



HOLY CROSS CATHOLIC CHURCH

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30TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



SYNOD 2021 2023—For a Synodal Church

Pope Francis has called upon Catholics across the whole world to thoughtfully consider our own personal experiences of three areas of Catholic Life - *Communion, Participation and Mission*.

In our parish, in order to allow as many opportunities for you to participate and contribute the following sessions have been organised. Do please come to one of the sessions. Your voice, your personal experience is an important part of this process.

Dates of meetings

30th October 10am Saturday [Ossie Folkes and Sam Duncan]

31st October after 11.30am Mass—Tina and Jude Ibe

5th November 9am Friday [Catherine Sanderson & Liz Hubbard]

12th November after 7pm Mass [Giovanna Finaldy]

14th November after 9am Sunday Mass [Nick & Rachael Wibberley]

16th November, Monday, 8pm via Zoom

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Diamond Club will also hold a meeting

For further information go to: rcaos.org.uk/synod

Linguistic and Cultural Fellowship (LCF): Our parish is blessed with many people who speak different languages and are from different cultures. It is amazing that we come together to adore and praise God. We would like to form Linguistic and Cultural Fellowships so that we can encourage people to pray together in their own cultural ways, and to establish communion between them. It will be also helpful to us to find people for various ministries in our parish through these fellowships. They will help our parish in different ways. For example, they will:-

Help us to find needy families so we can support them,

Celebrate their cultural/national feast in Holy Cross with their traditional liturgical taste,

Coordinate celebrating International Days,

Assist with school applications in case we find it difficult to recognise families...

May we ask you to find representatives of your culture/language and let us have their names please.

MISSIO: This weekend's Second Collection is for Missio, the Church's official organ for the support of foreign missions. The collection taken on World Mission Sunday goes in its entirety to support churches, hospitals, schools and vocations in countries where the Church is new, young or poor, and Missio ensures that resources are distributed equitably and justly on the basis of need.

Please Note: On the solemnity of **ALL SAINTS' DAY** [Sunday 30/31 October 2021] we encourage you to bring your children to church dressed in the costume of a Saint. They will receive a special blessing on that day. On Halloween, please avoid dressing your children to represent the macabre, such as devils or ghouls.



***In November,** the **TREE OF LIFE** will be kept on the altar so that you may decorate the tree with the names and photos of your beloved departed family members and friends.

***At the weekend Masses** on 13/14 November we shall **REMEMBER** and pray for those who died during the Pandemic. Again, I ask you to bring photos of those departed to place on the sanctuary.

A junior version of the advent reflection booklet '**MY DAY BY DAY**' will be given to all children who come to church on the **First Sunday of Advent**, 27/28 November.



Harvest Festival: Our sincere thanks to the children of Holy Cross School who celebrated their Harvest Festival on Wednesday. They brought in a wonderful array of goods that will be distributed to families in need. The food items brought by the children are shown in the photo here.

Annual Cemetery Procession: This takes place at Hither Green Cemetery on Remembrance Sunday, 14th November 2021. We assemble at the Main Gate in Verdant Lane from 2.15pm and the procession begins at 2.30. Priests and deacons are available to visit and pray at the graves of your loved ones. We need to leave the cemetery by the closing time of 3.30pm.

Covid Rules Updates: As the cases of covid-19 and flu are increasing, please make a note of the following:

If you have any symptoms, please stay at home and watch the Holy Mass via livestream (the link is

[Angelcam | Live video from Holy Cross Stream camera \(click2stream.com\)](https://www.click2stream.com))

Please wear a face mask, unless you are exempt;

Please sanitise your hands as you enter and exit the church;

Please ensure you keep sufficient distance between yourself/ves and the people in front of you during the

Communion procession (a Welcome Ministers will assist)

We won't be taking any details for track and trace at this time.

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Holy Land Pilgrimage: Due to the Pandemic our parish pilgrimage to the Holy Land is postponed to **August 2022**. More information to follow. Please register your interest.

Your Help is needed: One of our parishioners needs a car. If you are about to buy a new car and have an older one you no longer need, please can you consider giving it to the family in need.

Prayer for the COP26 climate summit

Loving God,
We praise your name with all you have created.

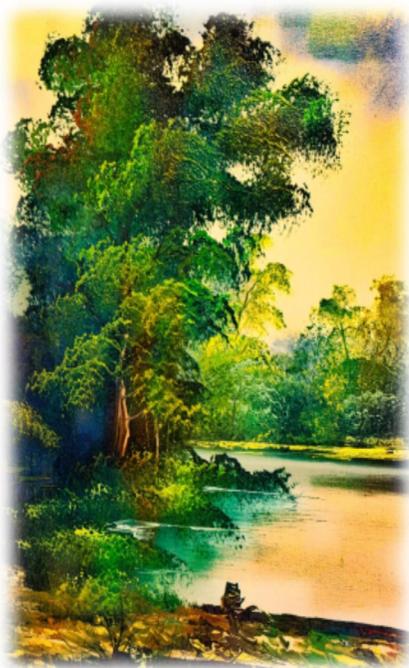
You are present in the whole universe,
and in the smallest of creatures.

We acknowledge the responsibilities you have placed upon us as stewards of your creation.

May the Holy Spirit inspire all political leaders at COP26 as they seek to embrace the changes needed to foster a more sustainable society.

Instil in them the courage and gentleness to
implement fairer solutions for the poorest and most
vulnerable, and commit their nations to the care of Our Common Home.

We ask this through Our Lord Jesus Christ your Son. Amen



HOLY MASS

Entrance Antiphon - Cf. Ps 104: 3-4

Let the hearts that seek the Lord rejoice;
turn to the Lord and his strength;
constantly seek his face.

Entrance Hymn

Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart,
naught be all else to me save that thou art;
thou my best thought in the day and the night,
waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.

Be thou my wisdom, be thou my true Word;
I ever with thee and thou with my, Lord;
thou my great Father and I thy true son;
thou in me dwelling, and I with thee one.

Be thou my breastplate, my sword for the fight;
be thou my armour and be thou my might,
thou my soul's shelter and thou my high tower,
raise thou me heavenward, O Power of my power.

Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise,
thou mine inheritance through all my days;
thou, and thou only, the first in my heart,
high King of Heaven, my treasure thou art!

Penitential Act

**I confess to almighty God
and to you, my brothers and sisters,
that I have greatly sinned,
in my thoughts and in my words,
in what I have done and in what I have failed to do,**

And, striking their breast, they say:

**through my fault,
through my fault,
through my most grievous fault;
therefore I ask blessed Mary ever-Virgin,
all the Angels and Saints,
and you, my brothers and sisters,
to pray for me to the Lord our God.**

The Gloria

**Glory to God in the highest,
and on earth peace to people of good will.**

**We praise you,
we bless you,
we adore you,
we glorify you,
we give you thanks for your great glory,
Lord God, heavenly King,
O God, almighty Father.**

**Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son,
Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
you take away the sins of the world,
have mercy on us;
you take away the sins of the world,
receive our prayer;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father,
have mercy on us.**

For you alone are the Holy One,

**you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father.
Amen.**

First reading - Jeremiah 31:7-9

The Lord says this:
Shout with joy for Jacob!
Hail the chief of nations!
Proclaim! Praise! Shout:
'The Lord has saved his people,
the remnant of Israel!'

See, I will bring them back
from the land of the North
and gather them from the far ends of earth;
all of them: the blind and the lame,
women with child, women in labour:
a great company returning here.

They had left in tears,
I will comfort them as I lead them back;
I will guide them to streams of water,
by a smooth path where they will not stumble.
For I am a father to Israel,
and Ephraim is my first-born son.

Responsorial Psalm - Psalm 125(126)

What marvels the Lord worked for us! Indeed we were glad.

When the Lord delivered Zion from bondage,
it seemed like a dream.
Then was our mouth filled with laughter,
on our lips there were songs.

What marvels the Lord worked for us! Indeed we were glad.

The heathens themselves said: 'What marvels
the Lord worked for them!'
What marvels the Lord worked for us!
Indeed we were glad.

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Deliver us, O Lord, from our bondage
as streams in dry land.
Those who are sowing in tears
will sing when they reap.

What marvels the Lord worked for us! Indeed we were glad.

They go out, they go out, full of tears,
carrying seed for the sowing;
they come back, they come back, full of song,
carrying their sheaves.

What marvels the Lord worked for us! Indeed we were glad.

Second reading - Hebrews 5:1-6

Every high priest has been taken out of mankind and is appointed to act for men in their relations with God, to offer gifts and sacrifices for sins; and so he can sympathise with those who are ignorant or uncertain because he too lives in the limitations of weakness. That is why he has to make sin offerings for himself as well as for the people. No one takes this honour on himself, but each one is called by God, as

Aaron was. Nor did Christ give himself the glory of becoming high priest, but he had it from the one who said to him: *You are my son, today I have become your father*, and in another text: *You are a priest of the order of Melchizedek, and for ever*.

Gospel Acclamation—Jn8:12

Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the light of the world, says the Lord;
anyone who follows me will have the light of life.
Alleluia!

Gospel—Mark 10:46-52

As Jesus left Jericho with his disciples and a large crowd, Bartimaeus (that is, the son of Timaeus), a blind beggar, was sitting at the side of the road. When he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to shout and to say, 'Son of David, Jesus, have pity on me.' And many of them scolded him and told him to keep quiet, but he only shouted all the louder, 'Son of David, have pity on me.' Jesus stopped and said, 'Call him here.' So they called the blind man. 'Courage,' they said 'get up; he is calling you.' So throwing off his cloak, he jumped up and went to Jesus. Then Jesus spoke, 'What do you want me to do for you?' 'Rabbuni,' the blind man said to him 'Master, let me see again.' Jesus said to him, 'Go; your faith has saved you.' And immediately his sight returned and he followed him along the road.

The Creed

**I believe in God,
the Father almighty,
Creator of heaven and earth,
and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
At the words that follow, up to and including 'the Virgin Mary',
all bow.**
**who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died and was buried;
he descended into hell;
on the third day he rose again from the dead;
he ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty;
from there he will come to judge the living and the dead.**
**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and life everlasting. Amen.**

Offertory Hymn

Jesus Christ is waiting, waiting in the streets;
no-one is his neighbour, all alone he eats.
Listen, Lord Jesus, I am lonely too.
Make me, friend, or stranger, fit to wait on you.

Jesus Christ is raging, raging in the streets,
where injustice spirals, and real hope retreats.
Listen, Lord Jesus, I am angry too.
In the Kingdom's causes, let me rage with you.

Jesus Christ is healing, healing in the streets;
curing those who suffer, touching those he greets.
Listen, Lord Jesus, I have pity too,
let my care be active, healing just like you.

Jesus Christ is dancing, dancing in the streets,
where each sign of hatred he, with love, defeats.
Listen, Lord Jesus, I should triumph too;
on suspicion's graveyard, let me dance with you.

Jesus Christ is calling, calling in the streets,
'Who will join my journey? I will guide their feet.'
Listen, Lord Jesus, let my fears be few.
Walk one step before me, I will follow you.

Communion Antiphon - Eph 5:2

Christ loved us and gave himself up for us,
as a fragrant offering to God.

Communion Hymn

O God, you search me and you know me,
all my thoughts lie open to your gaze.
When I walk or lie down you are before me:
ever the maker and keeper of my days.

You know my resting and my rising,
you discern my purpose from afar.
And with love everlasting you besiege me;
in ev'ry moment of life and death, you are.

Before a word is on my tongue, Lord,
you have known its meaning through and through.
You are with me beyond my understanding:
God of my present, my past and future too.

Although your Spirit is upon me,
still I search for shelter from your light.
There is nowhere on earth I can escape you;
even the darkness is radiant in your sight.

For you created me and shaped me,
gave me life within my mother's womb.
For the wonder of who I am, I praise you:
safe in your hands all creation is made new.

Recessional Hymn

How lovely on the mountains are the feet of him,
who brings good news, good news;
announcing peace, proclaiming news of happiness:
our God reigns, our God reigns.
Our God reigns, our God reigns,
our God reigns, our God reigns.

You watchmen, lift your voices joyfully as one,
shout for your King, your King!
See eye to eye, the Lord restoring Sion:
our God reigns....

Waste places of Jerusalem, break forth with joy!
We are redeemed, redeemed;
the Lord has saved and comforted his people.
Our God reigns...

Ends of the earth, see the salvation of our God!
Jesus is Lord, is Lord!
Before the nations he has bared his holy arm.
Our God reigns...

MONTH OF THE HOLY ROSARY

We pray the Holy Rosary in our church every **Monday, Tuesday and Thursday** after the 9.15 am Mass
In this month of the Holy Rosary, we pray the Rosary at 8.30pm every-day [except Saturday] **via Zoom**.
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PLEASE JOIN

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