

Holy Cross Catholic Church

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2nd Sunday of EASTER
(Divine Mercy Sunday)
26/27 April 2025

POPE FRANCIS RIP



With heavy hearts, we mourn the passing of Pope Francis. His devotion to the poor, his calls for justice and environmental care, and his message of mercy deeply touched us. We feel a profound sadness at this loss. His simple life and powerful words inspired us to be better, to serve others, and to seek peace. We pray for his soul and for the Church during this time. May his legacy guide us. Let us come together in prayer on Friday, April 25th, at 6:00 PM at Holy Cross. All are welcome.

JESUS, I TRUST IN YOU



This Sunday we celebrate **Divine Mercy Sunday**. On this feast day, let us open our hearts to the boundless love and forgiveness of Jesus. Our prayers, acts of charity, and devotion will be a testament to the transformative power of His Divine Mercy. Please note there will be **an additional Mass at Holy Cross** this Sunday **at 3:00 PM**. The Blessed Sacrament will be exposed after the 11:30 AM Mass for personal prayer and the Divine Mercy Chaplet at 2:30 PM.
Holy God, holy Mighty One, have mercy on us.



A Heartfelt Thank You to Our Holy Cross Family

Words cannot fully express our gratitude for the truly prayerful and joyful celebrations of Holy Week. Your dedication and service transformed our parish into a true Easter Community, where countless souls encountered the Risen Lord in a deeply meaningful way.

A special thank you to our incredible Church Care Team, the inspiring Choirs, the dedicated Readers, the devoted Eucharistic Ministers, our ever-smiling Welcome Ministers, the reverent Altar Servers, the excellent MCs, and our meticulous Sacristans.

We extend our sincere appreciation to all the teams who led the moving Stations of the Cross, those who lovingly care for our Church plants, and those who beautifully decorated our church, creating such a sacred space.

Our heartfelt thanks to Bishop Pat Lynch, Bishop Paul Mason, Fr. Chris Connor and Fr. Milton Jacob for guiding us with inspiring retreats and liturgies, and to Canon Joe Collins for concelebrating the Triduum Masses, and to all the priests who generously helped us with confessions.

Finally, a massive thank you to our wonderful parish secretary, Jo Flahive, for her constant help, and to our exceptional pastoral secretary, Lisa O'Hara, who so expertly coordinated all the liturgical activities.

It was truly a collaborative effort, involving so many, that made these liturgical celebrations so worthy. Well done, everyone! Let us continue to grow together as this vibrant Easter Community.

I confess...: page 525 **Gloria:** page 531
Creed(s): pages 543 - 545 **Our Father...:** page 635

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

Next Sunday - Bible Readings

1st Reading: Acts 5:27-32, 40-41
2nd Reading: Apocalypse 5:11-14 **Gospel:** John 21:1-19

IMPORTANT DAYS REMEMBER UNTIL AUGUST

- 27 Apr - **Divine Mercy Sunday**, a special Mass offered at 3 pm
- 04 May - Confirmation Celebration - **Canon Victor Darlington**
- 04 May - Emmaus walk at 6 pm**
- 10 May - First **Holy Communion Celebration**
- 17 May - Baptism Preparation
- 25 May - **Archbishop John Wilson's** Mass
- 29 May - The Ascension of the Lord
- 01 June - Retreat on Sacred Music: **Canon Gerard Bradley**
- 07 June - Jubilee Year celebration with the diocese [Aylesford]
- 08 June - Pentecost
- 15 June - The Most Holy Trinity
- 21 June - Readers and EMHC Retreat
- 22 June - Corpus Christi & **Parish International Day**
- 27 June - Parish Quiz Night
- 29 June - SS Peter and Paul
- 01 July - **Bereavement Support Group** at 7 pm
- 13 July - Branches of the Vine - Post Confirmation Retreat
- 19 July - Baptism Preparation
- 15 Aug - Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Confirmation Celebration

On Sunday 4th May at 4:30 pm

Canon Victor Darlington

will administer the Sacrament of Confirmation at a special Celebration Mass. This sacred occasion marks an important milestone in the journey of faith of our Confirmandi.

It will be a day of profound blessings for all, and we pray that the grace of the Holy Spirit fills their hearts abundantly!

EMMAUS WALK



We will walk the streets - especially the **High Street** - in pairs on the **First Sunday evening of each month**, the first walk will be on 4th May, praying for our community. As we go, may we encounter Christ in every needy person we meet.

Join us in this spiritual mission to transform Catford into a place of peace, kindness, and God's presence. To take part, contact me or **Nick Wibberley, Chuz Eberendu, and Neville Fernandes.**

***"Pray for the peace of your city, for in its welfare you will find your welfare."** [Jeremiah 29:7]*

MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS

Sat 26th Apr - Fri 2nd May 2025

SAT	9:00pm	Matt Cleary R.I.P.
SUN	9:00am	SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER (DIVINE MERCY) Brendan & Tom Kilcoyne R.I.P.
	11:30am	Anna Maria Caruana and her Sisters R.I.P.
	3:00pm	Maria and Anthony Zammit R.I.P.
MON	9:15am	Rachael Pereira Wibberley - Healing
TUE	9:15am	Thang Nguyen – Thanksgiving in knowing the Will of God
WED	9:15am	Mr Graham Eric Canelle R.I.P. (1st Anniversary)
THU	9:15am	Bao Nguyen – Wellbeing and Healing
FRI	6:00pm	Confessions & Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
	7:00pm	Phyllis Cahill – Wellbeing and Healing

ELECTRONIC OFFERTORY PLATES

For your convenience in making your offerings, please consider using the electronic offertory plates located at the entrances of the church, or simply scan the **QR code**.



Thank you for your continued support!

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

ADMITTED TO HOSPITAL? - Contact Lewisham Hospital Catholic Chaplain directly on 020 8333 3299. In an emergency, please say to the staff that you would like to see a Catholic priest.



FUNERAL MASS DETAILS

for
 Canon Francis Leo Mooney RIP
Thursday 15th May at 11.00am
 St Augustine, Crescent Road
 Tunbridge Wells TN1 2LY

THIS WEEKEND'S SECOND COLLECTION:

Maintenance of Saint George's Cathedral

Saint George's Cathedral, Southwark, is the mother church of the diocese. This collection helps meet the cost of the upkeep of the cathedral. Thank you.

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