

# Holy Cross Catholic Church

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## PARISH NEWSLETTER

26<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time – 25 / 26 September 2021

**Manna Mission:** The opening of our Soup Kitchen has been postponed until the first Sunday in November as we are still waiting on the Council's licence to operate this new charitable service. We are seeking additional volunteers to support this so please come along to the second meeting, the date of which is to be announced soon, but in the meantime please do register your interest with Fr Antony after Mass.

**Please remember in your prayers the sick of our Parish:** Clowie Asprey, Myra Hannon, Melanie Thomas, Florence Nosegbe, Lydia Joseph, Pat Vessey, John Conway, Dorothy Beacon, Gala Lobo, Mary Emmanus, Alan Durkin, Rachael Pereira Wibberley, Ann Whittington, Christina Adedeji, George Wacholz, Elfrida Wacholz, Dora Biasi, and Susan Murphy.

**You are all invited to join us at 9pm for Night Prayer** via Zoom [every day except Saturday]: In this Pandemic, let us pray together as God's family and receive His blessings before going to sleep.

Meeting ID: 7578777461; Passcode: 20212021.

**Parish Surgery:** Fr Antony will be on a retreat this coming week, returning on Friday evening. Please contact the Parish Office for urgent queries. Parish Office Opening Times – Monday and Friday 10:00am to 3:00pm.

**Mass Intentions:** Please leave your contact number on the Mass Intention envelope so we can confirm the date we have to offer should the date you have requested be unavailable. If no contact number is provided and your preferred date is unavailable, an alternative will be selected on your behalf. Thank you.

**Mass Intentions and Parish Contacts:** Please see the Notice Board.

**First Holy Communion, Confirmation and RCIA** catechises will begin on 2<sup>nd</sup> October. Please keep our children, candidates, and catechists in your prayers.

**R.I.P.:** Please pray for the repose of the soul of Vincent Bonnici whose funeral Mass will be offered on 14 Oct 2021.

**Bible Verse to Remember:** Your word is truth, O Lord: consecrate us in the truth. **[John 17:17]**

### Entrance Antiphon - Dn 3: 31, 29, 30, 43, 42

All that you have done to us, O Lord,  
you have done with true judgement,  
for we have sinned against you  
and not obeyed your commandments.  
But give glory to your name  
and deal with us according to the bounty of your mercy.

### Entra

*Let us build a house where love can dwell*

and all can safely live,  
a place where saints and children tell  
how hearts learn to forgive.  
Built of hopes and dreams and visions,  
rock of faith and vault of grace;  
here the love of Christ shall end divisions.  
All are welcome, all are welcome,  
all are welcome in this place.  
Let us build a house where prophets speak,  
and words are strong and true,  
where all God's children dare to seek  
to dream God's reign anew.  
Here the cross shall stand as witness  
and as symbol of God's grace;  
here as one we claim the faith of Jesus.  
All are welcome, all are welcome,  
all are welcome in this place.

Let us build a house where love is found  
in water, wine and wheat:  
a banquet hall on holy ground  
where peace and justice meet.  
Here the love of God, through Jesus,  
is revealed in time and space;  
as we share in Christ the feast that frees us.  
All are welcome, all are welcome,  
all are welcome in this place.

### Gloria

**First reading** - Numbers 11:25-29

The Lord came down in the Cloud. He spoke with Moses, but took some of the spirit that was on him and put it on the seventy elders. When the spirit came on them they prophesied, but not again.

Two men had stayed back in the camp; one was called Eldad and the other Medad. The spirit came down on them;

though they had not gone to the Tent, their names were enrolled among the rest. These began to prophesy in the camp. The young man ran to tell this to Moses, 'Look,' he said

'Eldad and Medad are prophesying in the camp.' Then said Joshua the son of Nun, who had served Moses from his youth, 'My Lord

Moses, stop them!’ Moses answered him, ‘Are you jealous on my account? If only the whole people of the Lord were prophets, and the Lord gave his Spirit to them all!’

**Responsorial Psalm - Psalm 18(19):8,10,12-14**

*The precepts of the Lord gladden the heart.*

**Second reading - James 5:1-6**

An answer for the rich. Start crying, weep for the miseries that are coming to you. Your wealth is all rotting, your clothes are all eaten up by moths. All your gold and your silver are corroding away, and the same corrosion will be your own sentence, and eat into your body. It was a burning fire that you stored up as your treasure for the last days. Labourers mowed your fields, and you cheated them – listen to the wages that you kept back, calling out; realise that the cries of the reapers have reached the ears of the Lord of hosts. On earth you have had a life of comfort and luxury; in the time of slaughter you went on eating to your heart’s content. It was you who condemned the innocent and killed them; they offered you no resistance.

**Gospel Acclamation - Jn17:17**

Alleluia, alleluia!

**Your word is truth, O Lord: consecrate us in the truth.**

Alleluia!

**Gospel - Mark 9:38-43,45,47-48**

John said to Jesus, ‘Master, we saw a man who is not one of us casting out devils in your name; and because he was not one of us we tried to stop him.’ But Jesus said, ‘You must not stop him: no one who works a miracle in my name is likely to speak evil of me. Anyone who is not against us is for us.

‘If anyone gives you a cup of water to drink just because you belong to Christ, then I tell you solemnly, he will most certainly not lose his reward.

‘But anyone who is an obstacle to bring down one of these little ones who have faith, would be better thrown into the sea with a great millstone round his neck. And if your hand should cause you to sin, cut it off; it is better for you to enter into life crippled, than to have two hands and go to hell, into the fire that cannot be put out. And if your foot should cause you to sin, cut it off; it is better for you to enter into life lame, than to have two feet and be thrown into hell. And if your eye should cause you to sin, tear it out; it is better for you to enter into the kingdom of God with one eye, than to have two eyes and be thrown into hell where their worm does not die nor their fire go out.’

**Offertory Hymn**

**You are salt for the earth, O people,**  
salt for the kingdom of God;  
share the flavour of life, O people,  
life in the kingdom of God.

Bring forth the kingdom of mercy,  
bring forth the kingdom of peace,  
bring forth the kingdom of justice,  
bring forth the city of God.

You are the light on the hill, O people,  
light for the city of God;  
shine so holy and bright, O people,  
shine for the kingdom of God

Bring forth the kingdom of mercy,  
bring forth the kingdom of peace,  
bring forth the kingdom of justice,  
bring forth the city of God

**Communion Antiphon - Cf. Ps 118: 49-50**

Remember your word to your servant, O Lord,  
by which you have given me hope.  
This is my comfort when I am brought low.

**Communion Hymn**

**Be still, for the presence of the Lord,**  
The holy One, is here;  
Come bow before him now  
With reverence and fear  
In him no sin is found  
We stand on holy ground.  
Be still, for the presence of the Lord,  
The holy One, is here.

Be still, for the glory of the Lord  
Is shining all around;  
He burns with holy fire, With splendour he is crowned:  
How awesome is the sight. Our radiant king of light!  
Be still, for the glory of the Lord  
Is shining all around.

Be still, for the power of the Lord  
Is moving in this place:  
He comes to cleanse and heal,  
To minister his grace -  
No work too hard for him.  
In faith receive from him.  
Be still, for the power of the Lord  
Is moving in this place.

**Recessional Hymn**

1 To God be the glory, great things he hath done:  
so loved he the world that he gave us his son,  
who yielded his life an atonement for sin,  
and opened the lifegate that all may go in.

*[Refrain]*

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the earth hear his voice!  
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the people rejoice!  
O come to the Father, through Jesus the Son,  
and give him the glory, great things he hath done.

2 Oh, perfect redemption, the purchase of blood,  
to ev’ry believer the promise of God.  
The vilest offender who truly believes,  
that moment from Jesus a pardon receives. *[Refrain]*

3 Great things he hath taught us, great things he hath done,  
and great our rejoicing through Jesus the Son,  
but purer, and higher, and greater will be  
our wonder, our transport, when Jesus we see. *[Refrain]*

