

# HOLY CROSS CATHOLIC CHURCH

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2<sup>nd</sup>/3<sup>rd</sup> November 2019 [31<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time]

**Parish Christmas Fayre for Sacristy Refurbishment:** Just four weeks until our Christmas Fayre, which is on Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> November from 11:30am - 2:30pm in Holy Cross School • The prize draw is our best fundraiser and the first prize is £500 • We ideally need 20 generous people to donate £25 each so if you would like to make a donation please put the cash or a cheque in an envelope marked FAO Fr Antony or Angela Allen (Many thanks to those who have donated already) • Draw tickets will be available this weekend after all Masses • Please start sorting out your cupboards and donate items that are in good condition and would appeal to others: books, fancy goods, china and glass etc • No jumble please • If you are able to volunteer to help in any way please add your name and contact details to the list at the back of the church • More details next week.

## Parish Contacts

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Holy Cross Bookshop, 02034418240  
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www.holycrossbooks.co.uk

**Holy Cross School** [020 8698 2675]  
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www.holycross.lewisham.sch.uk

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## Repository

To buy gifts and cards, the church shop is open after all weekend Masses.

Third Thursday Time **TTT**  
Email thirddthursdaytime@gmail.com

Finance: Loose £796.50 SO: £503.00

**Newsletter matters** to be sent to  
antonymegalan@rcaos.org.uk by Wednesday.

**Blessing of the graves:** we shall assemble at Hither Green Cemetery at 3.00pm on this Sunday [3<sup>rd</sup> Novemrber] afternoon for a prayer service of remembrance to honour our departed parishioners, relatives and friends.

**Extraordinary Ministers of Communion and Readers** You are invited to join Bishop Pat Lynch and Fr Saju Pinkkattu to attend a Day of Recollection on Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> November. This will take place at Bishop Thomas Grant School, and will begin with registration at 10.30am, ending with Mass at 3.00pm. It is encouraged that you attend and we would be grateful if you could let the parish office know as soon as possible if you can.

**Friends of Ahotokurom** would like to thank parishioners who supported or took part in the summer sponsored walk. Their fantastic efforts raised over £900 to support the work of Ahotokurom Rehabilitation Centre in Ghana. Thank you. This will make such a difference to the lives of young people with disability in Ghana. Well done all.

**Pray for the sick:** Let us pray for the sick including Mariam Philomin, Rose Calver, Charlie Hyam, Rose Calver, Agatha Lewis, Elizabeth Goba, Florence Nosgobie, Gala Lobo and Ann Whittington.

**Stewardship Gospel Reflection;** "But Zacchaeus stood there and said to the Lord, 'Behold, half of my possessions, Lord, I will give to the poor, and if I extorted anything from anyone I shall repay it four times over' " (Luke 19:8). We are all called to gratefully give back to the Lord in proportion to the blessings we have been given. This means everyone isn't called to give the same amount, but is called to give equal sacrifice. No amount is too small or insignificant! Open your heart, how is God calling you to be more generous with your financial resources and possessions?

**Requiem Mass:** The late Archbishop Michael Bowen's funeral will be on Monday, 4<sup>th</sup> November, at 12.30 p.m; Archbishop

John Wilson to preside; burial in the Cathedral Crypt at the end of the Mass. All are welcome to join us for the repose of the soul of Archbishop Bowen. Please also pray for Francis Faluyi whose Funeral Mass will be on Monday 11 November at 12.30pm. We also pray for his family at this difficult time.

**Holy Cross Quiz night:** It's time for our Holy Cross Quiz night on Thursday, 7<sup>th</sup> November, 7pm for a 7.30pm start £10 including Buffett supper. Soft drinks provided but bring your own alcohol if desired. Come on your own or book a table, teams of 8. Contact 07729785843. Hosted by parish UCM and Diamond club.

**Parish Council Meeting** – at 7.30 pm on Wednesday, 6<sup>th</sup> November.

**Meet Fr Antony** this week without an appointment: Tuesday and Wednesday from 10am to 12pm, and Friday from 5.30pm.

**NOVEMBER LIST 2019:** We always remember our beloved departed family members and friends. In November, it being the month of Holy Souls, we particularly remember and pray that the Lord embrace them with His tender love; deliver them from every evil and bid them enter eternal rest. Please put the list of names in a Holy Souls envelope and place it in the Holy Souls box. We will place all those names on the Altar and pray for those souls every day in the month of November. Your offerings will be used to offer Holy Masses for the Holy Souls throughout the year or be sent to other deserving parishes to offer the Holy Masses for the Holy Souls.

**THE CALL TO HOLINESS IN TODAY'S WORLD** [*Gaudete Et Exsultate* by Pope Francis]: This document outlines how Catholics living in an ever secular world can find the path to become holy. It highlights many Biblical teachings, such as St Paul's letter to the Hebrews 12:, which instructs Christians to "run with perseverance the race that is set before us". If you would like to read more of the document, follow the link below:



[http://w2.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/apost\\_exhortations/documents/papa-francesco\\_esortazione-ap\\_20180319\\_gaudete-et-exsultate.html](http://w2.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/apost_exhortations/documents/papa-francesco_esortazione-ap_20180319_gaudete-et-exsultate.html)

**How to request a Holy Mass Intention.** Find the Mass Intention envelopes at the back of the church. Complete the form on the front of the envelope, insert your offering (the diocesan suggested offering is £10) and return to Fr Antony, or post through any of the church letter boxes.

**Foundation Masses** A Foundation Mass is a Mass Intention that lasts for 25 years. Please give details for whom the Mass is offered - full name of living or deceased person, date and time the Mass should be said each year and your name and phone number. The cost is £300 (cheque made payable to RC Archdiocese of Southwark) and hand to Fr Antony.

**The Youth SVP** are holding a pizza event in Hartley Hall, on Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> November 2019 from 4.15 to 6.15pm. This event is for anyone between the ages of 12 & 18.

**Church Cleaning:** Have you ever wondered how it is that our church always looks clean and tidy? Wonder no more! It is down to a small dedicated team. Could you spare 1 hour every week to help keep Your Church clean? If so, please come and join us on Thursday mornings.

**Bible verse to remember:** The name of Christ will be glorified in you, and you in him [2 Thessalonians 1:12].

## Please join

**Rosary:** Mon Tues Thurs 9.40am / Wed 8.50am

**Chaplet of Divine Mercy:** Wed 9.40am

**Holy Hour this week:** Friday 7 pm

**Confessions:** Sat 6pm

The next Baptism course is on Saturdays 9<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> November at 10am in Hartley Hall. If you have sent in your application, please attend this course. You can only book your child's baptism once you have attended.

## MASS INTENTIONS

MASS TIME		This Week (2 <sup>nd</sup> – 8 <sup>th</sup> Nov)	Next Week (9 <sup>th</sup> – 15 <sup>th</sup> Nov.)
SUN	6.30 [Sat] 10.00 am 11.30 am	Virginia, Charles, Michael Francisca Noel R.I.P. Tom & Brendan Kilcoyne R.I.P. Thierry Gnanakumar R.I.P.	Deceased Members of the UCM Bridget Woods R.I.P. Genovieve Stanislaus R.I.P.
MON	9.15 am	<b>St Charles Borromeo, Bishop</b> Holy Souls – <b>People of the Parish</b>	<b>St Martin of Tours, Bishop</b> Thierry Gnanakumar R.I.P.
TUE	9.15 am	Dennis Burke R.I.P.	Lee Stephens Family R.I.P.
WED	9.15 am	Thanksgiving – Sr Faustina	Patrick Gaffney R.I.P.
THURS	9.15 am	Marilyn Williams - Wellbeing	Trudie Turnbull Wellbeing
FRI	7.30 pm 8.00 pm	<b>Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament</b> Anne Valton R.I.P.	<b>St Albert the Great, Bishop</b> <b>Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament</b> Julien Reggie R.I.P.