

Holy Cross Catholic Church

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7TH SUNDAY OF EASTER
11 / 12 May 2024

DAYS OF BLESSINGS



The celebration of the sacraments of **First Holy Communion** and **Confirmation** brings joy not only to our families, but also to our entire parish community. We rejoice as our children and young people receive these sacraments. We pray that they will always remain close to the Lord and bear abundant fruit that will last. Many blessings to their parents, who have joyfully guided their children to the Lord.

Last Monday, our dedicated **Altar Servers** participated in the Diocesan rally at Aylesford, traveling in style by coach. I'm sure they had a wonderful time on the journey! During the Holy Mass, they were honoured to receive their St. Stephen's Guild medals. They even showcased their skills on the field, winning second prize in the diocesan football match. A huge congratulations to the Altar Servers of Holy Cross!

Last Thursday, we celebrated the solemnity of the Ascension of our Lord. Next Sunday, we will celebrate Pentecost. May the spirit of wisdom, understanding, counsel, fortitude, knowledge, piety, and fear of the Lord guide us and our parish toward a life of fullness.

Fr. Antony



[Blue Missal Book - page 358](#)

I confess... : page 453 **Gloria:** page 455
Creed(s): pages 458 - 459 **Our Father...**485

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

IMPORTANT DAYS TO REMEMBER

11 May 2024 at 11am	First Holy Communion Mass (Group 2)
11 May at 4:30pm	RCIA: Certificates & Celebratory Meal
12 May 2024 at 9am Mass followed by	Confirmation – Bring and Share celebration & certificates
19 May 2024 at 9am Mass followed by	Final Session and Bring and Share celebration & certificates in the Hall

Please Note: The catechises on the Catechism of the Catholic Church will be continued after two weeks.

Many thanks to **Danato and Elene RIBAUDO** for being our photographer for the First Holy Communion and Confirmation celebrations.

Many thanks to all who support our **Food Bank** collections.

Many thanks to all who generously supported the **CaFod collection for Sudan**. The total collection will be given to you soon.

THE NEXT IN-PERSON BAPTISM PREPARATION COURSE DATE IS

11 May 2024 at 10:00am in Hartley Hall
 The course dates for the remainder of 2024 are:
 * 22nd June * 14th September * 23rd November



Children's Choir

♦ Rehearsing after 9am Mass on Sundays
12th & 26th of May.

New joiners welcome, aged 8 years and up.

Please see Helen or Francisca for more information.

HOLY CROSS ONLINE NEWSLETTER

Stay informed about the happenings in our parish with our weekly Parish newsletter delivered via email or available online. No matter where you are, you can keep up-to-date with the latest news and events. Please scan this QR code and you will be directed to subscribe to our parish email database. Your email address will be kept anonymous.



St Paul's Council Update: With a spirit of gratitude, we recognize **Ossie Folkes** for his tireless service in our parish for decades. His wisdom and unwavering dedication have positively shaped our parish community. Thankfully, Ossie will continue to share his gifts with us as an active Council member.

I'm delighted to announce that **Judy Chen** has graciously accepted the role of Council Chair. Judy, your enthusiasm for building a vibrant, welcoming parish rooted in the love of God is truly inspiring. We're so fortunate to have your leadership.

Please stay tuned for additional information about upcoming meetings and our shared missions.



Sincere thanks to our First Holy Communion

Catechists: Anne Mellis, Zdenka Vitale, Edel Fallon, Chuz & Ibidun Eberendu.

Many thanks to our **Confirmation Catechists:** Leon Jackson, Rhonda Jackson and Florence Avwunu.

Rest in Peace!

Graham Canelle [Funeral TBC]

Please keep Graham and his loved ones in your prayers.



Third Thursday Time is a mental health space hosting relaxing activities with the opportunity to socialise with other people. Come and join us in Hartley Hall for our next session on **16th May from 6-8pm** for massage, exercise and other activities.

2nd Collection this week for *World Communications Day*.

This collection supports the work of the Catholic Communications Network (CCN) which seeks to be of service both to the church and the world in offering professional channels of communication and helping to promote Gospel through the media.

Money Matters - THANK YOU

Main Collection: £574
 First Holy Communion: £234
 Confirmation Mass: £304
 CaFod [Sudan] - £1000 from a parishioner

PARISH CONTACTS

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MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS - Sat 11 - Fri 17 May

SAT	6:30pm	Martin Jo Flatley R.I.P.
SUN	9:00am 11:30am	The Holy Souls – November List Vivianne Irihari - Wellbeing
MON	10:00am	<i>Our Lady of Fatima</i> Tony Green R.I.P.
TUE	9:15am	<i>St Matthias, Apostle</i> Deinde Idowu – Wellbeing and Birthday Thanksgiving
WED	9:15am	<i>St John Stone, Priest & Martyr</i> Thang Nguyen – Wellbeing and Thanksgiving
THU	9:15am	Tony and Theresa Green R.I.P.
FRI	6:30pm 7:00pm	<i>Confessions and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament</i> People of the Parish

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

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