

Holy Cross Catholic Church

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5TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

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Catholic FAITH [part 7] – Fr Antony

For this week's Catechism, please read numbers 50-53 in the Catechism of the Catholic Church. You can find the text here: https://www.vatican.va/archive/ENG0015/_PF.HTM. Please discuss these reflection and questions in your families.

The Transmission of Divine Revelation [CCC 74 to 95]

God wants everyone to know and be saved through Jesus Christ. This message was first communicated through the apostles, who preached the Gospel Jesus taught. The apostles passed on their authority to their successors, the bishops, ensuring this message would be preserved for all time. This living transmission of God's Word is called Tradition [with a capital 'T'].

Tradition exists alongside Sacred Scripture (the Bible), both drawing from the same source – God. The Church, guided by the Holy Spirit, helps us interpret and understand both Scripture and Tradition. However, this authority, known as the Magisterium, doesn't create new teachings but faithfully protects what Jesus revealed.

Reflection:

- How does knowing that God wants me to be saved make me feel?
- Can you think of times when you experienced Tradition outside of just reading the Bible? (Examples: praying the Rosary, the Stations of the Cross, parish missions, etc.)

Questions to Discuss:

- What's the difference between Tradition and traditions?
- Why is it important for the Church to have a teaching authority (the Magisterium)?
 - How can we grow in our understanding of our faith?

Verses to Remember:

"He who hears you hears me" - Luke 10:16

"Go therefore and make disciples of all nations..." - Matthew 28:19

Dearest Parishioners of Holy Cross,

In this weekend's Gospel reading [John 15: 1-8], Jesus uses a beautiful metaphor: **He is the vine, and we are the branches.** This image teaches us that we are called to bear fruit, but not alone. Just as a branch needs the vine to survive, we need each other. By connecting with our fellow parishioners, sharing our gifts, and supporting one another, we flourish together. This unity is how we draw people to God and his Church. This week, let's reflect on how we can be stronger branches of the vine and bearing fruit for God's kingdom.

NEW PARISH WEBSITE We're excited to announce our new parish website, launching soon! This website will provide parish information and also serve as a resource for deepening your faith through catechism resources. A heartfelt thank you to Bruno and Vanessa Perez for their dedication in creating this valuable tool for our community.

Holy Cross Food Bank: A reminder that next weekend, 4 and 5 May, is our monthly Food Bank collection. Please bring any non-perishable food or unopened toiletries and leave them in the porch. We're also partnering with Lewisham Foodbank, so the Parish will be able to issue e-vouchers to those experiencing food insecurity. These vouchers offer immediate access to 3 days of food and provide a connection to support services. Please see Father, Lesley Allen or Helen Pearce for more information. We've created a flyer signposting local food banks and other support services. Find it on church noticeboards and in printed copies within the church porches, and please share it with anyone who might need support. Thank you to Helen Pearce for spearheading these important efforts within our parish!

Sunday Catechises and Bible Classes: It is my heart desire that we have these Sunday missions in our parish. For this, we need dedicated people joyfully coming forward to be Sunday Apostles of Holy Cross. We still need you. Please come forward.

Welcome Ministers of 9 am Mass: I'd like to extend a special thanks to our Welcome Ministers. These dedicated individuals enhance our 9am Mass every Sunday with their warm smiles and helpful presence. Many thanks to you dear Rob Dunbar [Lead], Leon Jackson and Irabor Kizito Ikhine.

Have a Happy Sunday and a Blessed Week Ahead. Fr Antony



Blue Missal Book - page 345

I confess... : page 453 **Gloria:** page 455
Creed(s): pages 458 - 459 **Our Father...**485

Prayer Time at Holy Cross
Holy Mass: Mon to Thurs - 9.15am; Fri - 7pm;
 Sat - 6.30pm; Sun - 9am & 11.30am
Rosary – Mon, Tue, Thu @ 9.45am;
Divine Mercy Chaplet – Wed @ 9.45am and
Fri 7.30pm
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament & Confessions: Fri 6.00pm

Night Prayer at 9pm
[Zoom]
 Meeting ID: 7578777461;
 Passcode: 20212021

Southwark Guild of St Stephen: The annual rally for Southwark Altar Servers is on May Day Bank Holiday, Monday 6 May 2024 at The Friars, Aylesford Priory. All altar servers are requested to participate in this event. A coach may be organised if we get sufficient numbers.

Youth Days (10-14 years) at St George’s Cathedral on Saturday 11 May. The day will include faith input, prayer, sports, games, pizza.

Retreat Days (13-17 years) on Saturday 15 June at Richard Challoner School, New Malden. These days are opportunities for teenagers to grow in faith and friendship in a fun environment.

Young Adults’ Masses at 6pm on the first Sunday of every month, followed by a social gathering (for those aged 18+) in the Amigo Hall, St George's Cathedral. Please contact Fr Antony for more information.

IMPORTANT DAYS TO REMEMBER

27 April at 10am	First Holy Communion rehearsal
27 April at 3pm 4:30pm	Confirmation Adoration & Confession prior to Confirmation Rehearsal
04 May at 11am	First Holy Communion Mass (Group 1)
05 May at 3pm	Confirmation Ceremony
11 May at 10am	Baptism Course in Hartley Hall
11 May at 11am	First Holy Communion Mass (Group 2)
11 May at 4:30pm	RCIA: Certificates & Celebratory Meal
12 May at 9am followed at 10am by	Mass Confirmation Bring and Share & certificates
18 May at 10am	First Holy Communion Final Session followed by Bring and Share celebration in the Hall

Baptism

This week we welcome into the Church
Layke Joseph Dudley Murdock
 Please keep Layke and his parents **Letitia and Aaron** in your prayers.

2nd Collection this week for the Maintenance and upkeep of St George’s Cathedral, the Mother Church of the Diocese.

MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS - Sat 27 Apr - Fri 3 May

SAT	6:30pm	Sean Ruxton R.I.P.
SUN	9:00am 11:30am	Tina & Jude Ibe and Family – Safe Journey Gillian Yhip R.I.P.
MON	9:15am	Mary Gallagher R.I.P.
TUE	9:15am	Ann Whittington - Wellbeing
WED	9:15am	Rachael Pereira Wibberley - Wellbeing
THU	9:15am	People of the Parish
FRI	6:30pm 7:00pm	Confessions and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament Mario Fina R.I.P.

Please Pray for the Sick: Mary Rand, Pat Doyle, Albert Young, Ivor Lewis, Graham Canelle, Sherine Sukhram, Vivianne Owens, Norma Jones, Myra Hannon, Colin Maton, Melanie Thomas, Katie Bourner, Florence Nosegbe, Aboa Claudine, Jo Rocca Smith, Susan Murphy, Eileen Embury, Kitty Wilkinson, Theresa Butler, Ann Whittington, Elfrida Wacholz, Jill Campbell, Pat Gallagher, Lydia Joseph, Elaine Williams, Abosede Titi Balogun, Elizabeth Goba, Baby Gwen Williams, Trish Keaveney, Leonie Nwawudu, Joe Green, Meesh Gemmell, Rachael Pereira Wibberley & Jessica O’Hara

ADMITTED TO HOSPITAL? - Contact Lewisham Hospital Catholic Chaplain directly on 07436051067. In an emergency, please say to the staff that you would like to see a Catholic priest.

SCAN AND JOIN OUR PARISH MISSIONS



YOUTH GROUP
 If you are 18 and above

UK & Ireland Basic Christian Community



Ivorian & French Speaking BCC

Nigerian Basic Christian Community



Information about other Basic Christian Communities to follow. Many congratulations to **St Thomas Basic Christian Community** who had their first gathering last Sunday. There was joy, sharing and Christian spirit. Many thanks.



MISSIO - It’s time to empty your boxes!
 Thanks to those of you who have been collecting for MISSIO using the RED BOXES. Please take a brown envelope (as shown) from the porch to empty your box into, fill out the details and hand to any of the Welcome Ministers or Fr Antony.

Money Matters - THANK YOU

Main Collection: £519
 Priests Training Fund: £375

Thank you to the anonymous donor who, once again, generously gave £600 in cash. We have forwarded this onto the charity **DMJ Friends of Ahotokurom**. For anyone wishing to know more about this charity, and how things are progressing, please call the UK Organiser Trudy on: 07977 978536.

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