

Holy Cross Catholic Church

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PENTECOST SUNDAY

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The Power of the Holy Spirit

In the passage we heard from John's Gospel (John 15:26-27), Jesus addressed His disciples. The disciples heard Jesus' words from the beginning of His ministry while He was with them. Jesus' speech took place on the night before He was crucified. The disciples were so concerned about their future. Jesus knew about their concern and encouraged them with a promise of the Holy Spirit.

Jesus' mentioning of the Holy Spirit had a purpose. One of the Spirit's roles in the life of a believer is to provide courage in the face of persecution. Suffering often brings doubt. The Holy Spirit will testify to the truth of Jesus within believers and through believers to those who persecute them and others who witness the persecution.

Jesus knew the disciples would not understand what He said in this passage. They did not understand why Jesus was going to die. After Pentecost, the disciples remembered Jesus' words.



Jesus warned the disciples that they would face trials and persecution, but He didn't tell them about the nature and sources of their trials. It was not clear to the disciples that the Holy Spirit would come and give them comfort. Jesus knew that the Holy Spirit would bring the disciples to the truth. But He did teach them what the Holy Spirit would be and do after His ascension.

Jesus' earthly ministry revealed the presence of the Holy Spirit. But at Pentecost, the Holy Spirit was fully revealed as a constant presence, comforter, and counsellor for us, His people.

Most of us understand sin to be about behaviour, but the Holy Spirit knows sin is really about unbelief. Sometimes the most difficult thing to accept is that we've been wrong all along. That's because we have a natural tendency to defend our decisions at all cost. But when the time comes, and we're confronted with the truth, accepting it can be so hard. That's why it's so hard for people to accept Christ as their Saviour. Doing so would mean that everything they have believed in up to now is wrong. We have to be humble enough to admit what's true when we're faced with it, even if it means we're wrong (Mea Culpa). It's better to be late to the truth than to live a lie! Mea Culpa means "through my fault" or "I apologise" and we use it every day in our Mass as we confess our sins. This acceptance of truth is crucial for our spiritual growth, motivating us to strive for a deeper understanding.

MARRIAGE ANNOUNCEMENT

Our Best Wishes go out for the proposed wedding of:

*Chikelue Junior Chike-Obuekwe
and Anastasia Isioma Umerah*

27th May 2024, 11:30am at Holy Cross Church

New Here? Welcome, friend, to Holy Cross! Open your hearts to God's love, warm as sunlight through stained glass. Find fellowship in smiles and open arms, a community woven with faith and friendship. Come grow with us, cherish each other, and discover the joy of belonging. **This is your parish**, a haven of grace, waiting to embrace you. Peace be with you!



Congratulations to our First Holy Communion children who received the Blessed Host at a special Mass on 11th May 2024.

Blue Missal Book - page 362

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



Children's Choir - Next Rehearsal

After 9am Mass on Sunday **26th of May**.
New joiners welcome, aged 8 years and up.
Please see Helen or Francisca for more information.



Join us on **Friday the 7th June at 10 am - 12.30** for our parish walk of Mercy starting in church, we shall then walk gently around some of our community stopping and praying as we go for the many parishioners, sick and housebound and organisations and groups within our parish community. This will be followed by a welcome cup of tea and sandwich in Hartley Hall.

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 DATES TO REMEMBER

First Holy Communion
Saturday 18 May 2024
at 10am

Final Session &
Bring and Share celebration
in the Hall

Baptism Preparation:

Parents who would like to baptize their children, please follow these steps:

1. Obtain an Application form from Fr. Antony. The Parish Surgery is open on Fridays at 3pm and again at 8pm.
2. Submit your completed application form to the Parish Office, along with proof of Catholicism of at least one parent and all Godparents. Evidence can be a copy Baptism Certificate, Marriage Certificate in a Catholic Church or Letter from a Priest.
3. Completion of an on-line Baptism Course, a link will be sent to you which will contain Baptism preparation videos. **Completion of the on-line Course is required prior to attending the in-person Course.** The Parish Office will guide you once you have submitted your application form.
4. After the above requirements have been met, you will be asked to select a date for your child's Baptism.

THE NEXT IN-PERSON BAPTISM PREPARATION COURSE DATE IS

22nd June 2024 at 10:00am in Hartley Hall

The course dates for the remainder of 2024 are:

*** 14th September * 23rd November**

MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS - Sat 18 - Fri 24 May

SAT	6:30pm	<i>St John I, Pope & Martyr</i> People of the Parish
SUN	9:00am 11:30am	PENTECOST SUNDAY Theresa Green R.I.P. (Anniversary) Ilidio Oliveira R.I.P.
MON	9:15am	<i>Mary, Mother of the Church</i> Rachael Pereira Wibberley - Wellbeing
TUE	9:15am	<i>St Christopher of Magallanes, Priest & Companions</i> Brian Roshier R.I.P.
WED	9:15am	Thang Nguyen – Wellbeing and Thanksgiving
THU	9:15am	<i>Our Lord Jesus Christ, Eternal High Priest</i> Available for your Intention
FRI	6:30pm 7:00pm	<i>Confessions and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament</i> Available for your Intention

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.



Money Matters - THANK YOU

Main Collection: £576
World Communications Day: £118 1st Holy Communion: £218

FR. ANTONY AWAY: Father is currently away
13th May and returning by 2nd June, currently.

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

ADMITTED TO HOSPITAL? - Contact Lewisham Hospital Catholic Chaplain directly on 07436051067. In an emergency, please say to the staff that you would like to see a Catholic priest.

Rest in Peace!

Funerals at Holy Cross Church

Xaverie Derrick - Tues 21st May at 11:30am

Graham Canelle - Fri 24th May at 10:00am

Please also keep their loved ones in your prayers.



The car is full right up with food bank donations. Thanks so much to our Holy Cross Parish Family for your generous giving ❤️

Food Collection at Holy Cross

Thank you to everyone who left donations for this month's delivery to the Food Bank. There are boxes permanently placed in the front porch of the church for you to place your items whenever you're passing.

PARISH CONTACTS

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