

HOLY CROSS CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Please note: you will not be able to visit Fr Antony and the Parish Office throughout the lockdown time. Please contact the office via email or by telephone.

Fr Antony's Knee Surgery will be on 16 November at Queen Elizabeth Hospital. **Fr Jackson Sebastian** from Addiscombe parish will be in our parish for a week to help Fr Antony and to offer the Holy Masses. The Masses will be live streamed as usual. Live stream link:- <http://www.holycross-catford.org.uk/livestreaming.php> Please keep Fr Antony in your prayers that the surgery on his knee is successful and Father's recovery is swift.

Sunday Mass Readings

First reading: A perfect wife - who can find her?

Proverbs 31:10-13,19-20,30-31

A perfect wife – who can find her? She is far beyond the price of pearl. Her husband's heart has confidence in her, from her he will derive no little profit Advantage and not hurt she brings him all the days of her life. She is always busy with wool and with flax, she does her work with eager hands. She sets her hands to the distaff, her fingers grasp the spindle. She holds out her hand to the poor, she opens her arms to the needy. Charm is deceitful, and beauty empty; the woman who is wise is the one to praise Give her a share in what her hands have worked for, and let her works tell her praises at the city gates.

Responsorial Psalm: *Blessed are those who fear the Lord*

Psalm 127(128):1-5

Second reading: God will bring with him those who have died in Jesus

1 Thessalonians 5:1-

6 You will not be expecting us to write anything to you, brothers, about 'times and seasons', since you know very well that the Day of the Lord is going to come like a thief in the night. It is when people are saying, 'How quiet and peaceful it is' that the worst suddenly happens, as suddenly as labour pains come on a pregnant woman; and there will be no way for anybody to evade it. But it is not as if you live in the dark, my brothers, for that Day to overtake you like a thief. No, you are all sons of light and sons of the day: we do not belong to the night or to darkness, so we should not go on sleeping, as everyone else does, but stay wide awake and sober.

Gospel Acclamation

Mt24:42 44

Alleluia, alleluia! Even if you have to die, says the Lord, keep faithful, and I will give you the crown of life. Alleluia!

Gospel: You have been faithful in small things: come and join in your master's happiness

Matthew 25:14-30

Jesus spoke this parable to his disciples: 'The kingdom of Heaven is like a man on his way abroad who summoned his servants and entrusted his property to them. To one he gave five talents, to another two, to a third one; each in proportion to his ability. Then he set out.

'The man who had received the five talents promptly went and traded with them and made five more. The man who had received two made two more in the same way. But the man who had received one went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money.

'Now a long time after, the master of those servants came back and went through his accounts with them. The man who had received the five talents came forward bringing five more. "Sir," he said "you entrusted me with five talents; here are five more that I have made." 'His master said to him, "Well done, good and faithful servant; you have shown you can be faithful in small things, I will trust you with greater; come and join in your master's happiness."

'Next the man with the two talents came forward. "Sir," he said "you entrusted me with two talents; here are two more that I have made." His master said to him, "Well done, good and faithful servant; you have shown you can be faithful in small things, I will trust you with greater; come and join in your master's happiness."

'Last came forward the man who had the one talent. "Sir," said he "I had heard you were a hard man, reaping where you have not sown and gathering where you have not scattered; so I was afraid, and I went off and hid your talent in the ground. Here it is; it was yours, you have it back." But his master answered him, "You wicked and lazy servant! So you knew that I reap where I have not sown and gather where I have not scattered? Well then, you should have deposited my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have recovered my capital with interest. So now, take the talent from him and give it to the man who has the five talents. For to everyone who has will be given more, and he will have more than enough; but from the man who has not, even what he has will be taken away. As for this good-for-nothing servant, throw him out into the dark, where there will be weeping and grinding of teeth."

Tree of Remembrance: For the month of November, the Tree of Remembrance will be lit up and be present in the Church to shine on the names of those loved souls whom we shall be remembering.

Private Prayer Times The church will be open for private prayer on Sunday 15th November from 10am – 11am. You may also light a candle for the souls of your beloved ones.

Please pray for sick: Brian Conroy, Myra Hannon, Kaye Gray, Lydia Joseph, Pat Vessey, John Conway and Tommy Murphy. If you want the parish community to pray for the sick members of your family and to be added in the newsletter, please send us an email.

RCIA program 2020-21: The programme started yesterday [14th November 2020] via zoom link. Please contact Father Antony or the office catford@rcaos.org.uk [02086983672] or Judy Chen [drj_chen@msn.com] – It's not too late to register your interest.

During this lockdown, please be encouraged to join in prayer with others. Especially people who are by themselves. You can contact them by telephone and pray a Rosary or Divine Mercy Chaplet.

HOLY MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS [Fr Jackson Sebastian will offer weekday Masses]		
SUN 15	YouTube	Mary Monaghan R.I.P.
MON 16	10 am	Fr Antony Megalan Sellam (Wellbeing)
TUE 17	10 am	Manuelpillai Gnanapragasam R.I.P.
WED 18	10 am	Edwin Noronha R.I.P.
THUR 19	10 am	Elizabeth Anthony (Wellbeing) and Angela R.I.P. (sisters)
FRI 20	10 am	Jose Remberto Justiniano Morales R.I.P.
SAT 21	10 am	The presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary Anthony Noronha R.I.P.
Sun 22		Christ the King - Solemnity

Prayer of Pope Francis: Mary Most Holy, stir our consciences, so that the enormous funds invested in developing and stockpiling arms will instead be spent on promoting effective research on how to prevent tragedies [like Covid 19] from occurring in the future...

Beloved Mother, help us realize that we are all members of one great family and to recognize the bond that unites us, so that, in a spirit of fraternity and solidarity, we can help to alleviate countless situations of poverty and need...Make us strong in faith, persevering in service, constant in prayer. Amen.



Catholic resources:

Word on Fire: Is a website of Bishop Robert Barron who is famous for his talks and tv programmes regarding our faith. Please have a look at <https://www.wordonfire.org/>

Catechists and Parents, please note: The SDC website contains several resources that can be useful to teachers or catechists working with children or young people. The direct link to the resources section is www.sdc.me.uk/resources. Worksheets are available for Sunday liturgies: www.sdc.me.uk/sundayliturgy.

Parents, please use these resources to catechise your children at home.

A STEP-BY-STEP EXAMEN: Take a few moments to recognise that you are here with the Lord, to have a few minutes quiet time together... 'Reviewing our day can help us to grow in gratitude.

Try this simple exercise:

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