



HOLY CROSS CATHOLIC CHURCH

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ALL SAINTS' DAY

30/31 OCTOBER 2021



This weekend we celebrate the solemnity of **ALL SAINTS**. While the first reading of this weekend reflects on the life of saints in heaven, the second and Gospel readings demand us to live a saintly life here on earth. On this solemnity, we encourage parents to bring their 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.

Divine Mercy Retreat: On 05 November, Friday, from 6.30pm we shall have a Divine Mercy Retreat in our parish. Fr Lucas will lead us.



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 in prayer.

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Passcode: 20212021.

Parish Surgery this week: Meet with Fr Antony without an appointment on Tuesday and Friday after the Mass.

Holy Cross Manna Mission Update: Thank you so much for those volunteers who stayed behind after last Sunday's 11:30 Mass to contribute towards the planning of the Manna Mission.

This was well attended with great enthusiasm shown and some splendid ideas put forward. It was decided that for a trial period we shall open our kitchen in Hartley Hall on the first and third Sundays of the month at 12:30pm starting on 7th November. Our parishioners are most welcome to come along – indeed the teams will benefit from your presence as they get to grips with what it takes to ensure the smooth running of this operation. We urge you also to invite anyone you know who you feel would appreciate a warm meal. Initially we anticipate catering for approximately 50 people.

ALL SOULS' DAY [2 Nov]

November is the month we specially remember and pray for our departed brothers and friends. On Tuesday [2 Nov] we shall have an additional Mass at 7pm.

In this whole month we pray...

**Into your hands, O Lord,
we humbly entrust our beloved departed
friends and family members.**

**In this life you embraced them
with your tender love;**

**Deliver them now from every evil
and bid them enter eternal rest.**

**Welcome them into paradise,
Where there will be no sorrow,**

No weeping or pain,

**But the fullness of peace and joy
with your Son and the Holy Spirit
for ever and ever. Amen.**

This weekend, you will be given an envelope and a tag. Please write the names of those who died on the tag. The tag will be hanged on the **TREE OF LIFE**. Please write additional names on a sheet and keep it in the envelope. Leave the envelope in a basket kept in front of the altar.

***At the weekend Masses** on 13/14 November we shall **REMEMBER** and pray for those who died during the Pandemic.

Annual Cemetery Procession takes place at Hither Green Cemetery on Remembrance Sunday, [14th Nov]. We assemble at the Main Gate in Verdant Lane from 2.15pm and the procession begins at 2.30 pm, I will be 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.

HOLY MASS

Entrance Antiphon

Let us all rejoice in the Lord,
as we celebrate the feast day in honour of all the Saints,
at whose festival the Angels rejoice
and praise the Son of God.

Entrance Hymn

Blest are the pure in heart,
for they shall see our God;
the secret of the Lord is theirs,
their soul is Christ's abode.

The Lord who left the heavens
our life and peace to bring,
to dwell in lowliness with men,
their pattern and their King.

Still to the lowly soul
he doth himself impart
and for his dwelling and his throne
chooseth the pure in heart.

Lord, we thy presence seek;
may ours this blessing be:
give us a pure and holy heart,
a temple meet for thee.

First reading - Apocalypse 7:2-4,9-1

I, John, saw another angel rising where the sun rises, carrying the seal of the living God; he called in a powerful voice to the four angels whose duty was to devastate land and sea, 'Wait before you do any damage on land or at sea or to the trees, until we have put the seal on the foreheads of the servants of our God.' Then I heard how many were sealed: a hundred and forty-four thousand, out of all the tribes of Israel.

After that I saw a huge number, impossible to count, of people from every nation, race, tribe and language; they were standing in front of the throne and in front of the Lamb, dressed in white robes and holding palms in their hands. They shouted aloud, 'Victory to our God, who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!' And all the angels who were standing in a circle round the throne, surrounding the elders and the four animals, prostrated themselves before the throne, and touched the ground with their foreheads, worshipping God with these words, 'Amen. Praise and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honour and power and strength to our God for ever and ever. Amen.'

One of the elders then spoke, and asked me, 'Do you know who these people are, dressed in white robes, and where they have come from?' I answered him, 'You can tell me, my lord.' Then he said, 'These are the people who have been through the great persecution, and they have washed their robes white again in the blood of the Lamb.'

Responsorial Psalm - Psalm 23(24):1-6

Such are the men who seek your face, O Lord.

The Lord's is the earth and its fullness,
the world and all its peoples.

It is he who set it on the seas;
on the waters he made it firm.

Such are the men who seek your face, O Lord.

Who shall climb the mountain of the Lord?
Who shall stand in his holy place?

The man with clean hands and pure heart,
who desires not worthless things.

Such are the men who seek your face, O Lord.

He shall receive blessings from the Lord
and reward from the God who saves him.

Such are the men who seek him,
seek the face of the God of Jacob.

Such are the men who seek your face, O Lord.

Second reading - 1 John 3:1-3

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.

Surely everyone who entertains this hope
must purify himself, must try to be as pure as Christ.

Gospel Acclamation—Mt11:28

Alleluia, alleluia!

Come to me, all you who labour and are overburdened
and I will give you rest, says the Lord.

Alleluia!

Gospel—Matthew 5:1-12a

Seeing the crowds, Jesus went up the hill. There he sat down and was joined by his disciples. Then he began to speak. This is what he taught them:

'How happy are the poor in spirit;
theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Happy the gentle:
they shall have the earth for their heritage.

Happy those who mourn:
they shall be comforted.

Happy those who hunger and thirst for what is right:
they shall be satisfied.

Happy the merciful:
they shall have mercy shown them.

Happy the pure in heart:
they shall see God.

Happy the peacemakers:
they shall be called sons of God.

Happy those who are persecuted in the cause of right:
theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

'Happy are you when people abuse you and persecute you and speak all kinds of calumny against you on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will be great in heaven.'

The Nicene Creed

Offertory Hymn

For all the saints who from their labours rest,
who thee by faith before the world confessed,
thy name, O Jesus, be for ever blest.

Alleluia! Alleluia!

Thou wast their rock, their stronghold and their might;
thou, Lord, their captain in the well-fought fight;
thou in the darkness drear their one true light.

Alleluia! Alleluia!

O may thy soldiers, faithful, true and bold,
fight as the saints who nobly fought of old,
and win, with them, the victor's crown of gold.

Alleluia! Alleluia!

O blest communion, fellowship divine!
We feebly struggle, they in glory shine;
yet all are one in thee, for all are thine.

Alleluia! Alleluia!

And when the strife is fierce, the warfare long,
steals on the ear the distant triumph song,
and hearts are brave again and hearts are strong.

Alleluia! Alleluia!

The golden evening brightens in the west;
soon, soon, to faithful warriors cometh rest:
sweet is the calm of paradise the blest.

Alleluia! Alleluia!

But lo! There breaks a yet more glorious day;
the saints triumphant rise in bright array:
the King of glory passes on his way.

Alleluia! Alleluia!

From earth's wide bounds, from ocean's farthest coast,
through gates of pearl pours in the countless host,
singing to Father, son and Holy Ghost,

Alleluia! Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon - Mt 5: 8-10

Blessed are the clean of heart, for they shall see God.
Blessed are the peacemakers,
for they shall be called children of God.
Blessed are they who are persecuted for
the sake of righteousness,
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Communion Hymn

Sweet Sacrament divine,
hid in thy earthly home,
lo! round thy lowly shrine,
with suppliant hearts we come.
Jesus, to thee our voice we raise,
in songs of love and heartfelt praise,
sweet Sacrament divine, sweet Sacrament divine.

Sweet Sacrament of peace,
dear home of every heart,
where restless yearnings cease,
and sorrows all depart.
There in thine ear all trustfully,
we tell our tale of misery,
sweet Sacrament of peace, sweet Sacrament of peace.

Sweet Sacrament of rest,
Ark from the ocean's roar,
within thy shelter blest,
soon may we reach the shore.
Save us, for still the tempest raves,
save, lest we sink beneath the waves,
sweet Sacrament of rest, sweet Sacrament of rest.

Sweet Sacrament divine,
earth's light and jubilee,
in thy far depths does shine
thy Godhead's majesty.
Sweet light, so shine on us, we pray,
that earthly joys may fade away.
Sweet Sacrament divine sweet Sacrament divine.

Recessional Hymn

O Lord, my God, when I in awesome wonder
consider all the worlds thy hand has made,
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder,
thy power throughout the universe displayed.

*Then sings my soul, my Saviour God, to thee;
How great thou art, how great thou art!
Then sings my soul, my Saviour God, to thee;
How great thou art, how great thou art!*

And when I think, that God, His Son not sparing,
sent Him to die, I scarce can take it in
that on the Cross, my burden gladly bearing,
He bled and died, to take away my sin!
Then sings my soul...

When Christ shall come, with shout of acclamation
and take me home, what joy shall fill my heart!
Then I shall bow in humble adoration
and there proclaim 'my God, how great Thou art!'
Then sings my soul...

SYNOD OF SYNODALITY

Parish Listening, Sharing Reflecting Meetings

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.

Days for meetings

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

31st Oct after 11.30am Mass [Tina and Jude Ibe]

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

12th Nov after 7pm Mass [Giovanna Finaldi]

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

16th Nov, Monday, 8pm via Zoom,

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Diamond Club will also hold a meeting

For further information go to the new Diocesan website being launched on 18th October rcaos.org.uk/synod

Next Baptism Programme: 20 November 2021 and 27 November 2021 [10am]

First Holy Communion Class: 6th November [10:00am]

Confirmation Class: Saturday 6th November [4:30pm]

Mass Offering : Last week's Mass Offering—£559.90. Thank you.

Second Collection : Your donations for World Missions amounted to £280.42. Thank you.

PARISH CONTACTS

Phone: 02086983672 **Website:** [Welcome - HOLY CROSS CHURCH CATFORD \(holycross-catford.org.uk\)](https://www.welcome-holy-cross-church-catford.org.uk)

Fr Antony

Josepha Flahive [Parish Office]

Lisa O'Hara [Parish Office]

Franciscan Sisters of the Immaculate

Hartley Hall: Tony Early

Safeguarding: Pat Barber

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.

Please Pray for the Sick: Monica Chen, Clowie Aspery, Myra Hannon, Melanie Thomas, Florence Nosegbe, Lydia Joseph, Pat Vessey, John Conway, Dorothy Beacon, Gala Lobo, Mary Emmanuel, Pat Doyle, Alan Durkin, Rachael Pereira Wibberley, Ann Whittington, Christina Adedeji, Joe Baptiste, Elfrida Wacholz, Dora Biasi and Susan Murphy. 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.



Dancing Youth for Christ

We will begin a youth group 'DANCING YOUTH FOR CHRIST' in our parish in due time. The children/youth who are interested will be taught Biblical music and action songs. They will learn the teachings of the Bible/Church through Biblical music. This group will eventually lead the Sunday Bible Class action songs in our parish.

Please register your interest: catfordsupport@rcaos.org.uk



BIBLE VERSE TO REMEMBER: Come to me, all you who labour and are overburdened and I will give you rest, says the Lord. [Matthew 11:28]

HOLY MASS INTENTIONS

Day & Time	30 Oct to 05 Nov	06 Nov to 12 Nov	13 to 19 Nov
Sat 6:30pm	Yves Reinier R.I.P.	People of the Parish	Noreen Collins & Bridget Doyle & all Deceased UCM Members
Sun 9:00am	Rahel Leul <i>Thanksgiving</i>	Victoria Nwolie <i>Birthday Thanksgiving</i>	People of the Parish
Sun 11:30am	Giulio Ghezzi R.I.P.	Paul & Josepha Flahive <i>40th Anniversary Thanksgiving</i>	For The Souls Departed
Mon 9:15am	The People of England	Sapiencia Maria Noronha R.I.P.	Ibidun Idowu-Eberendu <i>Thanksgiving</i>
Tues 9:15am	Soluke Grace Idowu R.I.P.	Amelita Alcuino R.I.P.	Adaeze & Family <i>Thanksgiving</i>
7:00pm	The Holy Souls	(No Mass)	(No Mass)
Wed 9:15am	Thierry Christian-Gnanakumar R.I.P.	Rachael Pereira Wibberley <i>Wellbeing</i>	Ibidun Idowu-Eberendu <i>Thanksgiving</i>
Thu 9:15am	Christian Josephin	Mrs Bridget Woods R.I.P.	
Fri 7:00pm	Maria Parella R.I.P.	Thierry Christian-Gnanakumar R.I.P	Thevathas & Family <i>Thanksgiving</i>