

Holy Cross Catholic Church

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Dear Parishioners,

In this Sunday's first reading from Genesis 2:18-24, we witness God's beautiful design for human relationships and the dignity of families. God recognizes Adam's need for companionship and creates Eve, symbolizing equality and mutual respect. This passage underscores the importance of unity in marriage, where man and woman become "one flesh," reflecting deep commitment and partnership. Families, as divinely ordained institutions, fulfill God's purposes on earth, embodying love, support, and continuity. This sacred bond forms the foundation of human society, emphasizing that families are central to God's creation and essential for human flourishing.

May God's blessings be upon all our families, filling our homes with love, peace, and unity.

My Seventh Year at Holy Cross: As I begin my seventh year with you at Holy Cross on the 10th of October, I want to extend my heartfelt gratitude to everyone for your unwavering support and prayers. Your dedication and faith have been a source of strength and inspiration. Thanks again.

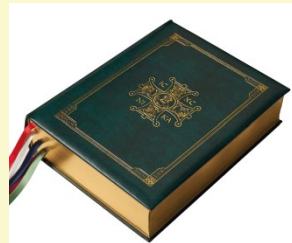
The Month of the Holy Rosary: October is dedicated to the Holy Rosary, a powerful prayer that brings us closer to the mysteries of Christ's life. We encourage all families to pray the Rosary together at home, fostering a deeper spiritual connection and unity within the family.

Bible Classes: We are excited to announce the start of Bible classes for children, young people, and parents. These will take place on the third Sunday of October (20th) after the 9 am Mass.

Day of Prayer and Retreat for St. Paul's Council: We invite all catechists to join us for a day of prayer at St. Paul's Council in Aylesford on Saturday 16th of November. The coach will leave from here at 8:30 am. This will be a special time for reflection, prayer, and fellowship.



New Lectionaries: The lectionary is being revised to make biblical translations more faithful to the original languages, using updated scholarship and ensuring the text is more easily proclaimed. The new lectionary will use the English Standard Version – Catholic Edition (ESV-CE) of the Bible and the Abbey Psalter. This version will be used in England, Wales, and Scotland, and includes an updated Proper of Saints with new universal and national feasts. The ESV uses inclusive language where it is faithful to the original text, ensuring clarity and inclusivity in liturgical settings.



We are pleased to announce that our parish has acquired the new Lectionaries (4 volumes – Ambo edition) and has also ordered 200 copies of Sunday Missals to replace the Blue Missals. Once the new Sunday Missals arrive, we will begin using the Ambo edition in our parish. The new Lectionaries will be dedicated during our weekend Masses for use in our parish liturgical celebrations.

RCIA Journey in Faith: If you are searching for God and want to find out more about the Catholic faith, or have been baptised but never confirmed or already a Catholic but simply want to deepen your faith, come and join us every Saturday afternoon, 4.30 -6pm. Our next sessions are on Saturday 5th & 12th October in Hartley Hall.

We are a small friendly group meeting each week to accompany you in your faith journey. "Come and see" (Jn 1:39) and allow the Holy Spirit to take you on a life-changing journey!

Catechesis Classes: It is crucial for all children preparing for their First Holy Communion and Confirmation to attend **all** the catechesis classes. These sessions are essential for their spiritual growth and understanding of the sacraments. If you have not received the timetable, please find it on the Parish Noticeboard.

Thank you for your continued support and participation in our parish activities. May we grow together in faith and love.

Blessings to all, **Fr Antony**

Blue Missal Book - page 799

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
Summer Holidays until
the beginning of
September

Next Sunday Bible Readings

1st Reading: Wisdom 7:7-11 **Psalms:** 89
2nd Reading: Hebrews 4:12-13 **Gospel:** Mark 10:17-30

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!

HOLY CROSS REPOSITORY [CHURCH SHOP]

Did you know we have a lovely **church shop** located at the back of the church, near the Saints' Corner?



Irene Iro [6.30 PM]

There you'll find a wide variety of spiritual items, including **books, statues, rosaries, Mass cards, and greeting cards.** It's a wonderful place to find a meaningful gift for yourself or a loved one. By supporting our church shop, you're not only sharing your faith but also helping our parish community. We invite you to visit the shop and discover all the treasures it holds! These are the people who are responsible for the Church shop.



James Beardow [11.30 AM]



Amaranna Agbonye [9 AM]

Altar Servers' Meeting & Training

There will be training for "all" Altar Servers on the first Saturday of each month (starting Saturday 5th October).



This will be at 12 Noon, beginning with Pizza.

School Sign-In: Please note that the School sign-in from now is only for those who are new to the parish or think that Fr Antony does not know you well. Sometimes people come and say that they are regular attendees, but Fr Antony may not recognize them. This is to ensure fairness to those who come regularly.

CAFOD Catholic Agency for Overseas Development

Family Fast Day 2024

Friday 4th October is CAFOD Harvest Fast Day. CAFOD's local experts help some of the most difficult-to-reach people in Africa, Asia, Latin America and the Middle East. Whether it's a single mother living in a remote area, a teenage boy living in a war zone, or a disabled father and daughter who are discriminated against, they help anyone regardless of faith, gender and ethnicity.

Envelopes were available from last weekend in the porches or you can donate online at: <https://cafod.org.uk/fundraise/family-fast-day?form=givetoharvest24>

MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS

	Sat 05 - Fri 11 Oct	Sat 12 - Fri 18 Oct
SAT 6:30pm	Rachel Pereira Wibberley - Healing	UCM Intention – Jenny & Paddy Giles
SUN 9:00am 11:30am	John O'Neill R.I.P. Edna Bodman - Wellbeing	Maureen Aigner R.I.P. (1st Anniversary) Laurentina Sobrado R.I.P.
MON 9:15am	Rosa O'Connell R.I.P. (1 st Anniversary)	<i>Available for your Intention</i>
TUE 9:15am	Thomas Peter R.I.P.	<i>Available for your Intention</i>
WED 9:15am	Beatrice & Philip Orodje - Marriage Blessings & Thanksgiving	Eleisha Maton – Birthday Thanksgiving
THU 9:15am	Fr Antony's Intentions	Maria & Anthony Zammit R.I.P.
FRI 7:00pm	Thierry Christian-Gnanakumar R.I.P.	Rachael Pereira Wibberley - Birthday Thanksgiving

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

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.

Money Matters - THANK YOU

Mass Offering [loose cash collection] : £520

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