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HOLY CROSS CATHOLIC CHURCH

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3RD SUNDAY OF YEAR C

22-23 JANUARY 2022



We heard both last week and this, Paul's message to the Corinthians and us about gifts. Paul says that it is no longer necessary for Jesus to be physically present to us. The spirit distributes gifts to us, the baptised. We, with our gifts, blossom into the body of Christ. The church calls this the "mystical body of Christ." We need our imaginations to conceive Jesus as the head and each of us as body parts.

We are like jigsaw puzzle pieces that can be pieced together to become one whole - because of our varied talents:

- ◆ Some perform the function of his feet by taking Christ's presence peacefully and prophetically to far away places as missionaries;
- ◆ Some perform the work of his hands in caring for children, for the sick or for the elderly;
- ◆ Some perform the function of his heart in consoling the broken-hearted;
- ◆ Some perform the work of his mouth in his work of teaching and reaching;
- ◆ Some perform the work of his ears - listening compassionately;
- ◆ Many multi-task.

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 Flatley .

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.

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

Manna Mission: As Lewisham Borough is one of the places in the UK where Covid cases had reached record highs, we have postponed our Manna Mission until further notice. If you know of anyone in need however, please let the parish office know.

Visiting Home: Fr Antony finally arrived at his home after 36 hours of travel. Please keep him and his family in your prayers. In his absence, Fr Clive and priests from Brockley are offering the Masses. Fr Antony can be still contacted by email and WhatsApp.

Synod of Synodality - Holy Cross Parish Response Summary Report

Eight Synod Listening Sessions took place in the Parish in October and November 2021, including one online. Notes were taken at each and, after the last session, were combined and recurring themes were pulled out to produce the final document. These themes were COMMUNION, PARTICIPATION & MISSION. For the full version please see the online Parish Newsletter or parish website

Notes on the pandemic:

- ◆ Many noted that the pandemic brought us together in new and different ways, including online.
- ◆ Others felt strongly that online meetings were no replacement for face to face.
- ◆ Everyone missed coming together, physically for the Eucharist.
- ◆ Some felt strongly that the Church did not do enough to fight to stay open during the pandemic lockdown periods.
- ◆ Many felt the pandemic was an opportunity for reflection on how and why we do things, and an opportunity for change

You can still respond to the consultation up to the 18th February 2022 if you wish to. This is done via the diocesan website:- <https://www.rcsouthwark.co.uk/get-involved/synod/online-submissions>

Diocesan Vacancies

- * Parish Secretary at Mortlake
- * Youth Minister for the Bromley Deanery
- * Office Administrator for Safeguarding
- * Caretaker for the Cathedral site

More details can be found on the Website:

Work with Southwark: Archdiocese of Southwark (rcsouthwark.co.uk)

Wedding Announcement

We are pleased to announce the wedding of
Przemek Staszyszak & Ellyn Maniwang
on the 1st February 2022

Westminster Cathedral Choir School is asking parents of boys with musical potential in Years 2 and 3 to consider becoming choristers at Westminster Cathedral. Further details can be found on the Parish Noticeboards or by contacting Lucy Auger at the Westminster Cathedral Choir School directly on 02077989081 or email lauger@choirschool.com.

Money Matters

Mass offering [loose collection]: £472

Altar Servers' Albs: Total so far £845

Thank you all for your kindness and generosity.

PARISH CONTACTS

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Safeguarding:	Pat Barber	catfordsg1@safeguardrcaos.org.uk

MASS FOR 3RD SUNDAY IN YEAR C

Entrance Hymn (Cantor only)

Entrance Antiphon

Cf. Ps 95: 1, 6

O sing a new song to the Lord;
sing to the Lord, all the earth.
In his presence are majesty and splendour,
strength and honour in his holy place.

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

Nehemiah 8:2-6,8-10

Ezra the priest brought the Law before the assembly, consisting of men, women, and children old enough to understand. This was the first day of the seventh month. On the square before the Water Gate, in the presence of the men and women, and children old enough to understand, he read from the book from early morning till noon; all the people listened attentively to the Book of the Law.

Ezra the scribe stood on a wooden dais erected for the purpose. In full view of all the people – since he stood higher than all the people – Ezra opened the book; and when he opened it all the people stood up. Then Ezra blessed the Lord, the great God, and all the people raised their hands and answered, ‘Amen! Amen!’ Then they bowed down and, face to the ground, prostrated themselves before the Lord. And Ezra read from the Law of God, translating and giving the sense, so that the people understood what was read.

Then Nehemiah – His Excellency – and Ezra, priest and scribe, and the Levites who were instructing the people, said to all the people, ‘This day is sacred to the Lord your God. Do not be mournful, do not weep.’ For the people were all in tears as they listened to the words of the Law.

He then said, ‘Go, eat the fat, drink the sweet wine, and send a portion to the man who has nothing prepared ready. For this day is sacred to our Lord. Do not be sad: the joy of the Lord is your stronghold.’

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 18(19):8-10,15

Your words are spirit, Lord, and they are life.

The law of the Lord is perfect,
it revives the soul.
The rule of the Lord is to be trusted,
it gives wisdom to the simple.

The precepts of the Lord are right,
they gladden the heart.
The command of the Lord is clear,
it gives light to the eyes.

The fear of the Lord is holy,
abiding for ever.
The decrees of the Lord are truth
and all of them just.

May the spoken words of my mouth,
the thoughts of my heart,
win favour in your sight, O Lord,
my rescuer, my rock!

Your words are spirit, Lord, and they are life.

Second reading

1 Corinthians 12:12-30

Just as a human body, though it is made up of many parts, is a single unit because all these parts, though many, make one body, so it is with Christ. In the one Spirit we were all baptised, Jews as well as Greeks, slaves as well as citizens, and one Spirit was given to us all to drink.

Nor is the body to be identified with any one of its many parts. If the foot were to say, ‘I am not a hand and so I do not belong to the body’, would that mean that it stopped being part of the body? If the ear were to say, ‘I am not an eye, and so I do not belong to the body’, would that mean that it was not a part of the body? If your whole body was just one eye, how would you hear anything? If it was just one ear, how would you smell

anything?

Instead of that, God put all the separate parts into the body on purpose. If all the parts were the same, how could it be a body? As it is, the parts are many but the body is one. The eye cannot say to the hand, ‘I do not need you’, nor can the head say to the feet, ‘I do not need you.’

What is more, it is precisely the parts of the body that seem to be the weakest which are the indispensable ones; and it is the least honourable parts of the body that we clothe with the greatest care. So our more improper parts get decorated in a way that our more proper parts do not need. God has arranged the body so that more dignity is given to the parts which are without it, and that there may not be disagreements inside the body, but that each part may be equally concerned for all the others. If one part is hurt, all parts are hurt with it. If one part is given special honour, all parts enjoy it.

Now you together are Christ’s body; but each of you is a different part of it. In the Church, God has given the first place to apostles, the second to prophets, the third to teachers; after them, miracles, and after them the gift of healing; helpers, good leaders, those with many languages. Are all of them apostles, or all of them prophets, or all of them teachers? Do they all have the gift of miracles, or all have the gift of healing? Do all speak strange languages, and all interpret them?

Gospel Acclamation

Lk4:18

Alleluia, alleluia!

The Lord has sent me to bring the good news to the poor,
to proclaim liberty to captives.

Alleluia!

Gospel

Luke 1:1-4,4:14-21

Seeing that many others have undertaken to draw up accounts of the events that have taken place among us, exactly as these were handed down to us by those who from the outset were eyewitnesses and ministers of the word, I in my turn, after carefully going over the whole story from the beginning, have decided to write an ordered account for you, Theophilus, so that your Excellency may learn how well founded the teaching is that you have received.

Jesus, with the power of the Spirit in him, returned to Galilee; and his reputation spread throughout the countryside. He taught in their synagogues and everyone praised him.

He came to Nazara, where he had been brought up, and went into the synagogue on the sabbath day as he usually did. He stood up to read and they handed him the scroll of the prophet Isaiah. Unrolling the scroll he found the place where it is written:

The spirit of the Lord has been given to me, for he has anointed me.
He has sent me to bring the good news to the poor,
to proclaim liberty to captives and to the blind new sight,
to set the downtrodden free, to proclaim the Lord’s year of favour.

He then rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the assistant and sat down. And all eyes in the synagogue were fixed on him. Then he began to speak to them, ‘This text is being fulfilled today even as you listen.’

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 Hymn (Cantor only)

Communion Antiphon

Cf. Ps 33: 6

Look toward the Lord and be radiant;
let your faces not be abashed.

Recessional Hymn (Cantor only)



Arnold Mendoza R.I.P.

Your prayers are asked for the repose of the soul of
Arnold who passed away very recently.

The date of his funeral will be announced in due course.
Please keep Arnold’s family in your prayers at this time.

May he rest in Peace.