



Holy Cross Catholic Church

208, Sangley Road, Catford, SE6 2JS

PARISH NEWSLETTER

18/19 September 2021

Dear Parishioner,

A number of good things have taken place in our parish in the past week. We had a meaningful celebration of our parish feast at all the weekend Masses, especially at the special 7pm Mass on Sunday...we remembered the departed parishioners in our prayers, in particular Fr John Mulligan as it was the 3rd anniversary of his death, we prayed for the sick and elderly, we offered our thanks to God for every blessing we cherish in our families and in our wider parish family, we received a blessing with the relic of the real wood of the Holy Cross, the Welcome Ministers were awarded The Archbishop's Certificate, and the children the Holy Cross Certificate of thanks, and then we enjoyed refreshments in Hartley Hall. We continue to thank God for the gift of our parish and our parishioners.

In the last newsletter I asked for your suggestions regarding the change of Mass time during weekdays. After having heard from a number of regular participants, **the decision was made to continue with the existing mass times during weekdays.**

It is now the season for us to begin our sacramental preparations in our parish. We are indeed blessed with efficient and enthusiastic teams of catechists. Please find the lead catechists' details in the PARISH CONTACT section of this newsletter. On your behalf, I sincerely thank them all for their good will and sacrifices.

Once again, may I ask you to be an apostle to bring people to God? Invite your friends and family members who are not Catholics or lapsed Catholics to the **RCIA**? The **RCIA**'s first session will be in Hartley Hall after the **Saturday 6.30pm Mass on 2nd October 2021. Please come and learn more.** Enrolment forms will be available, and there will be refreshments. The invitation extends to **practicing Catholics who may wish to share their faith with others, or deepen their faith.**

We have an exciting programme for the year which covers the main topics in the Catechism of the Catholic Church and much, much more. Please find the programme on the back page of this newsletter. You can attend for one session or stay for all. The sessions will take place after the Saturday 6:30pm Mass from 7:15-9:00pm and will run from October 2021 until Pentecost 2022, with a mixture of meeting in Hartley Hall and online sessions. By virtue of our baptism, we are all called to mission and catechism is one way to share our faith as well as to learn at the same time. You will never regret participating in this beautifully designed Holy Cross RCIA programme. My sincere thanks to **Judy & Fabian Chen**, Jacintha Chen, Rachael & Nick Wibberley, Josephine O'Sullivan, Leon and Rhonda Jackson, Sharmini Joseph and Lisa O'Hara for their team work and enthusiasm to pass on the Good News. If you feel you can contribute (with support if needed) to this team, please contact me.

We are going to resume Altar Service in our parish. Nick and Rachael Wibberley have come forward to train our altar servers, and provide refresher training for those who were unable to serve for almost 18 months during the Pandemic. The first session for all altar servers will take place on Saturday **25th September** at 10am in the church. **All who wish to serve, both existing and new,** must complete a new application form to ensure you are registered for and complete the required training.



We are going to start our **Holy Cross Manna Mission** from the first week of October. This Soup and Bread Kitchen also welcomes our parishioners after the 11.30 Mass to eat, meet and chat. We will invite the needy and welcome them into our community.

May the Almighty God bless us and our efforts to establish His kingdom in our midst. Fr Antony

		File PARISH DIARY Holy Communion Mass 2020
Sat 18 Sep	10:00am	First Holy Communion Celebration Mass for 2021 children
18 & 25 Sep	10:00am	Baptism Course Hartley Hall
25 Sep	10:00am	Altar Servers Training Holy Cross Church
Sat 2 Oct	10:00am	First Holy Communion Adoration with parents (2022)
Sat 2 Oct	5:00pm	Confirmation Registration
Sat 2 Oct	7:15pm	RCIA first session Hartley Hall
Sat 16 Oct	10:00am	First Holy Communion Session One
Sat 16 Oct	4:30pm	Confirmation Session One

HOLY MASS

Entrance Antiphon [Cf. Sir 36: 18]

I am the salvation of the people, says the Lord.
Should they cry to me in any distress,
I will hear them, and I will be their Lord for ever.

First reading Wisdom 2:12,17-20

The godless say to themselves:

‘Let us lie in wait for the virtuous man, since he annoys us and opposes our way of life, reproaches us for our breaches of the law and accuses us of playing false to our upbringing.

‘Let us see if what he says is true, let us observe what kind of end he himself will have. If the virtuous man is God’s son, God will take his part and rescue him from the clutches of his enemies. Let us test him with cruelty and with torture, and thus explore this gentleness of his and put his endurance to the proof. Let us condemn him to a shameful death since he will be looked after – we have his word for it.’

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Responsorial Psalm [Psalm 53(54):3-6,8]

The Lord upholds my life.

Second reading: James 3:16-4:3

Wherever you find jealousy and ambition, you find disharmony, and wicked things of every kind being done; whereas the wisdom that comes down from above is essentially something pure; it also makes for peace, and is kindly and considerate; it is full of compassion and shows itself by doing good; nor is there any trace of partiality or hypocrisy in it. Peacemakers, when they work for peace, sow the seeds which will bear fruit in holiness.

Where do these wars and battles between yourselves first start? Isn’t it precisely in the desires fighting inside your own selves? You want something and you haven’t got it; so you are prepared to kill. You have an ambition that you cannot satisfy; so you fight to get your way by force. Why you don’t have what you want is because you don’t pray for it; when you do pray and don’t get it, it is because you have not prayed properly, you have prayed for something to indulge your own desires.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Alleluia, alleluia!

Jn8:12

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

Gospel: Mark 9:30-37

Jesus and his disciples made their way through Galilee; and he did not want anyone to know, because he was instructing his disciples; he was telling them, ‘The Son of Man will be delivered into the hands of men; they will put him to death; and three days after he has been put to death he will rise again.’ But they did not understand what he said and were afraid to ask him.

They came to Capernaum, and when he was in the house he asked them, ‘What were you arguing about on the road?’ They said nothing because they had been arguing which of them was the greatest. So he sat down, called the Twelve to him and said, ‘If anyone wants to be first, he must make himself last of all and servant of all.’ He then took a little child, set him in front of them, put his arms round him, and said to them, ‘Anyone who welcomes one of these little children in my name, welcomes me; and anyone who welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me.’

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, Lord**

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

**Save us, Saviour of the world,
for by your Cross and Resurrection
you have set us free.**

Communion Antiphon: Jn 10: 14

I am the Good Shepherd, says the Lord;
I know my sheep, and mine know me.

CONFIRMATION PROGRAMME 2021/22	
DATE	TOPIC AND DESCRIPTION
02/10/2021	PARENTS' MEETING: ADORATION & CONFESSIONS
06/11/2021	It is Our Church – We are a Community of Believers 1 Catholic Faith expressions in different cultures
13/11/2021	ADORATION AND CONFESSIONS FOR CANDIDATES
20/11/2021	It is Our Church – We are a Community of Believers 2 Biblical and Theological foundation of the Church; Structure of the Church
04/12/2021	Our Creed
11/12/2021	The Holy Mass
15/01/2022	I Believe in the Holy Spirit - The Lord, the Giver Of Life
29/01/2022	With the Spirit's Help
05/02/2022	I Want to be Part of God's Mission
	<i>Church Tour (7.15pm - after Mass)</i>
26/02/2022	Models to Discern the Holy Spirit - Our Saints
12/03/2022	Someone is Calling - Vocations
26/03/2022	Community Projects
07/05/2022	Retreat/Coach Trip/Pilgrimage
30/04/2022	PARENTS' MEETING: ADORATION & CONFESSIONS
11/06/2022	REHEARSAL
12/06/2022	CELEBRATION

Holy Cross Manna Mission: We are going to begin the **Soup And Bread Kitchen** in our parish after the 11.30am Mass from October. We will do it for three months and will continue if we receive sufficient people support this mission. Please come forward to support the poor and needy. You can either let Fr Antony know you would like to support this Mission, or email the Parish Office with your contact details.

Please Pray for the Sick: Clowie Aspery, Myra Hannon, Melanie Thomas, Florence Nosegbe, Lydia Joseph, Pat Vessey, John Conway, Dorothy Beacon, Gala Lobo, Mary Emmanus, Pat Doyle, Alan Durkin, Rachael Pereira Wibberley, Ann Whittington, Christina Adedeji, Joe Baptiste, George Wacholz, 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.

Please pray for the peaceful repose of Vincent Bonnici who died recently. May he rest in Peace.

Application Forms for Baptism, First Holy Communion, Confirmation and RCIA: please contact Fr Antony during the Parish Surgery without an appointment.

Parish Surgery this week: Meet with Fr Antony without an appointment after any Mass.

MASS INTENTIONS : Saturday 18 to Friday 24 September

SAT 6:30PM	People of the Parish
SUN 09:00am 11:30am	Joseph Grant R.I.P. Rachael Pereira Wibberley—Wellbeing
MON 09:15am	Thanksgiving to Our Blessed Mother for favours granted
TUE 09:15am	Saint Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist Manual Roche R.I.P.
WED 09:15am	Rachael Pereira Wibberley—Wellbeing
THU 09:15am	Saint Pius of Pietrelcina (Padre Pio) William Benzynie R.I.P.
FRI 6:30pm 7:00pm	Our Lady of Walsingham Confessions & Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament Dara Eberendu—Thanksgiving

Date	FIRST HOLY COMMUNION Session Description/Topic [All sessions start at 10am in Hartley Hall]
2nd Oct	Parents' Meeting Adoration
16th Oct	In the Name of the Father - Baptism
6th Nov	Lord have mercy - preparing for Reconciliation 1
13th Nov	Celebrating our rescue - preparing for Reconciliation 2
4th Dec	God helps me to get it right - preparing for Reconciliation 3
11th Dec	Sacrament of Reconciliation
15th Jan	Glory to God in the highest
29th Jan	The Word of the Lord - Liturgy of the Word
5th Feb	Bread to offer/Fruit of the wine - preparation of the gifts
26th Feb	Parents' Meeting Adoration
12th Mar	Do this in memory of me - the Last Supper, the Eucharist
26th Mar	The Body of Christ - we receive, and become the Body of Christ
2 nd April	Sacrament of Reconciliation
30th April	Rehearsal
7th May	FIRST HOLY COMMUNION MASS [11am]
14th May	FIRST HOLY COMMUNION MASS [11am]
15th May	FIRST HOLY COMMUNION MASS [9am]
21 st May	FHC Celebration party and certificates [10am]

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.

Meeting ID: 7578777461;
Passcode: 20212021.

Morning Prayers: Morning prayers after Mass have resumed now. You are invited to join us:

Rosary – Mon, Tue, Thu @ 9.45am;

Divine Mercy Chaplet – Wed @ 9.45am and Fri @6.10pm

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.

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BAPTISM PROGRAMME FOR THE YEARS 2021-2022

SEPTEMBER 18/09/2021 25/09/2021	FEBRUARY/MARCH 26/02/2022 05/03/2022	JUNE 18/06/2022 25/06/2022	NOVEMBER 19/11/2022 26/11/2022
NOVEMBER 20/11/2021 27/11/2021	APRIL/MAY 30/04/2022 07/05/2022	SEPTEMBER 17/09/2022 24/09/2022	⇒ Parents attend two sessions ⇒ Begins at 10am in Hartley Hall

RCIA PROGRAMME 2021-2022

<u>Pre-catechumenate</u>			
2.10.21	Welcome and introductions Journeys into faith	20.11.21	Sacred Scripture, the Bible
9.10.21	"I believe in one God" – the Profession of Faith	27.11.21	1 st Sunday of Advent – Be Prepared - the Prophets and the Old Testament
16.10.21	The Holy Trinity	4.12.21	2 nd Sunday of Advent, John the Baptist, prepare the Way, the key between the Old and the New
23.10.21	"I believe in Jesus Christ, the only Son of God"	11.12.21	3 rd Sunday of Advent (Gaudete Sunday) Proclaiming the Good News and the New Testament
30.10.21	Half term break	18.12.21	4 th Sunday of Advent – The Word made flesh; Mary, Mother of God (<i>Confirmation of names of sponsors and/or Godparents</i>)
7.11.21	"I believe in the Holy Spirit"		Christmas Break
14.11.21	"I believe in the Holy Catholic Church, and the communion of Saints"	9.1.22	Acceptance into the order of Catechumens – celebration at Mass

<u>Enlightenment</u>		<u>Post Baptismal Celebrations</u>	
2.3.22	<i>Ash Wednesday and start of Lent</i>		Easter – Day of Baptism/Reception
5.3.22	1 st Sunday of Lent – Rite of Election at Southwark Cathedral Presentation of the Creed	30.4.22	Day of Celebration – at St Georges Cathedral
12.3.22	2 nd Sunday of Lent. Repentance and reconciliation.	7.5.22	Mary, Mother of God
19.3.22	3 rd Sunday of Lent - 1 st Scrutiny (Living water).	14.5.22	Sacraments - Matrimony
26.3.22	4 th Sunday of Lent (Laetare Sunday) - 2 nd Scrutiny (Light of the world). Confirmation and Gifts of the Holy Spirit	21.5.22	Sacraments - Holy Orders
2.4.22	5 th Sunday of Lent – 3 rd Scrutiny	28.5.22	Defending our faith and evangelisation
9.4.22	Preparation for Holy Week and the Ephpheta Rite.	5.6.22	Pentecost Sunday

<u>Catechumenate</u>			
		5.2.22	Christian Prayer
15.1.22	The Holy Eucharist		Half term break
22.1.22	The Holy Mass and Tour of the Church	19.2.22	The Gift and Obedience of Faith.
29.1.22	Overview of Sacraments	26.2.22	The Beatitudes, discipleship and the Kingdom of God

LAST DATE TO SUBMIT THE APPLICATION FORMS FOR ALL SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMMES IS 24TH SEPTEMBER
Fr Antony will be available for you to receive the applications after every Mass next week