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HOLY CROSS CATHOLIC CHURCH

208 SANGLEY ROAD SE6 2JS

5TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

15TH MAY 2022



In today's Gospel we are returning to the scene of the Last Supper. After Judas had left Jesus tried to have a last conversation with his disciples. These are an effort to get his message of peace across. They are the next to last words of a man about to die.

Jesus says, "I give you a new commandment: love one another; just as I have loved you, you also must love one another. By this love you have for one another, everyone will know that you are my disciples."

Why did Jesus call what he said "a new" commandment? The message of love had been proclaimed long before. What Jesus was adding that was new was that our God first loved us; he showed his love in the person of Jesus, who was love incarnate. Being a model of humanity included his model of loving.

He tells us that being loved will enable us to love everyone. Then, he tells us that people we do not know, who are not his disciples will see us, will be drawn to us and through us, will be led to Jesus, to our God. This loving kingdom of God begins now – our future will not be some notion of "pie in the sky when you die."

Jesus left the upper room for the garden of Gethsemane where Judas would betray him with a kiss, so ironically a symbol of love. Jesus will play out the unfair hand he was dealt. He will pray on the cross for those who failed, pleading their ignorance. And us. We do the best we can with what we've got. We "do" lovingly, forgivingly.

School Signing In: If you have children of school age who require a parish priest reference for their school application, please note that from Saturday 21st May you will need to complete the signing in sheets that will be available at the school side entrance only, **every week** after Mass.

Repository (church shop): We are planning to open the church shop after all weekend Masses, and are looking for a responsible person from each Mass to run it. If you are interested and are able to help please contact Fr Antony.

Children and Baby Liturgy: We would really like to reinstate the Children's and Baby Liturgies during the 9am Mass. If you would like to join the catechist team, please contact Fr Antony.

Application Forms – 2022/23: The application forms for First Holy Communion, Confirmation and RCIA for next year, will be available from Monday 23rd May. Please collect the forms you require from Fr Antony after any of the weekday Masses. The deadline to submit your application form will be 23rd July. All programmes are due to start in September 2022.

HOLY CROSS CHILDREN'S

CHOIR: Remember that our Children's Choir will next sing on the 5th June and they will rehearse on the three previous, consecutive, Saturdays (May 21st and 28th, and June 4th). For those involved please be in church ready to start at 11am.

If you have a child who would like to be part of this Choir, please contact Rachael Wibberley or Francisca Dunbar: catfordsupport@rcaos.org.uk

First Holy Communion—Final Session and Celebration: This is to remind parents that the presentation of certificates is on Saturday 21st May, 10.00am in the church.

Canonization of Blessed Devasahayam Pillai: This weekend Fr Antony and a small number of parishioners will be travelling to Rome to witness the Canonization of Blessed Devasahayam Pillai who came from the region of India where Fr Antony is from. Please keep them in your prayers. We return on Wednesday 18th May. Additionally we welcome Fr Dominic, and thank him for offering the Holy Masses in Fr Antony's absence.

Money Matters (Loose Collections)

Mass Offerings: £627
Priest Training Fund: £465

Thank you all for your kindness and generosity.

Class Teacher Posts

We are seeking inspirational class teachers to join our teams as we have one position at each School. We welcome applications from enthusiastic teachers who enjoy helping children to achieve their very best. Visits to either or both of the Schools are welcomed and encouraged. To book an appointment or for more information please contact our School Offices:

Holy Cross Catholic Primary School on 020 8698 2675
or email our School Business Manager at jwilson52.209@lgflmail.org

St. Augustine's Catholic Primary School on 020 8698 6083
or email our School Business Manager at admin@staugustines.lewisham.sch.uk

Further information can be found on the notice boards in the church porches.

Please Pray for the Sick:

Myra Hannon, Melanie Thomas, Gala Lobo, Pat Doyle, Florence Nosegbe, Lydia Joseph, Mary Emmanuel, Ian Durkin, Marian Perez, Susan Murphy, Ann Whittington, Jim Eggeton, Elfrida Wacholz, Martin Flatley, Bunty Kane, Rachael Pereira Wibberley, Eileen Embury, Joan Loughnane, Theresa Butler, Katie Bournier and Kitty Wilkinson.

If you would like a member of your family to be added to this list, please send us an email.

MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS

Sat 14th - Fri 20th May

Please see the noticeboards in each of the porches.

5TH SUNDAY OF EASTER 2022

Entrance Hymn (see board)

Entrance Antiphon

Cf. Ps 97: 1-2

O sing a new song to the Lord,
for he has worked wonders;
in the sight of the nations
he has shown his deliverance, alleluia.

First reading

Acts 14:21-27

Paul and Barnabas went back through Lystra and Iconium to Antioch. They put fresh heart into the disciples, encouraging them to persevere in the faith. 'We all have to experience many hardships' they said 'before we enter the kingdom of God.' In each of these churches they appointed elders, and with prayer and fasting they commended them to the Lord in whom they had come to believe.

They passed through Pisidia and reached Pamphylia. Then after proclaiming the word at Perga they went down to Attalia and from there sailed for Antioch, where they had originally been commended to the grace of God for the work they had now completed.

On their arrival they assembled the church and gave an account of all that God had done with them, and how he had opened the door of faith to the pagans.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalms 144(145):8-13a

I will bless your name for ever, O God my King.

The Lord is kind and full of compassion,
slow to anger, abounding in love.
How good is the Lord to all,
compassionate to all his creatures.

All your creatures shall thank you, O Lord,
and your friends shall repeat their blessing.
They shall speak of the glory of your reign
and declare your might, O God,
to make known to men your mighty deeds
and the glorious splendour of your reign.

Yours is an everlasting kingdom;
your rule lasts from age to age.

I will bless your name for ever, O God my King.

Second reading

Apocalypse 21:1-5

I, John, saw a new heaven and a new earth; the first heaven and the first earth had disappeared now, and there was no longer any sea. I saw the holy city, and the new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven, as beautiful as a bride all dressed for her husband. Then I heard a loud voice call from the throne, 'You see this city? Here God lives among men. He will make his home among them; they shall be his people, and he will be their God; his name is God-with-them. He will wipe away all tears from their eyes; there will be no more death, and no more mourning or sadness. The world of the past has gone.'

Then the One sitting on the throne spoke: 'Now I am making the whole of creation new.'

Gospel Acclamation

Jn13:34

Alleluia, alleluia!

I give you a new commandment:
love one another just as I have loved you,
says the Lord.

Alleluia!

Gospel

John 13:31-33,34-35

When Judas had gone Jesus said:
'Now has the Son of Man been glorified,
and in him God has been glorified.
If God has been glorified in him,
God will in turn glorify him in himself,
and will glorify him very soon.

'My little children,
I shall not be with you much longer.
I give you a new commandment:
love one another;

just as I have loved you,
you also must love one another.
By this love you have for one another,
everyone will know that you are my disciples.'

Offertory Hymn (see board)

Communion Antiphon

Cf. Jn 15: 1, 5

I am the true vine and you are the branches, says the Lord.
Whoever remains in me, and I in him, bears fruit in plenty, alleluia.

Communion Hymns (see board)

Recessional Hymn (see board)

Committed and Skilled Premises Officer

Required for September 2022

Full Time position

The Governing Body of the Aspire Federation wish to appoint a committed, enthusiastic and skilled Premises Officer for its Holy Cross Catholic Primary School

To arrange a visit, please contact the school office on 020 8698 2675 or by email on jwilson52.209@lgfmail.org

Further information can be found on the notice boards in the church porches.

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion: Please note that on the Feast of Corpus Christi (18th/19th June) you will be able to renew your commitment to the Mission of distributing Holy Communion. Please can you confirm which Mass you will be attending that weekend as Fr Antony is going to read out each of your names – please email or message Lisa O'Hara.

We are aware there are others who are not yet on any rotas. We hope you will renew your commitment as well so that we can take down your updated details.

Please consider visiting the sick and housebound; their spiritual welfare is an incredibly important part of our mission. We have a number of care homes and parishioners who are very keen to restart visits from Eucharistic Ministers. Please let Fr Antony know as soon as possible if you will be able to fulfil this request. Full training will be given.

PARISH CONTACTS

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(This week only: Friday from 10:00am)

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