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# HOLY CROSS CATHOLIC CHURCH

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**2ND SUNDAY OF YEAR C**

15-16 JANUARY 2022



Do we allow changes in our relationship with God through our life to spark the growth of faith in others? This is what the gospel is challenging us to do today. We must learn from a sign.

Your faith, my faith, is strengthened by each other; our faith is a sign seen by others. What attracts others is the love that is seen, the gifts we have as a community, and the generosity with which we share them.

When we pool talents, the wonderful thing called “community” happens. We have, by pooling our gifts, an exponential power. We have the spirit of God within us. Our gifts do not diminish us in the giving. We ourselves grow in the giving.

If God deals in 25-gallon jars, is it ever right for us to deal in half-pints? God’s gifting of himself through Jesus Christ calls for our response to be extravagant.

As Mary was the catalyst at the first sign in Cana in Galilee, may we be the signs/the catalysts where we live, labour and love every day.

### Please Pray for the Sick:

Monica Chen, Clowie Aspery, Myra Hannon, Melanie Thomas, Florence Nosegbe, Lydia Joseph, John Conway, Gala Lobo, Mary Emmanus, Pat Doyle, Alan Durkin, Rachael Pereira Wibberley, Ann Whittington, Joe Baptiste, Elfrida Wacholz, Dora Biasi, Susan Murphy and Martin Flately.

**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.**

**Mass Intentions:** There are envelopes in the side porch for anyone wishing to request a Mass Intention. Please do remember to provide a contact number in case we need to contact you should your preferred date be unavailable. Thank you.

Please be aware that as part of our efforts to limit the spread of the coronavirus, we have taken the decision to limit some of the singing in our Sunday morning masses.

Therefore, the “**GLORIA**”, “**ALLELUIA**” and “**HOLY HOLY**” will now be said, and the hymns will be sung by cantor only.

The “**LORD HAVE MERCY**”, **RESPONSORIAL PSALM**, and “**LAMB OF GOD**” will still be sung, but please leave your face covering on if you are going to join in with these items.

We are all strongly encouraged to receive communion by hand, but if you specifically desire to receive on the tongue, please ensure you come up at the very end of the communion procession, and only to the priest (as he will have a sanitiser on him to ensure he can clean his hand after administering communion to you).

Finally, please be aware that doors and windows will be opened at times during the service to ensure the church is well ventilated.

**Not able to come to church during this Pandemic?** Coming to Church to offer the Holy Mass with God’s people is the best form of participation. In case you are not able to come due to your age or health condition, please do not worry. Log on to our website (<http://www.holycross-catford.org.uk/>) and click the livestream section.

You may find more information about our parish and Mass intention list in our online newsletter. To subscribe for the newsletter, please register yourself on the parish website or send an email to [catfordnewsletter@rcaos.org.uk](mailto:catfordnewsletter@rcaos.org.uk)

**Home Visit:** As I announced last week - I could not visit my home during these Pandemic years, but now have the opportunity to visit for three weeks. As we also celebrate our parish feast at this time of the year, I will have a chance to meet all my friends and relatives. Please keep me in your prayers. In my absence, Fr Clive and priests from Brockley will offer the Masses. I can be still contacted by email and WhatsApp.



### Sunday 16 January is in England a Day of Prayer for Peace

This year Pope Francis asks us to think about ‘Education, work and dialogue between generations: tools for building lasting peace’.



### Lenore Martin R.I.P.

Lenore passed away recently, wife of a former deacon of our parish.

Her funeral will be on 10 February 2022.

*May she rest in Peace.*

### Money Matters

**Mass offering** [loose collection]: £412

**Altar Servers’ Albs:** Total so far £845

Thank you all for your kindness and generosity.

### PARISH CONTACTS

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# MASS FOR 2ND SUNDAY IN YEAR C

**Entrance Hymn** (Cantor only)

**Entrance Antiphon** Ps 65: 4

All the earth shall bow down before you, O God,  
and shall sing to you, shall sing to your name, O Most High!

**Gloria** (said)

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** Isaiah 62:1-5

About Zion I will not be silent,  
about Jerusalem I will not grow weary,  
until her integrity shines out like the dawn  
and her salvation flames like a torch.

The nations then will see your integrity,  
all the kings your glory,  
and you will be called by a new name,  
one which the mouth of the Lord will confer.  
You are to be a crown of splendour in the hand of the Lord,  
a princely diadem in the hand of your God;  
No longer are you to be named 'Forsaken',  
nor your land 'Abandoned',  
but you shall be called 'My Delight'  
and your land 'The Wedded';  
for the Lord takes delight in you  
and your land will have its wedding.

Like a young man marrying a virgin,  
so will the one who built you wed you,  
and as the bridegroom rejoices in his bride,  
so will your God rejoice in you.

**Responsorial Psalm** Psalm 95(96):1-3,7-10

*Proclaim the wonders of the Lord among all the peoples.*

O sing a new song to the Lord,  
sing to the Lord all the earth.  
O sing to the Lord, bless his name.

Proclaim his help day by day,  
tell among the nations his glory  
and his wonders among all the peoples.

Give the Lord, you families of peoples,  
give the Lord glory and power;  
give the Lord the glory of his name.

Worship the Lord in his temple.  
O earth, tremble before him.  
Proclaim to the nations: 'God is king.'  
He will judge the peoples in fairness.

*Proclaim the wonders of the Lord among all the peoples.*

**Second Reading** 1 Corinthians 12:4-11

There is a variety of gifts but always the same Spirit; there are all sorts of service to be done, but always to the same Lord; working in all sorts of different ways in different people, it is the same God who is working in all of them. The particular way in which the Spirit is given to each person is for a good purpose. One may have the gift of preaching with wisdom given him by the Spirit; another may have the gift of preaching instruction given him by the same Spirit; and another the gift of faith given by the same Spirit; another again the gift of healing, through this one Spirit; one, the power of miracles; another, prophecy; another the gift of recognising spirits; another the gift of tongues and another the ability to interpret them. All these are the work of one and the same Spirit, who distributes different gifts to different people just as he chooses.

**Gospel Acclamation** 1S3:9, Jn6:68

*Alleluia, alleluia!*

Speak, Lord, your servant is listening:  
you have the message of eternal life.  
*Alleluia!*

**Gospel** John 2:1-11

There was a wedding at Cana in Galilee. The mother of Jesus was there, and Jesus and his disciples had also been invited. When they ran out of wine, since the wine provided for the wedding was all finished, the mother of Jesus said to him, 'They have no wine.' Jesus said 'Woman, why turn to me? My hour has not come yet.' His mother said to the servants, 'Do whatever he tells you.' There were six stone water jars standing there, meant for the ablutions that are customary among the Jews: each could hold twenty or thirty gallons. Jesus said to the servants, 'Fill the jars with water', and they filled them to the brim. 'Draw some out now' he told them 'and take it to the steward.' They did this; the steward tasted the water, and it had turned into wine. Having no idea where it came from – only the servants who had drawn the water knew – the steward called the bridegroom and said, 'People generally serve the best wine first, and keep the cheaper sort till the guests have had plenty to drink; but you have kept the best wine till now.'

This was the first of the signs given by Jesus: it was given at Cana in Galilee. He let his glory be seen, and his disciples believed in him.

**Offertory Hymn** (Cantor only)

**Holy, Holy** (said)

**Memorial Acclamation** (said)

**Lamb of God**

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,  
have mercy on us.  
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,  
have mercy on us.  
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,  
grant us peace.

**Communion Antiphon** Cf. Ps 22: 5

You have prepared a table before me,  
and how precious is the chalice that quenches my thirst.

**Communion Hymn** (Cantor only)

**Recessional Hymn** (Cantor only)

**Manna Mission:** As Lewisham Borough is one of the places in the UK where Covid cases have reached record highs, we shall postpone our Manna Mission until further notice.