

HOLY CROSS CATHOLIC CHURCH

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13th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Newsletter – 29/30 June 2024

Dear Parishioners,

I hope you are enjoying the sunshine and the warmth of summer.

This weekend, we celebrate the Feast of Saints Peter and Paul, two extraordinary pillars of our Church. Though different in personality and approach, both Peter and Paul shared an unwavering devotion to Christ, using their unique talents and tireless efforts to proclaim God's glory and work toward the salvation of souls.

Their inspiring examples challenge us to reflect on our own lives and how we can use our individual talents and abilities to further God's kingdom. Let us also strive to emulate the enthusiasm and courage of Saints Peter and Paul in our own missionary works, spreading the message of love and hope to those around us.

May the blessings of Saints Peter and Paul be with you always.

In our reflection on the Catechises of the Catholic Church, we learn an important part of the Holy Mass: 'The Creed'. Please read the text from this link: https://www.vatican.va/archive/ENG0015/_P14.HTM

In Christ, Fr. Antony

Catholic FAITH [Part 11]

THE CREEDS [CCC 185 to 197]

The Creeds are short summaries of the essential truths of the Christian faith. They have been used since the early Church, especially for those preparing for Baptism. The two most important Creeds are the Apostles' Creed and the Nicene Creed.

The Apostles' Creed is considered a faithful summary of the apostles' faith and is the ancient baptismal symbol of the Church of Rome. The Nicene Creed comes from the first two ecumenical Councils and is shared by many Churches today. Both Creeds are important for understanding and deepening our faith.

- **Creeds are summaries of the Christian faith, expressing what we believe.**
- **They are divided into three parts, focusing on the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.**
- **The Apostles' Creed and the Nicene Creed are the two most important Creeds in the Church.**
- **Saying the Creed with faith connects us to God and the Church.**

Questions for Discussion: Which part of the Apostles' Creed or the Nicene Creed is most meaningful to you, and why?

First Holy Communion Certificates

Children who received the Sacrament of First Holy Communion this year will be presented with their certificates on the weekend of July 20/21st 2024, after each Mass. Please ensure your child attends Mass in their First Holy Communion garments to receive their certificate.

Confirmation Certificate Presentation

Join us for a special 9:00 AM Mass on Sunday, July 14th, 2024, as we celebrate our young parishioners who received the Sacrament of Confirmation this year. **All Confirmandi** are invited to attend and receive their certificates during this joyous occasion. We look forward to sharing in this milestone with you and your families!

St. Paul's Council Meeting (Formation and Evangelization)

Date: Thursday, July 11th, 2024; **Time:** 7:30 PM - 9:00 PM

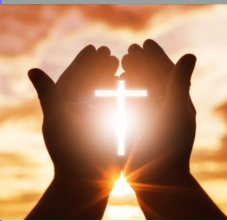
St. Paul's Council exists to help the faithful encounter Jesus Christ. Our motto is "...Until Christ is formed in us" (Gal 4:19).

To fulfil this mission, we will plan, organize, and provide training programs, including preparation for all the Sacraments. We will also organize retreats and seminars for our various parish groups, as well as opportunities for continuing formation after receiving the Sacraments. **Please join us!**

MEMORISE BIBLE VERSE

St Peter to Jesus: "Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life, and we have believed, and have come to know, that you are the Holy One of God." [John 6: 68-69]

St Paul says: "I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me". [Gal 2:20]



Mass for Deceased Clergy of Lewisham Deanery

A Holy Mass will

be offered to remember and pray for those priests and deacons who served in our Deanery and have now gone to their eternal rest in Christ.

Place: St. Saviour's Church, Lewisham **Date:** July 3, 2024 **Time:** 6:30 PM

All are welcome to join in prayer and remembrance.

Altar Servers' Training

Our parish is blessed with many dedicated altar servers, but we're always eager to welcome new members to this special ministry. If you have received your First Holy Communion, we invite you to join us in serving at the altar. A training session for all altar servers, both new and experienced, will be held on Sunday, July 13/14th following all Masses: **Saturday Vigil Mass: 6:30 PM; Sunday 9:00 AM and 11.30 AM.** Come learn more about this rewarding way to serve God and our parish community. We hope to see you there!

Birthday Blessings

Congratulations to Florence Avwunu, who is celebrating her 60th birthday this weekend. Florence has been supporting our parish for 20 plus years in Youth Work and as a Confirmation Catechist.

Happy Birthday dear Florence!

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, Titi Balogun, Susan Murphy, Eileen Embury, Kitty Wilkinson, Theresa Butler, Jo Rocca Smith, Ann Whittington, Elfrida Wacholz, Pat Gallagher, Lydia Joseph, Leonie Nwawudu, Meesh Gemmell, Elaine Williams, Abosede Elizabeth Goba, Baby Gwen Williams, Jessica O'Hara, Rachael Pereira Wibberley & Roger 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.

First Holy Communion, Confirmation, & RCIA

Interested in First Holy Communion, Confirmation, or the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)? Application forms are now available!

Meet Fr. Antony

Collect your form after any weekday Mass, including Friday, and take the opportunity to chat with our parish priest. We look forward to welcoming you and your family to these important steps in your faith journey.

Last Date to receive the Application Form is 28 July 2024.



Should we offer Holy Mass for the dead?

We can have Masses offered for those we've lost. No prayer is more powerful than the Mass, and there is no greater way to show our love for our dear departed than to have Masses said for them. In the Mass, not only their families but the whole Church pray for them. This is the ancient teaching of the Church, and the ancient practice of the faithful. Writing in the sixth century, Pope St. Gregory the Great noted that:

The holy Sacrifice of Christ, our saving Victim, brings great benefits to souls even after death, provided their sins can be pardoned in the life to come. For this reason the souls of the dead sometimes beg to have Masses offered for them.

How to request a Holy Mass Intention. Find the Mass Intention envelopes in front of Our Lady Chapel. Complete the envelope, (the diocesan suggested offering is £10) and place it in the box kept there.

Special Mass and Anointing of the Sick

To mark this special occasion, we invite you to a **Mass for the Elderly on Saturday, July 27th, 2024, at 3:00 PM.** During this Mass, we will also offer the sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick, a source of strength and healing for those facing illness or advanced age.

After Mass, please join us in Hartley Hall for light refreshments and companionship.

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 to subscribe. Your email address will be kept anonymous.



How to Look after the Holy Cross Palm Trees during this Summer: Place in a light area out of direct sunlight, as this will damage the leaves.

The growing medium should be moist, but allow it to dry out a little between waterings.

A lower temperature could affect the plant, they prefer a warm climate and are sensitive to draughts. Areca palms are best kept indoors. This plant humidifies air so making it ideal for offices or homes with dry air.

HOLY CROSS PARISH - FOOD COLLECTION

The next food collection will be on the first Sunday in July which is Saturday/Sunday 6th/7th July. All food donated will be taken to the Whitefoot and Downham Food Project.

If you are able to donate please bring an item of food to any Mass this weekend, and leave it in the bags at the back of the Church. Non-perishable goods only please. All donations - no matter how small - make a difference to help support those who are struggling.

Found Items: If you have lost something in the church, it may be in a box located at the Welcome Corner (near St. Mary's Grotto). If you recognize any of your belongings, please collect them. Due to the large number of items, they will be on display this weekend only, after which any unclaimed items will be donated to charity. Thank you.

Saints' Corner Welcomes Statues from your Homeland!

We extend our heartfelt thanks to the parishioners who have generously brought statues of saints from their homelands. These statues will soon find a place of honour in our Saints' Corner.

If you are traveling this summer, and your journey takes you to your homeland or another sacred destination, we invite you to consider bringing back a small statue to share with our community. A statue approximately 12 inches in height would be ideal for our Saints' Corner. By sharing the saints of your heritage, you enrich our spiritual environment and help us learn more about the diverse traditions within our faith. Thank you for your participation in this meaningful project!



MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS - Sat 29 June - Fri 5 July

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| SAT | 6:30pm | Florence Uvunwu - Thanksgiving |
| SUN | 9:00am | <i>Saints Peter and Paul, Apostles</i> Mrs Jen Cahill and daughter baby Agnes R.I.P. |
| | 11:30am | Mrs Jen Cahill and daughter baby Agnes R.I.P. |
| MON | 9:15am | Maria and Anthony Zammit R.I.P. |
| TUE | 9:15am | Darragh Brady - Wellbeing |
| WED | 9:15am | <i>St Thomas, Apostle</i> Anastasia and Chikaluy - Blessed Married Life |
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| THU | 9:15am | Ibidun and Julius Idowu - Healing |
| FRI | 6:00pm | <i>Confessions and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament</i> |
| | 7:00pm | Stipo, Ana, Vinko Jerković R.I.P. |