

Holy Cross Catholic Church

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Dear Parishioners,

In the first reading this Sunday [Numbers 11:25-29], we witness a profound moment where Moses, guided by the Lord, shares the Spirit with seventy elders, empowering them to prophesy and lead. **This act of decentralization not only lightened Moses' burden but also enriched the community with diverse voices and leadership.**

As we reflect on this passage, let us pray for our leaders to embrace a similar spirit of empowerment. May they find the wisdom and courage to share their mission, nurturing new leaders within our community. By doing so, we can collectively grow in faith and service, echoing Moses' wish that all the Lord's people be filled with His Spirit.

Parish Feast Days: The spirit and the joy of the first reading was vividly felt and experienced in the past two weeks in our parish. We celebrated our 120th anniversary of our parish by singing and praying in so many languages, came to Mass with our cultural shinning dresses, brought plenty of food and shared it with our parishioners... Remember that these are all an outward expression of the spiritual blessings we cherish through our parish as a community of God. The real success is the unity and harmony we enjoyed in these days of celebration. Psalm 133:1 says: **"Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity!"**

I personally experienced a great sense of community that grows in this unity and harmony according to the will of God. We are now growing in that spiritual friendship with one another, joyfully sharing our time, talents and treasures generously, and even taking these opportunities to forgive one another and start living according to the teaching of the Bible. Many blessings and congratulations everyone.

Special thanks to **St Joseph's Council** [Council for Evangelisation and Outreach] for planning and executing these celebrations. A large number of young people gave their support, especially helping the elderly and the needy and thank you to everyone and every community for bringing and distributing their delicious cultural food - you were indeed the taste of global cuisine. I am sure that you too enjoyed my Chicken Curry & Rice. It was the first time that I cooked 8 kg of chicken at one time!!! All photos of our feast days are with me and they will be published in due time.

Many thanks to everyone for sharing your gifts for the greater glory of God and the well-being of God's people.

Preparation for the Sacraments of First Holy Communion and Confirmation began last week with Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and Benediction. Please keep these children and young people in your prayers. Full attendance is compulsory, so parents you must ensure that your children attend all sessions, and participate with joy. Many thanks to our dedicated team of Catechists of Holy Cross.

Food Bank: Food bank items will be taken for distribution on the first weekend of each month - next weekend. But remember, your donations can be placed in the boxes in the porch of the main entrance at any time.

Knights of St Columba: This weekend, we invite you to consider joining the Knights of St Columba. As a Knight, you will have the opportunity to deepen your faith, serve our parish, and support those in need. Together, we can build a stronger community rooted in the love and teachings of Christ. Join us in this noble mission and become part of a brotherhood dedicated to making a positive impact. There will be an appeal during this weekend's Masses - we hope to see you there!

We are about to begin a new month, October, **the month of the Holy Rosary**. May this new month be filled with blessings for you and your families. **Fr. Antony**

RCIA Journey in Faith: If you are searching for God and want to find out more about the Catholic faith, or have been baptised but never confirmed or already a Catholic but simply want to deepen your faith, come and join us every Saturday afternoon, 4.30 -6pm. Our next session is Saturday 28th September in Hartley Hall.

We are a small friendly group meeting each year to accompany you in your faith journey. "Come and see" (Jn 1:39) and allow the Holy Spirit to take you on a life-changing journey!

Contact catford@rcaos.org.uk or see Fr Antony or Judy Chen after any Mass.



Blue Missal Book - page 795

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
Summer Holidays until
the beginning of
September

Next Sunday Bible Readings

1st Reading: Genesis 2:18-24 **Psalms:** 127
2nd Reading: Hebrews 2:9-11 **Gospel:** Mark 10:2-16

GOOD NEWS



Bishop Philip Moger has been appointed by our Holy Father as the new Bishop of Plymouth. Bishop Philip visited our Holy Cross parish three times during his 18 months with us as an Auxiliary Bishop. He offered Holy Masses, granted the sacrament of Confirmation, played music for the liturgy and participated in our Parish Feast. We thank him for all he has done in the Southwark Diocese

and our parish. We assure him of our prayers and best wishes for his new ministry.

Bishop Philip's farewell Mass will be at 6 pm on Friday, 1 November, at St George's Cathedral, which will also be a Solemn Mass of All Saints. Please participate.

The Newman Catechetical Certificate in Reasons for Faith

Interested in understanding the deeper reasons behind our beliefs? This certificate is perfect for anyone looking to deepen their faith or participate in catechetical ministry at the parish.

For more information about classes and bursaries, please contact info@lifeintruth.org.

Southwark Catholic Youth

The Southwark Catholic Youth Service has planned several activities for youth and young adults. For regular updates on upcoming events, please sign up to the network at www.tinyurl.com/scysnetwork or visit www.tinyurl.com/scysl.

For any queries regarding our youth activities, please contact youth@rcaos.org.uk.

Alter Servers' Meeting & Training

There will be training for "all" Alter Servers on the first Saturday of each month (starting Saturday 5th October).

This will be at 12 Noon, beginning with Pizza.



Bible Classes

It is our intention to start Children's Bible Classes. These will be held on the first and third Sunday of each month, immediately after the 9:00am Mass in Hartley Hall. The first of these classes will be on Sunday 20th October. Please put these dates in your diary and come along as a family.

MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS

		28 Sept - 04 Oct	05 - 11 Oct
SAT	6:30pm	Prima Louth - Wellbeing	Rachel Pereira Wibberley - Healing
SUN	9:00am 11:30am	Mrs Lydia Joseph - Birthday Thanksgiving Cyril & Michelle Mbaeri – 40 th Wedding Anniversary	John O'Neill R.I.P. Edna Bodman - Wellbeing
MON	9:15am	Jennifer & Errol Williams – 1 st Wedding Anniversary Thanksgiving	Rosa O'Connell R.I.P. (1 st Anniversary)
TUE	9:15am	All the Coughlan & Kenny Family Members - Wellbeing	Thomas Peter R.I.P.
WED	9:15am	Emmanuel Oluwapelumi R.I.P.	Beatrice & Philip Orodje - Marriage Blessings & Thanksgiving
THU	9:15am	Paddy Joe Conway R.I.P.	Fr Antony's Intentions
FRI	7:00pm	Grace Foluke Idowu R.I.P. & departed souls of Idowu & Eberendu Families	Thierry Christian-Gnanakumar R.I.P.

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

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.

Money Matters - THANK YOU

Collection: £658

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