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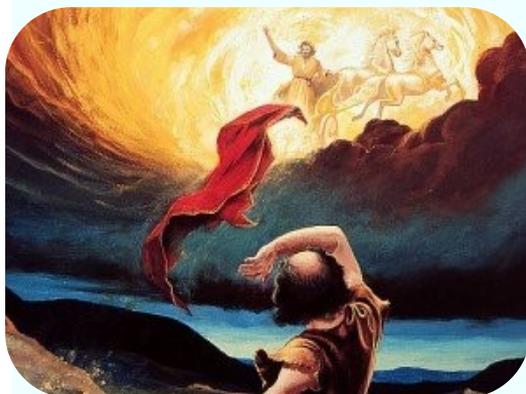
# HOLY CROSS CATHOLIC CHURCH

208 Sangley Road SE6 2JS



13TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

26TH JUNE 2022



Today's readings are similar in that they are about making decisive choices.

The prophet Elijah - thought by Jews to be the greatest prophet - was clearly impatient with Elisha when he wanted to say goodbye to his parents before setting out on his career as a prophet. Elijah took this delay to indicate a lack of resolve on Elisha's part.

Similarly in the Gospel some listeners approach to join Jesus. One would-be disciple claims that he will follow wherever he goes. Jesus is straight with him - consider the consequences! A follower must prioritise God's will over his own. Another man wants to "bury his father." Another wants to say his goodbyes. It reminds us of Elijah in the first reading. Jesus, in this different situation, calls him to single-mindedness. **No one can be a disciple of Jesus**

**while looking back at what is behind them and still move forward undistracted.**



## Many Thanks Dear Bishop Patrick Lynch

A reminder that Bishop Pat is due to visit us for the solemnity of The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus this Friday (June 24th) and celebrate at the 7:00 pm Mass. Bishop Pat will be presented with the collections from this last week. It will be a personal gift from you to him,



Please pray for the peaceful repose of the soul of **Philomena Rajendram** who died recently. She was a long time parishioner of Holy Cross. May she rest in Peace.

**The Bethlehem Nativity Group** from Bethlehem, Holy Land, will be with us on this weekend 25<sup>th</sup> - 26<sup>th</sup> June to sell religious articles made out of Olive Wood to help and support poor Christian families.

## School Signing In

If you have children who will require a parish priest's reference for their school application (primary or secondary), please request a signing in application slip from a Welcome Minister. You will be given a family number and after each weekend Mass simply quote this number to the Welcome Minister who will register your attendance. It will be a great help for those who attend regularly to get a good reference.

## PRAYER TIME AT HOLY CROSS

**Rosary:** every Mon, Tues, Thurs after 9.15am Mass

**Divine Mercy Chaplet:** Wed after 9.15am Mass and Fri after 7pm Mass

**Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament:** every Friday from 6.30pm

**Confession:** every Friday from 6.30pm

**Night Prayer:** everyday [except Sat] at 9pm via Zoom [username: 7578777461 and password 20212021]

**Holy Mass:** Mon to Thurs 9.15am; Fri 7pm; Sat [Vigil Mass] 6.30pm; Sun 9am and 11.30am]

## PARISH CONTACTS

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Please join our Adult Altar Server Team. Contact: [catfordsupport@rcaos.org.uk](mailto:catfordsupport@rcaos.org.uk)

## Mass Intentions: Please see the noticeboards for this coming week's Mass Intentions.

There are several unfilled slots for Mass Intentions going forward. If you wish to have a loved one remembered or celebrate another occasion please let the Parish Office know at [catford@rcaos.org.uk](mailto:catford@rcaos.org.uk), or fill out a brown Mass Intention Envelope which is available in the side porch, and hand to any of the Welcome Ministers. **Thank you.**

## Money Matters (Loose Collections)

Mass Offerings: £582 (Day for Life: £153)

**Thank you all for your kindness and generosity.**

# 13TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

**Entrance Hymn** (see board)

**Entrance Antiphon**

All peoples, clap your hands.  
Cry to God with shouts of joy!

**First reading**

**1 Kings 19:16,19-21**

The Lord said to Elijah, 'Go, you are to anoint Elisha son of Shaphat, of Abel Meholah, as prophet to succeed you.'

Leaving there, Elijah came on Elisha son of Shaphat as he was ploughing behind twelve yoke of oxen, he himself being with the twelfth. Elijah passed near to him and threw his cloak over him. Elisha left his oxen and ran after Elijah. 'Let me kiss my father and mother, then I will follow you' he said. Elijah answered, 'Go, go back; for have I done anything to you?' Elisha turned away, took the pair of oxen and slaughtered them. He used the plough for cooking the oxen, then gave to his men, who ate. He then rose, and followed Elijah and became his servant.

**Responsorial Psalm**

**Psalm 15(16):1-2,5,7-11**

*O Lord, it is you who are my portion.*

Preserve me, God, I take refuge in you.

I say to the Lord: 'You are my God.

O Lord, it is you who are my portion and cup;  
it is you yourself who are my prize.'

I will bless the Lord who gives me counsel,  
who even at night directs my heart.

I keep the Lord ever in my sight:  
since he is at my right hand, I shall stand firm.

And so my heart rejoices, my soul is glad;  
even my body shall rest in safety.

For you will not leave my soul among the dead,  
nor let your beloved know decay.

You will show me the path of life,  
the fullness of joy in your presence,  
at your right hand happiness for ever.

*O Lord, it is you who are my portion.*

**Second reading**

**Galatians 5:1,13-18**

When Christ freed us, he meant us to remain free. Stand firm, therefore, and do not submit again to the yoke of slavery. My brothers, you were called, as you know, to liberty; but be careful, or this liberty will provide an opening for self-indulgence. Serve one another, rather, in works of love, since the whole of the Law is summarised in a single command: *Love your neighbour as yourself.* If you go snapping at each other and tearing each other to pieces, you had better watch or you will destroy the whole community.

Let me put it like this: if you are guided by the Spirit you will be in no danger of yielding to self-indulgence, since self-indulgence is the opposite of the Spirit, the Spirit is totally against such a thing, and it is precisely because the two are so opposed that you do not always carry out your good intentions. If you are led by the Spirit, no law can touch you.

**Gospel Acclamation**

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

*Alleluia, alleluia!*

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

*Alleluia!*

**Gospel**

**Luke 9:51-62**

As the time drew near for him to be taken up to heaven, Jesus resolutely took the road for Jerusalem and sent messengers ahead of him. These set out, and they went into a Samaritan village to make preparations for him, but the people would not receive him because he was making for Jerusalem. Seeing this, the disciples James and John said, 'Lord, do you want us to call down fire from heaven to burn them up?' But he turned and rebuked them, and they went off to another village.

As they travelled along they met a man on the road who said to him, 'I will follow you wherever you go.' Jesus answered, 'Foxes have holes and the birds of the air have nests, but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay his head.'

Another to whom he said, 'Follow me', replied, 'Let me go and bury my father first.' But he answered, 'Leave the dead to bury their dead; your duty is to go and spread the news of the kingdom of God.'

Another said, 'I will follow you, sir, but first let me go and say goodbye to my people at home.' Jesus said to him, 'Once the hand is laid on the plough, no one who looks back is fit for the kingdom of God.'

**Homily**

**The Creed**

**Offertory Hymn** (see board)

**Holy, Holy, Holy / Memorial Acclamation / Lamb of God**

**Communion Antiphon** [Cf. Ps 102: 1]

Bless the Lord, O my soul,  
and all within me, his holy name.

**Communion Hymn(s)** (see board)

**Recessional Hymn** (see board)

**Please Pray for the Sick:** Joan Loughnane, Myra Hannon, Melanie Thomas, Pat Doyle, Florence Nosegbe, Lydia Joseph, Mary Emmanus, Marian Perez, Susan Murphy, Ann Whittington, Bunty Kane, Jim Eggeton, Elfrida Wacholz, Martin Flatley, Gala Lobo, Eileen Embury, Theresa Butler, Rachael Pereira Wibberley, Katie Bournier and Kitty Wilkinson. *If you would like members of your family to be added in the newsletter, please send us an email.*

**Application Forms – 2022/23:** The application forms for First Holy Communion, Confirmation and RCIA for next year are available.

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.

**Please note:** if you are studying in year 7 now, you can also join the Confirmation Programme this year.

**Bible Verse to Remember:**

He has told you, O man, what is good;  
and what does the LORD require of you  
but to do justice, and to love kindness,  
and to walk humbly with your God? [Mica 6:8]