

Holy Cross Catholic Church

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Dear Parishioner,

I am glad to meet and greet you through this newsletter.

Last week, we contemplated the preciousness of life and our responsibility to cherish and safeguard it. This week, we will reflect on the message from the second reading: "From now onwards, therefore, we do not judge anyone by the standards of the flesh" (2 Corinthians 5:16). Let us ask the Lord for the grace to understand the dignity of our bodies and to reject any discrimination based on physical appearance.

We learn the Catechesis of the Catholic Church step by step in these weeks. This week, we continue to reflect our response to God's call through faith.

You can find the source passage at the following link: https://www.vatican.va/archive/ENG0015/_P12.HTM

Catholic FAITH [Part 10]

MAN'S RESPONSE TO GOD - Faith [CCC 176 to 184]

Last week, we reflected that faith is our loving response to God's invitation to friendship. The following teachings of the Catechism of the Catholic Church summarises and enlightens our understanding about our faith.

- ◊ CCC 176 Faith is a personal adherence of the whole man to God who reveals himself. It involves an assent of the intellect and will to the self-revelation God has made through his deeds and words.
- ◊ 177 "To believe" has thus a twofold reference: to the person, and to the truth: to the truth, by trust in the person who bears witness to it.
- ◊ 178 We must believe in no one but God: the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit.
- ◊ 179 Faith is a supernatural gift from God. In order to believe, man needs the interior helps of the Holy Spirit.
- ◊ 180 "Believing" is a human act, conscious and free, corresponding to the dignity of the human person.
- ◊ 181 "Believing" is an ecclesial act. the Church's faith precedes, engenders, supports and nourishes our faith. the Church is the mother of all believers. "No one can have God as Father who does not have the Church as Mother" (St. Cyprian, De unit. 6: PL 4, 519).
- ◊ 182 We believe all "that which is contained in the word of God, written or handed down, and which the Church proposes for belief as divinely revealed".
- ◊ 183 Faith is necessary for salvation. The Lord himself affirms: "He who believes and is baptized will be saved; but he who does not believe will be condemned" (Mk 16:16).
- ◊ 184 "Faith is a foretaste of the knowledge that will make us blessed in the life to come" (St. Thomas Aquinas. Comp. theol. 1, 2).

**God is
ALWAYS
faithful.**

St. Paul's Council Meeting (Formation and Evangelization)

Date: Thursday, July 11th, 2024; **Time:** 7:30 PM - 9:00 PM

St. Paul's Council exists to help the faithful encounter Jesus Christ. Our motto is "...Until Christ is formed in us" (Gal 4:19).

To fulfil this mission, we will plan, organize, and provide training programs, including preparation for all the Sacraments. We will also organize retreats and seminars for our various parish groups, as well as opportunities for continuing formation after receiving the Sacraments. **Please join us!**

Want to become a Catholic or are you seeking to deepen your faith? Do you feel drawn to get to know more about Jesus? Baptised but not yet confirmed?

The Holy Cross Journey in Faith Group will meet every week in Hartley Hall from September. We are a small supportive group and you will be most welcome.

Please contact Fr Antony after any Mass on Sunday or Judy Chen [catfordrcia@rcaos.org.uk] Kindly inform your family members and friends who are not Catholics to join the RCIA programme in our parish.



Congratulations Antonio!

We extend our warmest congratulations to Antonio Maria Finaldi, who recently received the Sacrament of Baptism at our parish. We welcome Antonio into our community of faith and wish him and his family many blessings on this special occasion.

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Our Father...485

Step-by-Step Guide to Getting Married at Holy Cross Church, Catford:

- Initial Meeting:** Meet with Fr. Antony at least six months before your intended wedding date to discuss the process and requirements.
- Document Collection and Submission:** Gather all required documents (baptismal certificates, confirmation certificates if applicable, Statutory Declaration of Freedom to Marry, Marriage Preparation course participation certificate and Notice of Marriage (Marriage Schedule) from the Marriage Registrar Office), and submit them to the parish office.
- If either of you has been previously married:** You must provide the divorce judgment [Decree Absolute] from the civil court. You must also provide a decree of nullity or annulment received from a Catholic tribunal.
- Pre-Nuptial Inquiry:** Fr. Antony will guide you through completing the Pre-Nuptial Inquiry Form, which helps assess your readiness for marriage.
- Wedding Rehearsal:** Schedule and attend a wedding rehearsal to familiarize yourselves with the ceremony procedures.
- Celebration of Marriage:** Celebrate your wedding ceremony at Holy Cross Church, Catford. **Note:** This is a general outline. For detailed and specific information, please consult with the Parish Office.

First Holy Communion, Confirmation, & RCIA

Interested in First Holy Communion, Confirmation, or the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)? Application forms are now available!

Meet Fr. Antony

Collect your form after any weekday Mass, including Friday, and take the opportunity to chat with our parish priest. We look forward to welcoming you and your family to these important steps in your faith journey.

Last Date to receive the Application Form is 28 July 2024.

THE NEXT IN-PERSON BAPTISM PREPARATION COURSE DATE:

22nd June 2024 at 10:00am in Hartley Hall

The course dates for the remainder of 2024 are:

*** 14th September * 23rd November**

Updated Lectionary

The updated Lectionary is due to be published and released by CTS in various published forms from 14 October 2024. We are proud that the CTS CEO, Pierro Finaldi, is from our parish.

The Lectionary is mandatory for use in the Liturgy throughout the Archdiocese from the First Sunday of Advent (1 December 2024). The Lectionary may be used before that date. Using the English Standard Version - Catholic Edition of the Bible and the Abbey Psalter this edition makes more provision for inclusive language where possible and attempts to make the text more easily proclaimed in public.

Windrush Celebration 2024

29th June, 11-4pm

St. Andrew the Apostle Church Hall

Sandhurst Road

Catford. SE6 1XD



Money Matters - THANK YOU

Main Collection: £565

Day for Life: £179

2nd Collection Next Week for *Peter's Pence* –The faithful's offerings to the Holy Father are destined to church needs, humanitarian initiatives and social promotion projects as well as support for the Holy See.

PARISH CONTACTS

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MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS - Sat 22 - Fri 28 June

SAT	6:30pm	<i>Saints John Fisher, Bishop & Thomas More, Martyrs</i> Brian Roshier R.I.P.
SUN	9:00am 11:30am	Tom Kilcoyne R.I.P. Mary Matilda Munro-Baptiste R.I.P. (1st Anniversary)
MON	9:15am	<i>The Nativity of St John The Baptist</i> Erin O'Hara - Wellbeing & Birthday Thanksgiving
TUE	9:15am	Mary Rita R.I.P.
WED	9:15am	<i>St Thomas Garnet, Priest and Martyr</i> Rachael Pereira Wibberley - Wellbeing
THU	9:15am	<i>St John Southworth, Priest and Martyr</i> Tony and Theresa Green R.I.P.
FRI	6:00pm 7:00pm	<i>St Irenaeus, Bishop, Martyr & Doctor of the Church</i> Confessions and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament Jean Scott R.I.P.

New to Holy Cross?

Welcome, friend, to Holy Cross! Open your hearts to God's love, warm as sunlight through stained glass. Find fellowship in smiles and open arms, a community woven with faith and friendship. Come grow with us, cherish each other, and discover the joy of belonging. **This is your parish**, a haven of grace, waiting to embrace you. Peace be with you!

Please Pray for the Sick: Mary Rand, Pat Doyle, Albert Young, Joe Green, Sherine Sukhram, Vivianne Owens, Trish Keaveney, Myra Hannon, Melanie Thomas, Florence Nosegbe, Norma Jones, Ivor Lewis, Colin Maton, Katie Bournier, Aboa Claudine, Titi Balogun, Susan Murphy, Eileen Embury, Kitty Wilkinson, Theresa Butler, Jo Rocca Smith, Ann Whittington, Elfrida Wacholz, Pat Gallagher, Lydia Joseph, , Leonie Nwawudu, Meesh Gemmell, Elaine Williams, Abosede Elizabeth Goba, Baby Gwen Williams, Jessica O'Hara, Rachael Pereira Wibberley & Roger Wibberley.

ADMITTED TO HOSPITAL? - Contact Lewisham Hospital Catholic Chaplain directly on 07436051067. In an emergency, please say to the staff that you would like to see a Catholic priest.