

### MASS/PRAYER TIMES AT HOLY CROSS

**Holy Mass:** Mon to Thur 9.15am; Fri 7.00pm; Sat [Vigil Mass] 6.30pm; Sun 9am and 11.30am  
**Rosary:** every Mon, Tues, Thurs after 9.15am Mass  
**Divine Mercy:** Wed 9.45am and Fri 7.30pm  
**Adoration:** Friday from 6.30pm  
**Confession:** every Friday from 6.30pm



### HOLY CROSS CATHOLIC CHURCH

208 Sangley Road SE6 2JS  
**FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT**  
17/18 December 2022

#### PARISH MASS BOOK: 4th Sunday of Advent

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**Children's Choir:** Dear choir, your singing really helped us to pray well at the 9am Mass last Sunday. Many thanks and congratulations! Sincere thanks to your parents who support you in joining the choir.

#### Christmas Fayre:

Congratulations to **St Joseph's Council** who organised the Christmas Fayre last Sunday. It was a great opportunity to get together post-covid, before Christmas, as a Holy Cross community in our Hall. It was a success because it brought us together, helped us work together and inspired many to come forward to do something for our spiritual community. The collection also went beyond our expectations. The sum raised will be published in our next newsletter.

Our gratitude is due to Tina Ibe, Chair of St Joseph's Council, Lesley Allen and the Diamonds & TTT, the UCM, the Nigerian Community, the Filipinos... Many thanks again.



#### CHRISTMAS & NEW YEAR MASS TIMES

**CHRISTMAS EVE Saturday 24th**

**6:30pm:** Family Mass [children to dress as Crib characters]

**11pm:** Carols/Reflections

**Midnight Mass**

**CHRISTMAS DAY Sunday 25th**

**9am and 11:30am**

**NEW YEAR'S EVE Saturday 31st 6:30pm and Midnight Mass**

**NEW YEAR'S DAY Sunday 1st January 9am and 11:30am**

**Advent Morning Prayer:** Join us for the Morning Prayer of the Universal Church every morning at 6.30am in our church led by Luca Finaldi and team.

**Personal Daily Gospel Reflection by Parishioners:** St Paul's Council has initiated an amazing mission this year in our parish. During this Advent, everyday Advent reflections are written by our parishioners and sent via email and WhatsApp. The reflections are really praiseworthy. Many thanks to all who contribute to this effort. If you or your family would like to receive it, please register your interest at: <https://www.holycross-catford.org.uk/registration.php> or scan this QR code.

**New to Holy Cross?** Please click this QR code and follow the instructions given.

**Confessions:** On Friday 23rd December there will be confessions at 7pm after the 6:30pm Mass. We have a number of priests joining us on that evening so please do try to make use of this opportunity before the celebrations of Christmas.

**Altered Mass Times this coming week:** Please note, this Tuesday's Mass will be a Funeral Mass at 10:00am not 9:30am, and this Friday's Mass will be at 6:30pm not 7:00pm (see paragraph above).



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**Holy Family Feast at Holy Cross:** On Friday 30th December (Feast of the Holy Family) we will have a special celebration at our 7pm evening Mass for families in our parish. All families, of every age, are invited to come to the Mass that evening to give thanks for the gift of family. During the Mass, there will be a special consecration of families, and there will also be an opportunity to write down a prayer intention of your family and place them at the feet of the Baby Jesus in our church crib scene. All are welcome.

**Lost Items Box:** If you lose anything in the church, you may find it in the lost items box kept in the Welcome Corner near the Grotto.

**Suggestion Box:** There is now a suggestion box in the front porch of the church.

Please feel free to suggest anything about the parish or what the parish should be doing.

The suggestions will be regularly looked over and acted upon by Fr Antony or passed to the respective PPC team to take further, if appropriate. Some suggestions will be published here in the newsletter for information and updates.

**Want to Baptise your child?** Please meet with Fr Antony to receive the Application Form.



## You are...

Christmas is usually a noisy party: we could use a bit of silence, to hear the voice of Love.

Christmas is you, when you decide to be born again each day and let God into your soul.

The Christmas decorations are you, when your virtues are colours that adorn your life.

You are also a Christmas light, when you illuminate with your life the path of others with kindness, patience, joy and generosity.

The Christmas angels are you, when you sing to the world a message of peace, justice and love.

The Christmas star is you, when you lead someone to meet the Lord. You are also the wise men, when you give the best you have no matter who.

Christmas music is you when you conquer the harmony within you.

The Christmas gift is you, when you are truly friend and brother of every human being.  
A very Merry Christmas for all those who are Christmas.

## R.I.P.: Please pray for the peaceful repose of the souls of those who have recently died:

**Viona Gabriel**, whose funeral Mass will be at Holy Cross on Tuesday of this week at 10:00am.

**David Lewis**, the brother in law of Mary Lewis.

**Phyllis McDarby**, a former parishioner of Holy Cross.

**Christina Daly and John Pierre Sanguiez**

## Money Matters (Loose Collections)

Mass Offerings: £551.00 *Thank you*

**Please Pray for the Sick:** Gracey George, Vivianne, Myra Hannon, Dorothy Okonji-Okafor, Phil Obanya, Gala Lobo, Melanie Thomas, Pat Doyle, Lydia Joseph, Katie Bourner, Marian Perez, Martin Flatley, Florence Nosegbe, Susan Murphy, Eileen Embury, Mary Emmanuel, Kitty Wilkinson, Theresa Butler, Ann Whittington, Elfrida Wacholz, Rosa O'Connell, Jill Campbell, Rachael Pereira Wibberley, John Eastwood and Colin Maton.

**ADMITTED TO HOSPITAL?** - Contact Lewisham Hospital Catholic Chaplain directly on 020 8333 3299 In an emergency, please say to the staff that you would like to see a

**Mass Intentions:** For this coming week's Mass Intentions, please see the notice board. Thank you.