

# Holy Cross Catholic Church

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## DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

6 / 7 Apr 2024

### Dearest Parishioners of Holy Cross,

After 40 days of spiritual preparation during the season of Lent, marked by prayer, penance, and acts of charity, we celebrated the glorious solemnity of the Lord's Resurrection with overflowing joy.

Remember, the blessings of Easter extend far beyond a single day. The Easter season lasts for a total of 50 days, culminating in the feast of Pentecost when the Holy Spirit descended upon the apostles, Mary, and the first followers of Christ. My sincere gratitude extends to all who contributed to our beautiful Easter celebrations: our devoted Church Care Team, Sacristans, Welcome Ministers, Readers, Eucharistic Ministers, Altar Servers, talented Singers and Musicians, the family who graciously arranged the flowers, the individual who skilfully hand-painted the Paschal Candle, and all of our wonderful parishioners. Many thanks to all families that faithfully grow their Family Palm and brought them to church for the palm Sunday decorations.

Your dedication and service made our Easter truly special. It was inspiring to see our church filled beyond capacity, a testament to the vibrant Pentecostal spirit alive within our community.



May these Easter blessings remain with us – in our hearts, our families, and especially within our parish family – not only during this Eastertide, but throughout our lives.

**On this blessed Divine Mercy Sunday**, our hearts overflow with the radiant light of God's infinite mercy. As Saint Faustina, the Apostle of Divine Mercy, reminds us, "Jesus, I trust in You!" This simple yet profound phrase encapsulates the essence of Divine Mercy – complete surrender and trust in God's boundless love and compassion.

Saint Faustina, in her profound writings, beautifully captures the call we all share: *"You are to be a constant reminder of My mercy to the whole world. Let everyone know of this great mercy of Mine, which overflows for the world."* (Diary of Saint Faustina, #699)

This Divine Mercy Sunday, let us not only bask in the grace Christ offers, but also become active channels of that mercy. Let us go forth from these doors

and be apostles of God's compassion in our world. Let us reach out to those in need, offering a kind word, a helping hand, or simply a listening ear.

In celebration of Divine Mercy Sunday, we invite you to join us for **an additional Mass at 3:00 pm today**. This special Mass will also include the prayer of the Divine Mercy Chaplet. As we celebrate God's boundless mercy, remember the message of Saint Faustina: "Be an apostle of Divine Mercy." Consider inviting your family and friends to experience the transformative power of Christ's love and forgiveness.

The Easter Vigil celebration also marked a momentous occasion for several individuals who received their baptisms, receptions of Holy Communion, or confirmations to signify the culmination of a beautiful journey of faith. We joyfully welcome **Francesca Tafri-Allen, Aaron Kong, Kieran Tresadern, Florence Obeng, Elli Elca De Havillain, Vanessa Borsatto, and Kristina Ika**.

We extend a special thank you to **Judy Chen** and her team for their dedication in accompanying these individuals on their spiritual path and providing the necessary catechesis to lead a life in Christ. *In Christ's Risen Light, Fr Antony*





**Your Easter Offering**

As is customary, your offering over the Easter Weekend were a personal gift to our Parish Priest, Fr Antony conveys his sincere thanks to you all for your Easter Offering

**Night Prayer at 9pm**

**[Zoom]**

Meeting ID: **7578777461**;  
**Passcode: 20212021**



Many thanks to Christ the King Sixth Form College for donating over 300 Easter eggs to deserving children and families, SVP, elders of Bring me sunshine and the local food bank . Thank you dear Lesley for coordinating this good mission.

**\*Saints' Corner Welcomes Statues from your Homeland!\***

As you journey back from your homeland or any sacred destination, we invite you to bring along a special statue for our Saints' Corner. Share the saints of your heritage with our community by bringing in a 12" statue for our sacred space. Your contribution will enrich our spiritual surroundings. Thank you for being part of this spiritual endeavour!



A big thankyou to Teresa Dunne for the little characters that she knitted as gifts for the young children who attended Mass over the Easter weekend.

**MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS - Sat 6 - Fri 12 Apr**

SAT	6:30pm	Bernard O'Neill R.I.P.
SUN	9:00am	<b>Divine Mercy Sunday</b>
	11:30am	Brendan and Tom Kilcoyne R.I.P.
	3:00pm	Genovieve Stanislaus R.I.P.
MON	9:15am	Maria and Anthony Zammit R.I.P.
		<b>The Annunciation of the Lord</b>
TUE	9:15am	Rachael Pereira Wibberley - Wellbeing
		Holy Souls – November List
WED	9:15am	John and Lydia Walsh & Family - Wellbeing and Comfort
THU	9:15am	<b>Saint Stanislaus, Bishop and Martyr</b>
		Thierry Christian-Gnanakumar R.I.P.
FRI	6:30pm	<b>Confessions and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament</b>
	7:00pm	Jijo and Dona - Thanksgiving

**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 Bournier, Florence Nosegbe, Joe Green, Aboa Claudine, Susan Murphy, Eileen Embury, Kitty Wilkinson, Theresa Butler, Ann Whittington, Elfrida Wacholz, Jill Campbell, Elaine Williams, Abosede Titi Balogun, Trish Keaveney, Jo Rocca Smith, Leonie Nwawudu, Elizabeth Goba, Lydia Joseph, Meesh Gemmell, Rachael Pereira Wibberley, Baby Gwen Williams & Pat Gallagher.

**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.

**CONGRATULATIONS AND BLESSINGS:**

We joyfully extend our congratulations to Nick and Rachael Wibberley on their new home! Last Wednesday we had the privilege of blessing their house and assisting with the installation of a fence in their garden. Special thanks to Fr Antony, Simon George and Pat Barber for giving their time in making this happen. We are grateful for Nick and Rachael's dedication to our parish through their musical talents, which greatly enhance our worship.



**OUR NEW PARISH LOGO**

We've developed a draft for our new Holy Cross parish logo, inspired by your suggestions. We'd still love your further feedback to make it truly reflect our community.



**Baptism Courses**

The course dates for the remainder of 2024 are:

- **11th May**                      **22nd June**
- **14th September**              **23rd November**

*Those wishing to have their child Baptised should see Fr Antony for a Baptism Application Form.*

**Food Collection Sunday at Holy Cross**  
**- weekend of 6/7 April.**

If you are able to donate, please leave any non-perishable items in the porch (Sangley Road entrance) and they will be collected and delivered to a local foodbank. The goods can be left any day after morning Mass and it will be stored until the actual collection day. A huge thanks to everyone who has helped by donating.

**How else can we help?**

We know not everyone is in a position to donate food – there are lots of other ways we can help too. Together we can all pray for justice and an end to hunger and poverty.

***May they Rest in Peace!***

**Jeanette Hawkins** [Funeral TBC]

**&**

**Mary Gallagher** Funeral 15th April at 9:30am

**Please keep them in your prayers.**



**RED MISSION BOXES:**

These will be collected after Easter. More information to follow.

**Money Matters - THANK YOU**

Holy Places £405  
 For the Poor £325

**PARISH CONTACTS**

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