

# HOLY CROSS CATHOLIC CHURCH

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## *TWELFTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR 19/20 JUNE 2021*

Dear friends in Christ,

The Gospel of today's Holy Mass invites us not to be frightened, but to be calm in our difficult moments.

When the disciples were facing a gale and the waves were breaking into the boat, they were terrified. But Jesus rebuked the wind and said to the sea, 'Quiet now! Be calm!' And the wind dropped, and all was calm again. Then he said to them, 'Why are you so frightened?'

He asks us the same question; why are we frightened? May we cherish the peace of Christ even in our trials and tribulations and may we be strengthened by the Lord to face the challenges of life and sail forward. Fr Antony

### **Mass in Celebration of the Sacrament of Marriage [October 9<sup>th</sup> at St George's Cathedral]:**

If you are celebrating your 1<sup>st</sup>/10<sup>th</sup>/25<sup>th</sup>/40<sup>th</sup>/50<sup>th</sup>/60<sup>th</sup> + wedding anniversary this year, please apply as soon as possible. Get in touch with us at [mflse@rcaos.org.uk](mailto:mflse@rcaos.org.uk) so you can receive an invitation from the Archbishop. Please let us have the location of your parish in the title of your email, e.g. Clapham, Beckenham. Spaces are limited. We need your names in the format John and Mary Smith and Your home address. The anniversary you are celebrating (2020 anniversaries are welcome!)

**Holy Mass from Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> June [after the restrictions are relaxed]:** Fr Antony and one other Extraordinary Minister of the Holy Eucharistic will be distributing the Holy Sacrament at all weekend Masses.

Parishioners can return to their seats to receive the final blessings. Please follow the guidance of the Welcome Ministers as you leave. You may remain in the church for your personal prayers for a short time, up to 5 minutes when a bell will be rung, as the church will need to be sanitised.

**Altar Servers:** A message for all those who would like to return to their mission as Altar Servers AND for those who would like to become Altar Servers, please collect a form from Fr Antony after any Mass.

**Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:** It was good to see you all renew the commitment to your ministry recently. My congratulations to you all. Many thanks to those of you who joined the zoom meeting, and for your valuable input. I will follow up on the points raised and will be in touch again soon, when we hope to reintroduce your participation at Mass. In addition, we would like to restart making home visits.

**Message for School Parents:** Once you have dropped off your children, please can you not stay outside the church. You are very welcome to come into the church for quiet prayer before Mass, which starts at 9.15am, Monday to Thursday.



**Vivienne Monique**, our parishioner and one of our First Holy Communion children, won the title **Pure UK Junior Miss England**. She will compete in Ohio USA and represent England. Congratulations dear Vivienne and all the best for your success in Ohio.

**Agency for Evangelisation and Catechesis:** The Archbishop's Certificate (ArchCert) is an online course for all in Southwark who wish to know their Catholic faith more deeply.

Participants will take a two-year journey through the Church's teaching to understand their faith in a more profound way and be able to share it with confidence and joy. The course will commence in October 2021 and the cost will be £365 per year. Registration must be completed in advance. Further details can be obtained from Fr Antony.

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<i><b>MASS TIMES &amp; INTENTIONS</b></i>	
<i><b>Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> June – Friday 25<sup>th</sup> June</b></i>	
SAT 6:30pm	People of the Parish
SUN 09:00am 11:30am	John Organ R.I.P. James Hadad R.I.P.
MON 09:15am	John Baptiste Thomas R.I.P.
TUE 09:15am	<i>Saints John Fisher and Thomas Moore, Martyrs</i> Clowie Asprey - Wellbeing
WED 09:15am	Tom Kilcoyne R.I.P.
THU 09:15am	<i>Nativity of Saint John the Baptist</i> Rev. J B Jerome R.I.P. (21 <sup>st</sup> Anniversary)
FRI 6:30pm 7:00pm	<i>Confessions and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament</i> Pamela Fonseca – Special Intention

### **Until the End of the Pandemic:**

- Please always keep 1m distance between families/people/bubbles inside and outside the church.  
**Please note:** Keeping 1m distance is your responsibility and the Welcome Ministers are there to support you.
- Please wear a face mask at all times, **unless you are exempt.**
- Please ensure you sanitise your hands as you enter and leave the church.

**9pm for Night Prayer [every day except Saturday]:** 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. **Meeting ID:** 7578777461; **Passcode:** 20212021.

**First Holy Communion:** There will be two Masses for the children to receive their First Holy Communion - Saturday, July 17th and Saturday July 24th, both at 10.00 a.m. Please keep the children in your prayers.

**First Holy Communion Celebration for Both the 2020 And 2021 Children: In September** this year, we will have the final sessions and celebration for the children who received this Sacrament in both 2020 and 2021. The dates for each session will be given nearer the time. All the children will be presented with their certificates at that time.

**Confirmation:** Please note additional dates: The next session will take place on the 19<sup>th</sup> July at 5pm in Hartley Hall. The catechises will be given by Ossie and Margaret Folkes.

**Please Pray for the Sick:** Clowie Asprey, Myra Hannon, Melanie Thomas, Florence Nosegbe, Lydia Joseph, Pat Vessey, John Conway, Dorothy Beacon, Gala Lobo, Mary Emmanus, Pat Doyle, Tommy Murphy, Alan Durkin, Margaret Woodward and Rachael Pereira Wibberley. 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 Parish Office** is open on Mondays and Fridays, 10am to 3pm. Please try to avoid coming into the office in person during this Pandemic. Please send an email: [catford@rcaos.org.uk](mailto:catford@rcaos.org.uk); or call: 02086983672

**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.

**RENATE Anti-Trafficking Short Film Competition:** RENATE (Religious in Europe Networking Against Trafficking and Exploitation) is inviting 16-24-year-olds in European countries to join its mission to tackle human trafficking by entering a film competition. The competition is running now. RENATE encourages young people to get involved by producing a short film individually or as part of a team, up to four minutes long, around the slogan 'Slavery - Human Trafficking - Near YOU!', and some or all of the tags #StopTheDemand, #BreakTheChains, #EndTheCycleTOGETHER. The deadline date of entry is mid-August 2021. For more information: [www.renateevents.net/film-competition](http://www.renateevents.net/film-competition)

## **Vacancies:**

### **St George's Cathedral**

A vacancy has arisen for one Tenor Lay Clerk, and one Low Bass Clerk, to sing at Sunday morning Solemn Mass during term time, as well as on other major liturgical occasions, diocesan events and special services, such as weddings throughout the year in St George's Cathedral.

Candidates should be excellent singers with extensive experience in ensemble and liturgical singing. They should be fluent sight-readers and familiar with Gregorian Chant. Both positions are subject to a successful enhanced DBS check.

Applicants should send their CV to the Director of Music, Jonathan Schranz, including contact details for two referees. Email: [music@stgeorges.org.uk](mailto:music@stgeorges.org.uk). The closing date is Friday 2nd July 2021.

Further information: <https://www.stgeorgescathedral.org.uk/news/cathedral-choir-tenor-and-low-bass-lay-clerk-vacancy>

**The Shrine of St Augustine** is seeking to appoint a practicing Catholic with effect from September 2021 for an initial period of 2 years. An interest in heritage alongside administrative experience would be an advantage. Salary: £15,000 pa  
Applicants should send their CV to [office@augustineshrine.co.uk](mailto:office@augustineshrine.co.uk)

## **PACT:**

The Prison Advice and Care Trust (PACT) are currently seeking a Volunteering Manager. Through the new Faith in Action programme '*Just People*', they are seeking to provide opportunities for Catholics, Christians and whole parish communities to explore and deepen their faith and sense of lived discipleship by connecting people with opportunities to serve as volunteers. Their aim is to provide practical support and accompaniment for people who are often marginalised and excluded.

The charity is seeking a person of faith who has an understanding of the Church alongside a strong commitment to Catholic Social Teaching. They should also be a good communicator with project planning and implementation experience. Working across a number of dioceses, the successful

candidate will liaise closely with volunteering and management colleagues across the London and South East region, specifically in the dioceses of Westminster, Southwark, and Arundel & Brighton.

Hours: 37.5 hours per week, Monday to Friday  
(weekend and evening work may be required occasionally)  
Salary: £28,000 per annum

Closing date for applications: 17th June 2021  
Interview date: 29th June 2021

Further information and Job Description: <https://www.prisonadvice.org.uk/current-vacancies>

### **SPUC:** Please meet your MP to lobby against DIY abortion and assisted suicide

SPUC is holding a **Mass lobby of MPs on Friday 16 July or Saturday 17 July 2021**. We are asking pro-life supporters up and down the country to organise a meeting with their MP, at the MP's constituency office, on one of these dates. The DIY abortion policy is still in place, and there is a renewed threat of assisted suicide being legalised.

Please ask your MP to lobby the Health Secretary to **end DIY abortion**. Please ask your MP to **vote against assisted suicide**.

SPUC has produced dedicated briefings to help you lobby your MP. Please go to [www.spuc.org.uk/MassLobby2021](http://www.spuc.org.uk/MassLobby2021) Thank you.

**Second Collection:** This weekend, 19/20 June, there will be a Second Collection for Day for Life. This is the day in the Church's life dedicated to celebrating the sacredness of life. The proceeds from the Day for Life collection provide core funding for the Anscombe Bioethics Centre and to assist other life related activities supported by the Church, usually by means of grants made to support Catholic charities working in the particular field determined by the theme of the year.

**Peter Pence:** Next weekend, 26/27 June, the Second Collection will be for Peter Pence. By reason of the bond of unity and charity, the bishops of the Church, with their people, join together to produce those means which the Holy Father and the Apostolic See need to exercise works of mercy and charity and its service of the Universal Church. The faithful's offerings to the Holy Father are destined to church needs, humanitarian initiatives and social promotion projects, as well as to the support of the Holy See. The Pope, being pastor of the whole Church, is attentive to the material needs of poor dioceses, religious institutes and faithful in grave difficulties: the poor, children, the elderly, those marginalised and the victims of war and natural disasters. Concrete aid is thus made available to bishops or dioceses in need, to Catholic education, assistance, to refugees and immigrants, etc.

**Catechist Meeting:** How has the pandemic affected your ministry? What are your plans for the coming year? The Diocese has a new Agency and team. We would like to get to know you. Come and find out how we can work together to create a missionary diocese. Thursday 8th July 7:30pm-9:30pm. Calling parish catechists - will your parish be represented? Zoom link on registration - [www.aec.rcaos.org.uk/catechesis-events](http://www.aec.rcaos.org.uk/catechesis-events) to register.

## Bible Verse To Remember:

May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ  
enlighten the eyes of our mind,  
so that we can see what hope his call holds for us. [Ephesians 1:17-18]

# MASS READINGS

## FIRST READING Job 38: 1, 8-11

### From the heart of the tempest the Lord gives Job his answer

From the heart of the tempest the Lord gave Job his answer. He said:

Who pent up the sea behind closed doors  
when it leapt tumultuous out of the womb,  
when I wrapped it in a robe of mist  
and made black clouds its swaddling bands;  
when I marked the bounds it was not to cross  
and made it fast with a bolted gate?  
Come thus far, I said, and no farther:  
here your proud waves shall break.

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM Psalm 106(107): 23-26, 28-32

*O give thanks to the Lord,  
for his love endures for ever.*

Some sailed to the sea in ships  
to trade on the mighty waters.  
These men have seen the Lord's deeds,  
the wonders he does in the deep.

*O give thanks to the Lord,  
for his love endures for ever.*

For he spoke; he summoned the gale,  
tossing the waves of the sea  
up to heaven and back into the deep;  
their soul melted away in their distress.

*O give thanks to the Lord,  
for his love endures for ever.*

Then they cried to the Lord in their need  
and he rescued them from their distress.  
He stilled the storm to a whisper:  
all the waves of the sea were hushed.

*O give thanks to the Lord,  
for his love endures for ever.*

They rejoiced because of the calm  
and he led them to the haven they desired.  
Let them thank the Lord for his love,  
The wonders he does for men.

*O give thanks to the Lord,  
for his love endures for ever.*

**SECOND READING    2 Corinthians 5: 14-17**

**We do not judge anyone by the standards of the flesh**

The love of Christ overwhelms us when we reflect that if one man has died for all, then all men should be dead; and the reason he died for all was so that living men should live no longer for themselves, but for him who died and was raised to life for them.

From now onwards, therefore, we do not judge anyone by the standards of the flesh. Even if we did once know Christ in the flesh, that is not how we know him now. And for anyone who is in Christ, there is a new creation; the old creation has gone, and now the new one is here.

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION    Cf.Ep1: 17, 18**

Alleluia, alleluia!  
May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ  
enlighten the eyes of our mind,  
so that we can see what hope his call holds for us.  
Alleluia!

**GOSPEL    Mark 4: 35-41**

**'Even the wind and the sea obey him'**

With the coming of evening, Jesus said to his disciples, 'Let us cross over to the other side.' And leaving the crowd behind they took him, just as he was, in the boat; and there were other boats with him. Then it began to blow a gale and the waves were breaking into the boat so that it was almost swamped. But he was in the stern, his head on the cushion, asleep. They woke him and said to him, 'Master, do you not care? We are going down!' And he woke up and rebuked the wind and said to the sea, 'Quiet now! Be calm!' And the wind dropped, and all was calm again. Then he said to them, 'Why are you so frightened? How is it that you have no faith?' They were filled with awe and said to one another, 'Who can this be? Even the wind and the sea obey him.'