk]

Please Join our Holy Cross WhatsApp groups...

[please click and join if you wish to participate]

Morning Blessings [to receive Bible reflections and blessings – every day]:

<https://chat.whatsapp.com/EG7VHLJfMAOHuDqCivs97w>

Church Care Team [every Saturday 12 noon]:

<https://chat.whatsapp.com/LLxRcM2UJgw7CHwGGI5vVA>

Welcome Ministers: <https://chat.whatsapp.com/D1BJE19Dd1O4K3MhO9bjlW>

9pm Monastery [to pray the night prayer of the Church every day at 9pm]:

<https://chat.whatsapp.com/FBNBqhXSuYjBChJn4usA3x>

New to Catholic Faith? [kindly forward those link to anyone who would like to know more about Catholic Faith]:

<https://chat.whatsapp.com/GEbv8LihA7w4pWhBirehwF>

Holy Cross Choir [Main Choir for feasts]:

<https://chat.whatsapp.com/GKYGO1qGjg9iZIAk6unJCI>

Holy Cross Readers [6.30pm – Saturday]:

<https://chat.whatsapp.com/IMm717jaoTdBK92FgSEn2d>

Holy Cross Readers [9am – Sunday]:

<https://chat.whatsapp.com/LEvkwiVE81IH7bg4Wo8u2s>

Holy Cross Readers [11.30am – Sunday]:

<https://chat.whatsapp.com/KucZUJt4dIXF4moTpqMlVz>

SUNDAY HOLY MASS

First reading

Acts 3: 13-15, 17-19

You killed the prince of life: God, however, raised him from the dead.

Peter said to the people: 'You are Israelites, and it is the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, the God of our ancestors, who has glorified his servant Jesus, the same Jesus you handed over and then disowned in the presence of Pilate after Pilate had decided to release him. It was you who accused the Holy One, the Just One, you who demanded the reprieve of a murderer while you killed the prince of life. God, however, raised him from the dead, and to that fact we are the witnesses.

'Now I know, brothers, that neither you nor your leaders had any idea what you were really doing; this was the way God carried out what he had foretold, when he said through all his prophets that his Christ would suffer. Now you must repent and turn to God, so that your sins may be wiped out.'

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 4:2,4,7,9

Lift up the light of your face on us, O Lord

When I call, answer me, O God of justice;
From anguish you released me, have mercy and hear me!

Lift up the light of your face on us, O Lord

It is the Lord who grants favours to those whom he loves;
The Lord hears me whenever I call him.

Lift up the light of your face on us, O Lord

'What can bring us happiness?' many say.
Lift up the light of your face on us, O Lord.

Lift up the light of your face on us, O Lord

I will lie down in peace and sleep comes at once,
For you alone, Lord, make me dwell in safety.

Lift up the light of your face on us, O Lord

Second reading 1 John 2: 1-5

Jesus Christ is the sacrifice that takes our sins away, and the world's.

I am writing this, my children,
to stop you sinning;
but if anyone should sin,
we have our advocate with the Father,
Jesus Christ, who is just;
he is the sacrifice that takes our sins away,
and not only ours,
but the whole world's.

We can be sure that we know God
only by keeping his commandments.
Anyone who says, 'I know him',
and does not keep his commandments,
is a liar,

refusing to admit the truth.

But when anyone does obey what he has said,
God's love comes to perfection in him.

Gospel Acclamation Luke 24 32

Alleluia, alleluia!

Lord Jesus, explain the Scriptures to us.

Make our hearts burn within us as you talk to us.

Alleluia!

Gospel Luke 24: 35-48

It is written that the Christ would suffer and on the third day rise from the dead.

The disciples told their story of what had happened on the road and how they had recognised Jesus at the breaking of bread.

They were still talking about all this when Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, 'Peace be with you!' In a state of alarm and fright, they thought they were seeing a ghost. But he said, 'Why are you so agitated, and why are these doubts rising in your hearts? Look at my hands and feet; yes, it is I indeed. Touch me and see for yourselves; a ghost has no flesh and bones as you can see I have.' And as he said this he showed them his hands and feet. Their joy was so great that they still could not believe it, and they stood there dumbfounded; so he said to them, 'Have you anything here to eat?' And they offered him a piece of grilled fish, which he took and ate before their eyes.

Then he told them, 'This is what I meant when I said, while I was still with you, that everything written about me in the Law of Moses, in the Prophets and in the Psalms has to be fulfilled.' He then opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, 'So you see how it is written that the Christ would suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, and that, in his name, repentance for the forgiveness of sins would be preached to all the nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses to this.'