

# HOLY CROSS CATHOLIC CHURCH

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## *FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER* *24 / 25 April 2021*

Dear parishioner,

It is already the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter and we continue to cherish the Peace and the Joy of the risen Lord in this season of Easter. We are also looking forward to celebrating Pentecost soon and on that day our Elect who have been well prepared by the RCIA catechises will be accepted into the full communion of the Catholic Church. Please keep them in your prayers.

This Thursday we celebrate the feast of St Catherine of Siena. Her deep faith and love for God was expressed in the following prayer: “Eternal God, eternal Trinity, you have made the blood of Christ so precious through his sharing in your divine nature. You are a mystery as deep as the sea; the more I search, the more I find, and the more I find the more I search for you. But I can never be satisfied; what I receive will ever leave me desiring more. When you fill my soul I have an even greater hunger, and I grow more famished for your light. I desire above all to see you, the true light, as you really are...

You are the garment which covers our nakedness, and in our hunger you are a satisfying food, for you are sweetness and in you there is no taste of bitterness, O triune God!”

Have a blessed week. **Fr Antony**

**Ways into Prayer** by the Spirituality Commission of the Diocese: *Prayer lies at the very heart of the life of the Church and is the foundation of Christian discipleship. In prayer we relate to God with the whole of our being: with heart, mind, body and soul. Prayer will always be a journey of discovery where we continue to be surprised by God. To know more about it, please log on to:* <http://www.southwarkdsc.org.uk/ways-into-prayer>

**Let us Dream: Easter reflections** - The Spirituality Committee of the Bishops' Conference has produced a series of reflections based on the Holy Father's book *Let us Dream* for individual and parish use. Please find it in our email newsletter attachment.

**National Day of Prayer for the Victims and Survivors of Abuse, 4<sup>th</sup> May 2021** – Materials for the Day of Prayer are attached in the email newsletter. They provide a number of helpful resources for this day and a link to the excellent creative resource *Listening with Love to the Word* prepared by the *Let's be Honest* group. We pray for the victims and survivors of abuse.

**Living Joyfully Vocations Events** – Pope Francis reminds us in his letter for World Day of Vocations, that Joseph's dreams led him into experiences he would never have imagined. We invite you and the young people to follow your dreams and ponder the question *What is God's dream for you?* Please find more information about the Vocation Events in the email attachments. We pray for vocations to the religious life and diocesan priesthood. Today'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.

**The 16<sup>th</sup> Migrant Mass** is being hosted online this year by the Diocese of Southwark on Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> May 2021 at 11.20am from St. William of York, Forest Hill, London SE23. All are welcome. Please join the Mass at [Migrants Mass \(actionnetwork.org\)](http://actionnetwork.org)

**New Traffic Restrictions:** Please continue to be aware of the newly introduced traffic restrictions operating in Culverley Road under Lewisham Council's School Streets Programme.

**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 18<sup>th</sup> May. Please also pray for the repose of the soul of Shirley Barrett whose Funeral Mass will take place on 4<sup>th</sup> May

## **Good Shepherd Sunday**

On Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> April the Church will celebrate Good Shepherd, or Vocations Sunday. This is an important day to

**PRAY** for vocations;

**ENCOURAGE** those who may be considering consecrated life;

**DONATE to Southwark's Priests' Training Fund**, so that the Diocese can meet its obligations and offer both ecclesiastical education and formation to a man who wishes to become a priest or deacon.

Southwark Diocese is also offering a website link for further reading on vocations and a place where online donations can be made: <http://www.rcsouthwark.co.uk/vocations.htm>

The Diocese would be very grateful to all parishes for promoting Vocations Sunday, that it may continue to faithfully serve God and the people of Southwark.

## Agency for Evangelisation and Catechesis

### Masterclass Webinar

Kim Cameron-Smith, author of 'Discipleship Parenting' will join the Agency on Thursday 27 April at 7:00pm. Tickets are limited to the first 100 participants and cost £5. Once registered via the link below you will receive the Zoom link in your confirmation email:

[https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_PcCtMT6sR7eoCv217GCfUQ](https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_PcCtMT6sR7eoCv217GCfUQ)

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*We would be delighted to have you along to the latest webinar in our series by leaders in their respective fields.*

Masterclass:  
**Kim Cameron-Smith**  
*Discipleship Parenting*

27 APRIL 2021 (7PM)  
£5 (limited to 100 spaces)  
Zoom link on registration

Discipleship  
**Parenting**

Planting the  
**Seeds of Faith**

Kim Cameron-Smith

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## Justice and Peace in Creation

### Annual Migrants' Mass

In the Year of St Joseph, and in honour of St Joseph the Worker, the London dioceses of Southwark, Westminster and Brentwood will celebrate the 16th Annual Mass for

Migrants on Saturday 1st May 2021 at 11.20am. This year the Mass will be celebrated by Bishop Paul McAleenan and live-streamed from St William of York Roman Catholic Church, Forest Hill. Although we cannot welcome the faithful in person this year, this lively online service will still celebrate of the significant contribution made by migrants to life of our dioceses. All are welcome.

Please visit: <https://actionnetwork.org/events/migrants-mass>

Please do also take a moment to visit the brand new JPIC website for the latest information on their important work in Southwark: <https://jpicssouthwark.org.uk/>

The Chaplaincies  
and  
Justice and Peace  
Commissions of

THE SIXTEENTH ANNUAL  
**MASS FOR  
MIGRANTS**

Hosted by the  
Archdiocese of  
Southwark  
on  
Sat. 1st May 2021  
at 11.20 am  
Celebrated by  
Bishop Paul  
McAleenan

THE MASS WILL BE  
LIVESTREAMED FROM  
ST WILLIAM OF YORK  
CATHOLIC CHURCH  
FOREST HILL

Kindly connect to the  
Live-streamed Mass using  
the link below:  
[https://actionnetwork.org/  
events/migrants-mass](https://actionnetwork.org/events/migrants-mass)

Diocese of Southwark

Diocese of Brentwood

Diocese of Westminster

## Churches Together for the Climate

Thursday 6th May, 7pm on Zoom

2021 is an important year for churches to act together to protect God's Creation and for us, as Christians, to have a positive impact on the global emergency.

With the UK hosting both the G7 in June and the UN COP26 in November, 2021, this is an opportunity for our leaders to champion and exemplify key actions to achieve climate justice.

Join speakers Luke Harman of Christian Aid about the importance of climate finance, Beth Naylor-Smith of Young Christian Climate Network about the relay from the G7 in Cornwall to COP26 in Glasgow (which will pass through London 5th-8th August), and Rosh Lal of Faith for the Climate about movement building and the COP Faith Task Group.

Tangible actions and usable resources will be shared to empower participants to make a difference in changing the climate trajectory and support our neighbours around the world.

Contact [claire@ctslondon.org.uk](mailto:claire@ctslondon.org.uk) and a Zoom link will be distributed nearer the date. Please do invite guests who would be interested in joining this event, especially young people.

## **Laudato Si Week**

Laudato Si' Week, to be held between 16-24 May 2021 and the Global Catholic Climate Movement will be holding a series of special events to mark the Laudato Si' Anniversary Year. This will be a celebration of the progress the whole Church has made on its journey to ecological conversion. The week will include prayer gatherings, music, discussions about energy and fossil fuels, and a presentation on the Care of Creation.

View the full programme and register interest here: [LaudatoSiWeek.org](https://LaudatoSiWeek.org)

<b>MASS TIMES &amp; INTENTIONS</b>	
<i>Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> April – Friday 30<sup>th</sup> April</i>	
SAT 6.30pm	Elizabeth Falola – Thanksgiving, Birthday
SUN 09:00am 11.30am	Jidechi Eberendu – Thanksgiving, Birthday Kathleen Coughlan & Family - Thanksgiving
MON 09.15am	Ayella Family - Wellbeing
TUE 09.15am	People of the Parish
WED 09.15am	Margaret Daly R.I.P.
THU 09.15	<i>St Catherine of Siena, Virgin and Doctor of the Church</i>
FRI 6.30pm 7.00pm	<i>Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament</i> Ibidun Idowu-Eberendu – Thanksgiving, Birthday

**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 Emmanuel, 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.

## 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/GKYGQ1qGjg91ZIAk6unJCI>

**Holy Cross Readers** [6.30pm – Saturday]:

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

**Holy Cross Readers** [9am – Sunday]:

<https://chat.whatsapp.com/LEvkwiVE81lH7bg4Wo8u2s>

**Holy Cross Readers** [11.30am – Sunday]:

<https://chat.whatsapp.com/KucZUjt4dIXF4moTpqMIVz>

## SUNDAY HOLY MASS

**First reading** Acts 4:8-12

**The name of Jesus Christ is the only name in which we can be saved**

Filled with the Holy Spirit, Peter said: ‘Rulers of the people, and elders! If you are questioning us today about an act of kindness to a cripple, and asking us how he was healed, then I am glad to tell you all, and would indeed be glad to tell the whole people of Israel, that it was by the name of Jesus Christ the Nazarene, the one you crucified, whom God raised from the dead, by this name and by no other that this man is able to stand up perfectly healthy, here in your presence, today. This is the stone rejected by you the builders, but which has proved to be the keystone. For of all the names in the world given to men, this is the only one by which we can be saved.’

## Responsorial Psalm Ps. 117

*The stone which the builders rejected  
has become the corner stone.*

Give thanks to the Lord for he is good,  
for his love has no end.  
It is better to take refuge in the Lord  
than to trust in men:  
It is better to take refuge in the Lord  
than to trust in princes.

*The stone which the builders rejected  
has become the corner stone.*

I will thank you for you have given answer  
and you are my saviour.  
The stone which the builders rejected  
has become the corner stone.  
This is the work of the Lord,  
a marvel in our eyes.

*The stone which the builders rejected  
has become the corner stone.*

Blessed in the name of the Lord  
is he who comes.  
We bless you from the house of the Lord:  
I will thank you for you have given answer  
and you are my saviour.  
Give thanks to the Lord for he is good;  
for his love has no end.

*The stone which the builders rejected  
has become the corner stone.*

## Second reading 1 John 3:1-2

**We shall be like God because we shall see him as he really is**

Think of the love that the Father has lavished on us,  
by letting us be called God's children;  
and that is what we are.

Because the world refused to acknowledge him,  
therefore it does not acknowledge us.

My dear people, we are already the children of God  
but what we are to be in the future has not yet been revealed;  
all we know is, that when it is revealed  
we shall be like him  
because we shall see him as he really is.

## Gospel Acclamation Jn 10:14

Alleluia, alleluia!  
I am the good shepherd, says the Lord;  
I know my own sheep and my own know me.  
Alleluia!

## Gospel John 10:11-18

### **The good shepherd is one who lays down his life for his sheep**

Jesus said:

‘I am the good shepherd:  
the good shepherd is one who lays down his life for his sheep.  
The hired man, since he is not the shepherd  
and the sheep do not belong to him,  
abandons the sheep and runs away  
as soon as he sees a wolf coming,  
and then the wolf attacks and scatters the sheep;  
this is because he is only a hired man  
and has no concern for the sheep.  
‘I am the good shepherd;  
I know my own  
and my own know me,  
just as the Father knows me  
and I know the Father;  
and I lay down my life for my sheep.  
And there are other sheep I have  
that are not of this fold,  
and these I have to lead as well.  
They too will listen to my voice,  
and there will be only one flock,  
and one shepherd.  
‘The Father loves me,  
because I lay down my life  
in order to take it up again.  
No one takes it from me;  
I lay it down of my own free will,  
and as it is in my power to lay it down,  
so it is in my power to take it up again;  
and this is the command I have been given by my Father.’