

# Holy Cross Catholic Church

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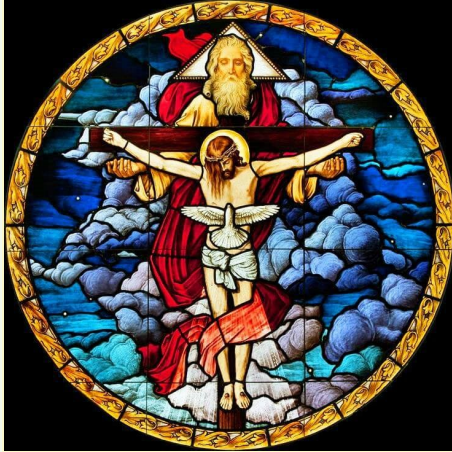
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## THE MOST HOLY TRINITY

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### *The Most Holy Trinity*



The arrest and crucifixion of Jesus was a deeply disorienting experience for his followers, ruthlessly dashing in a matter of hours the great hopes and dreams they all shared.

They had lost one they loved and admired to a brutal execution. To see Jesus alive after his death, which they naturally assumed had ended everything, must have been utterly astonishing. Nothing in their history or Jewish faith had prepared them for what was occurring. To say they struggled with understanding it all would be an understatement.

Directed to return to Galilee where Jesus would meet up with them, the disciples followed yet again, not knowing what they would encounter. The Gospel provides the narrative of the last recorded encounter of Jesus by the disciples and the final words of Jesus close the Gospel. Galilee was where it all began and Galilee, it seems, would mark the new beginning.

Having reunited with Jesus in Galilee, the disciples' response is somewhat peculiar. Upon seeing Jesus they worship. This part we understand; it makes sense given the circumstances of Jesus' resurrection and the preceding events. But they also hesitate through doubt. Worship is not typically associated with doubt. In fact, many feel that even if they do doubt, they cannot admit it. The text here does not so much focus on doubt, in the sense of unbelief, as it does on the contradictory beliefs that Jesus had died but was also alive. This is one case where their understanding of the world and the way that God had previously worked in it did not match with what they saw before them.

### *The Great Commission*

Jesus' parting words are commonly referred to as the Great Commission.

There are four "alls" in this text: Jesus has **all** authority given to him, we are to make disciples of **all** nations, we are to teach that we should obey **all** that he commanded during his earthly life, and the promise that closes is that he will be with us **always**. These four "alls" capture much of what the paragraph intends to communicate and also the central message of the Gospel of Matthew.

The text moves us from the disciples' insecurity and lack of understanding to focus us on the exalted Lord, who defines reality. The commission is for all of us who are part of God's people and incorporates the task of making us disciples with teaching and baptising. And perhaps most profoundly of all, Jesus promises that his presence will be with his people ..



“..TO THE END OF TIME”.

### Dear Parishioners

On this joyous Feast of the Holy Trinity, we celebrate the profound mystery of God's perfect unity in three persons: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. This very essence of God reminds us of the incredible power of unity within our own community.

### **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

Just as the Trinity exists in perfect harmony, so too are we called to live in fellowship with one another. I am deeply grateful for the way we came together during the recent Seasons of Lent and Easter. Your shared commitment made these holy times truly prayerful and meaningful.

Remember, this unity is not merely a seasonal sentiment. It is the fertile ground from which our faith flourishes. Let us continue to nurture this bond, for as the Gospel of John reminds us, "I am the vine; you are the branches. Whoever abides in me and I in him, he it is who bears much fruit..." (John 15:5)

*May the blessings of the Holy Trinity be upon you all. Fr Antony*

## [Blue Missal Book](#) - page 418

**I confess...** : page 453      **Gloria:** page 455  
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### 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



### 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 7<sup>th</sup> 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.

There will be a **Fundraising Plant and Table-top Sale at the Diamond Club meeting on Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> June.**

### MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS - Sat 25 - Fri 31 May

SAT	6:30pm	<i>St Bede the Venerable, Priest and Doctor</i> Lisa O'Hara – For her Private Intentions
SUN	9:00am 11:30am	<i>The Most Holy Trinity</i> Tony and Theresa Green R.I.P. Odete Azevedo R.I.P.
MON	9:15am	<i>St Augustine of Canterbury, Bishop</i> <i>Available for your Intention</i>
TUE	9:15am	<i>Available for your Intention</i>
WED	9:15am	<i>St Paul VI, Pope</i> Joseph Selvaratnam R.I.P.
THU	9:15am	People of the Parish
FRI	6:30pm 7:00pm	<i>The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i> Chris Fini—Thanksgiving for countless Blessings Received

### A Special Call for all Adults wishing to be Confirmed: A Call to Conversion.

We want to make a special call to those adults who have been baptised but not yet taken the step to partake in the Sacrament of Confirmation.

At Pentecost, the apostles were showered with the outpouring of the Holy Spirit in a very special way: they were all literally confirmed at that moment! The effects of the gifts of the Holy Spirit are apparent and so it is today when people complete their Rites of Initiation.

Please use this special season of Pentecost to discern the calling of the Holy Spirit in your life and **take the step forward**. Please contact the church office [catford@reaos.org.uk](mailto:catford@reaos.org.uk).

**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 Gemmell, Elaine Williams, Abosede Elizabeth Goba, Baby Gwen Williams, Jessica O'Hara & Rachael Pereira Wibberley

**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.

### Corpus Christi

Next weekend (1st / 2nd June) is Corpus Christi. Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion (EMHC) will be able to renew their commitment to the ministry at any of the Masses over the weekend.

### 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**

### Rest in Peace!

Funeral at Holy Cross Church

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

*Please also keep his loved ones in your prayers.*

### 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: £631

### PARISH CONTACTS

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