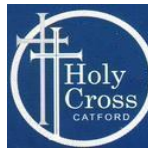


# HOLY CROSS CHURCH

1<sup>st</sup> /2<sup>nd</sup> December



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## MASS TIMES

Monday-Friday: 9.15am  
Saturday: 6.30pm Vigil Mass  
Sunday: 10.00am & 11.30am  
Reconciliation: Saturday 6pm

## HARTLEY HALL

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07835188411  
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## Special Ministers of Holy Communion

This weekend 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday (1<sup>st</sup>/2<sup>nd</sup> Dec)

6.30pm Lesley Allen, Pat Monaghan, Vacant

1) *Malcolm Jones* 2) *Eunice Conroy P* 3) *Pat Barber*

10am Iotha Lorde, Marigold Okor, Kathleen O'Sullivan, Shirine Sukran, Rafel Skrzyp

1) *Amos Kong* 2) *Frances Travers P* 3) *Rob Dunbar*

11.30am Jude Ibe, Anne Mellis, Cynthia Myers, Franck Anguibi

1) *Ngozi Adedji*, 2) *Lisa O'Hara* 3) *Vacant*

Next weekend 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday (8<sup>th</sup>/9<sup>th</sup> Dec)

6.30pm Myra Hannon, Prema Louth.

1) UCM, 2) UCM, P) UCM

10am Joe Baptiste, Caroline Cleary, Ossie Folkes, Cyril Mbaeri, Ray Williams.

1) *Kimberley Kong*, 2) *Ashley Lench P* 3) *Christina Savanmutti*

11.30 Jerome, Adedji, Mary Lewis, Vincent Okonji, John Walsh, Rosa Candita Simpkins.

1) *Elsa Pascal*, 2) *Frank Afful*, P) *Mitchelle Mbaeri*

**FINANCE** £900.50 plus £503 standing orders

Youth services £84.80 Many Thanks

Sat 6.30 pm Mary Monaghan *RIP*  
Sun **1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent**  
10.00 Tom & Brendan Kilcoyne *RIP*  
11.30 People of the Parish  
Mon **St Francis Xavier**  
9.15 Nora Williams *RIP* (Willaiams)  
9.40 *Rosary*  
Tue 9.15 Felix Rajan Thanasingham *RIP*  
9.40 *Rosary*  
Wed 8.50 *Rosary*  
9.15 Mr M F Rajendram *RIP*  
9.40 *Divine Mercy*  
Thur 9.15 Theresa Green *RIP*  
9.40 *Rosary*  
Fri **St Ambrose**  
9.15 Jim Foley *RIP* (Cleary)  
*Followed by Exposition & Benediction*  
Sat 6.30 UCM  
Sun **2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent**  
10.00 People of the Parish  
11.30 Denis Burke *RIP*

## MASS ON FRIDAYS

After Advent, the Friday Mass will return to 8pm

**Sacrament of Reconciliation:** In our parish, every week we have the opportunity to receive the Sacrament of Confession from 6pm before the evening Mass on Saturdays.

Also, two days in this Advent we will have special liturgy to prepare for Confessions; and priests from other parishes will be available for hearing Confessions.

**8<sup>th</sup> December** at 10am [for the Holy Communion Children, their parents and for others], and **21<sup>st</sup> December** at 7pm for everyone.

**Special Fridays during Advent:** In this season of Advent, we shall Mass at 9.15am followed by the exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Adoration and Benediction. Each week there will be special themes for reflection:

7<sup>th</sup> December: The Patriarchs and Prophets

14<sup>th</sup> December: John the Baptist

21<sup>st</sup> December: The Virgin Mary

All are welcome.

## DIARY DATES

**2<sup>nd</sup> December** –Ecumenical Service at St Laurence's 6pm

**4<sup>th</sup> December** –Parish Council meeting 8pm Hartley Hall, Upstairs.

**13<sup>th</sup> December** - Special Fundraising Christmas concert in the Hall 7.30pm

**16<sup>th</sup> December** - Decorating the tree in the church 3pm

**Friday 21<sup>st</sup> December** –Penitential Service 7pm

**Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> December** 7.15pm Youth SVP Dinner

**Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> December** Carol Concert 4pm followed by seasonal refreshments in Hartley Hall

**Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> January** 5pm Memorial Mass for Fr John Mulligan

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### **FUNDRAISER**

The Diamond club with guest stall holders the Young catholic mothers are hosting a mini Christmas fair on Tuesday 4th December 11- 3.30, fancy goods, nearly new, cake, home crafts and raffles, Massage and manicures. Please support!

### **EVERYONE WHO SHOPS AT THE CO-OP SANGLEY ROAD...**

Third Thursday Time has been selected to receive funds from the co-op community fund this year. If you are not already a co-op member we would be very grateful if you would join. If members log into their membership at [www.coop.co.uk/membership](http://www.coop.co.uk/membership) or telephone 0800 023 4708 with their card number and select us as your chosen cause. Thank you

### **MESSAGE FROM STELLA & PHILOMIN**

I wish to thank each and every one of you involved in the 6.30pm Saturday Mass for your support and help over the years, especially welcomers, altar servers, readers & Eucharistic Ministers. You are all wonderful and ready to serve the Lord. My wife Stella also wishes to thank the members of the Diamond Club, UCM, and their support over the years. Thank you and keep up your good work. Remember you are doing it for the love of God. Seasons greetings to each and every one of you at Holy Cross Catford.

### **RETIRING COLLECTION**

This weekend – Archbishop's Admin Fund Crib Collection – This year we will be sending any donations to 'The Catholic Children's Society'

### **YSVP**

Mon 3<sup>rd</sup> December 7-8pm in the Holland room  
Parents/carers to collect their young person promptly After the meeting. Thank you!

*Every Valley shall be exalted and every hill made low.  
And all God's people shall see together the glory of the Lord.*

**The season of Advent** which we begin today, is a season of hope, longing and joyful expectancy, but is also a penitential season. As we look forward to and prepare for the celebration of Christmas, we need to put our trust firmly in the risen Christ who said: "If you want to be a follower of mine, you must take up your cross and follow me." and "Fear not, I am with you always, yes, even to the end of time." So we must put our trust firmly in that promise, that he will always be with us as his family, the community of faith, and despite all the difficulties we are facing, he will also give us the grace and strength to continue to fulfil the mission of the Church to preach and live out the Gospel in season and out of season. Jesus seeks entry to our innermost lives in order that he may share his life with us. He stands at the gate and knocks. So during Advent I ask every parish in the Diocese to arrange, preferably on a Friday each week, to have adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and pray for those who have suffered abuse...**Archbishop Peter.**

### **PARISH SAFEGUARDING**

The safeguarding policy of Holy Cross, Catford is based on the principle that everyone in our community is welcome and loved.

We are lucky to have a vibrant parish, with many volunteers supporting our community groups. We appreciate that our leaders and helpers give their time freely and generously, and are committed to the physical, emotional and spiritual well-being of all children, young people and vulnerable adults in their care.

We welcome volunteers at Holy Cross and commit to giving all our employees and volunteers the appropriate support and training to ensure that their own safety and the safety of their groups. Our policy is in place to safeguard every member, leader and helper.

Everyone who works with children and vulnerable adults has a duty to help protect them. Our policy helps group leaders and members to identify people who might need to be referred to the Social Services, Police, NSPCC etc.), to protect themselves and learn how to keep themselves safe, and to ask for help when they need it. It's important that we recognise that abuse could happen in any - and our own - parish.

Our policy is available to read online, please read it and let's use it to build a stronger Holy Cross.

The parish safeguarding representative is Pat Barber.

Pat can be contacted at any time on **075980524024**

To find out more about log on to

[www.catholicsafeguarding.org.uk](http://www.catholicsafeguarding.org.uk)

[www.rcsouthwark.co.uk](http://www.rcsouthwark.co.uk) **There are also details on the noticeboard by the Lourdes grotto**

**PLEASE NOTE** The Parish office will be closed on Monday 3rd December