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Dear Parishioner,

Today, I want to share a message of hope and redemption based on the first reading from Genesis 3:9-15. This passage speaks of the Fall of Man, a moment of disobedience and its consequences. Yet, within this narrative of sin, we find a glimmer of God's enduring love and promise of salvation.

When Adam and Eve hid from God, ashamed of their nakedness, God did not abandon them. Instead, He sought them out. He called, "Where are you?" This question echoes through the ages, reaching us even today. God is constantly seeking us, longing for a relationship with each of us.

In this story, we also see a promise of redemption. God speaks of a woman whose offspring will crush the serpent's head. This is the first

foreshadowing of the Messiah, our Saviour Jesus Christ. And at the heart of this promise is Mary, the Mother of God.

Mary, a young woman chosen by God, exemplifies obedience and faith. She willingly accepted God's plan, even when it seemed impossible. Her "yes" to God paved the way for our salvation. Like Mary, we are also called to say "yes" to God. We are called to embrace His plan for our lives, even when it challenges us. We are called to trust in His promises, even when faced with adversity.

May the Blessed Virgin Mary intercede for you, guiding you towards her son, Jesus Christ, our Lord and Saviour.

With every blessing, Fr Antony

A Special Call for all Adults wishing to be Confirmed: A Call to Conversion.

We want to make a special call to those adults who have been baptized but not yet taken the step to partake in the Sacrament of Confirmation.

At Pentecost, the apostles were showered with the outpouring of the Holy Spirit in a very special way: they were all literally confirmed at that moment! The effects of the gifts of the Holy Spirit are apparent and so it is today when people complete their Rites of Initiation.

Please use this special season of Pentecost to discern the calling of the Holy Spirit in your life and **take the step forward**. Please contact the church office catford@rcaos.org.uk.

Government Consultation – Removal of the 50% Cap on new faith schools

As you will all be aware, HMG Department for Education is currently running a consultation on ending the 50% Cap on admissions for new free schools. This has been a longstanding objective of the Catholic Education Service since the changes were introduced in 2010.

The consultation is running until 20 June and, notwithstanding the calling of the General Election for 4 July, it is essential that the Department for Education receives more positive responses than negative ones to have any chance of the Cap being removed in the future.

There is now a section on the Bishops' Conference website which has a short form people can fill in, which will submit a positive response to the consultation. Please participate in this campaign - <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/lifting-the-faith-schools-cap/>

Updated Lectionary

The updated Lectionary is due to be published and released by CTS in various published forms from 14 October 2024. We are proud that the CTS CEO, Pierro Finaldi, is from our parish.

The Lectionary is mandatory for use in the Liturgy throughout the Archdiocese from the First Sunday of Advent (1 December 2024).

The Lectionary may be used before that date. Using the English Standard Version - Catholic Edition of the Bible and the Abbey Psalter this edition makes more provision for inclusive language where possible and attempts to make the text more easily proclaimed in public.

IV World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly

'Do not cast me off in my old age' (cfr.Sal 71:9)

The fourth World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly will be celebrated on Sunday 28th July 2024. The theme chosen by the Holy Father - 'Do not cast me off in my old age' - is meant to call attention to the fact that, sadly, loneliness is the bitter lot in life of many elderly persons, so often the victims of the throw-away culture.

In this year of preparation for the Jubilee, which the Holy Father wishes to be devoted to prayer, the theme of the World Day is taken from Psalm 71, the plea of an elderly person who reflects on the story of his friendship with God.

By cherishing the charisms of grandparents and the elderly, and the contribution they make to the life of the Church, the World Day seeks to support the efforts of every ecclesial community to forge bonds between the generations and to combat loneliness, in the awareness that - as Scripture states - 'It is not good for man to be alone' (Gen 2:18)

For more information, and particularly for those involved in Marriage and Family Life ministry, please see the *Dicastery for Laity, Family and Life* website.

Blue Missal Book - page 729

I confess... : page 453
Creed(s): pages 458 - 459

Gloria: page 455
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

TUESDAY 11TH June 2024 (10am-2pm)



Hartley Hall,
Culverley Road, SE6 2LD
(Entrance also via Sangley
Road)

Diamond Club fundraiser -
plants, cakes, nearly new,
vintage clothing, fancy goods, raffle, hot dogs.

THE NEXT IN-PERSON BAPTISM PREPARATION COURSE DATE:

22nd June 2024 at 10:00am in Hartley Hall
The course dates for the remainder of 2024 are:
* 14th September * 23rd November

MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS - Sat 8 - Fri 14 June

SAT	6:30pm	<i>Immaculate Heart of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i> Esther Gilbride R.I.P. (UCM Intention)
SUN	9:00am 11:30am	Kathleen O'Sullivan – Birthday Thanksgiving Jessica O'Hara - Wellbeing
MON	9:15am	Thang Nguyen – Wellbeing and Thanksgiving
TUE	9:15am	<i>St Barnabas, Apostle</i> Rachael Pereira Wibberley - Wellbeing
WED	9:15am	Thierry Christian-Gnanakumar R.I.P.
THU	9:15am	<i>St Anthony of Padua, Priest & Doctor of the Church</i> Tony and Theresa Green R.I.P.
FRI	6:30pm 7:00pm	<i>Confessions and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament</i> People of the Parish

WINDRUSH
DAY

Bring
Some
Sunshine

NEAR
NEIGHBOURS
BRINGING PEOPLE TOGETHER

Windrush Celebration 2024

29th June, 11-4pm

St. Andrew the Apostle Church Hall
Sandhurst Road
Catford. SE6 1XD

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

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.

Baptism (Sunday 9th June)

This week we welcome into the Church

Antonio Maria Finaldi

Please keep Antonio and his parents
Rebecca and Simon in your prayers.

Ordinary Jubilee Year 2025

The Holy Father invites all Christians to become "pilgrims of hope". During the Ordinary Jubilee of 2025, the faithful may obtain a plenary indulgence, under the usual conditions, by:

1. Undertaking a pious pilgrimage: Visiting sacred Jubilee sites (e.g., Major Papal Basilicas, Holy Land basilicas, and local churches, which will be especially designated prior to the Jubilee.).
2. Participating in Holy Mass, engaging in Eucharistic adoration, meditation and other liturgical celebrations or devotions at Jubilee sites.
3. Carrying out acts of charity or mercy, both corporal and spiritual, especially by visiting those in need or difficulty.
4. The faithful can also obtain the Indulgence by observing penitential practices, such as abstaining from food, distractions, and donating to the poor.

Altar Servers' Trip

29 July - 1 August - Altar Servers' Trip for youngsters aged 11-16. This annual trip now takes place in the Westminster Diocese Youth Centre in Pinner.

A well organised, fun, educational and prayerful four days for altar servers or teenagers who regularly attend Mass at the weekend. A great opportunity to experience a packed programme, with faith-based activities plus sport and a visit to Thorpe Park. Cost £189.

For more details contact Fr Stephen Boyle:
dartford@rcaos.org.uk, telephone: 01322 220075.

SVP and CAFOD - working together in the run up to the General Election

As Catholics, we know that tackling poverty and injustice are among the most important issues politicians should act on. St Vincent de Paul Society and CAFOD have produced a guide for Catholics for the General Election, with suggested questions to ask candidates.

Please see cafod.org.uk/encounter or
svp.org.uk/encounter for more information.

HOLY CROSS ONLINE NEWSLETTER

Stay informed about the events in our parish with our weekly Parish newsletter delivered via email or available online. Please scan this QR to subscribe to our parish email database. Your email address will be kept anonymous.



Money Matters - THANK YOU

Main Collection: £618

2nd Collection next week for **DAY FOR LIFE**. The day the church dedicates to celebrating the sacredness of life. Proceeds provide core funding for the Anscombe Bioethics Centre and assist in other life related activities.

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