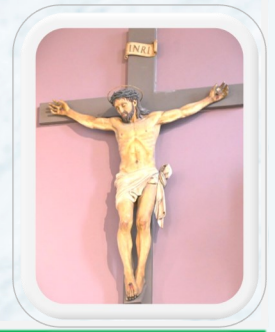




# Holy Cross Catholic Church

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29 Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year B)  
19/20 October 2024

## Dear Parishioners,

This weekend, we will reflect on how to meaningfully exercise the **priestly and kingly functions**, we received through our Baptism, in our daily lives. Jesus instructs His disciples, and us, on how to be good leaders with hearts like His. In other words, we are called to lead with good values and rule the hearts of people with love and compassion.

Jesus also foretells His Paschal Mystery and invites us to embrace our roles as priests by making sacrifices for the wellbeing of our families, our Church, and the world

**EMHC:** Last weekend, ten of our parishioners were commissioned as **Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion** at St. George's Cathedral. We cordially congratulate them and offer our prayers that they may serve worthily in the sight of God. They will receive their certificates of commissioning, issued by the diocese, during next weekend's Masses. We extend our heartfelt thanks to these individuals for taking up this sacred mission in our parish.

## Exciting News: Sunday Bible Classes Starting in Our Parish!

We are glad to announce the start of Sunday Bible classes in our parish! These classes will be held every 1st and 3rd Sunday after the 9 a.m. Mass in Hartley Hall during the school term.

The first session will take place this Sunday. The classes are open to children, young people, and adults. Together, we will explore the teachings of the Bible through action songs, engaging videos, and group discussions.

Everyone is welcome to join us for this enriching experience. We look forward to seeing you there!

This week, we are excited to restart the '**Catholic Faith**' section after a short break. Please take some time to read and reflect on it. You can find the online version of the Catechism of the Catholic Church here: [https://www.vatican.va/archive/ENG0015/\\_INDEX.HTM](https://www.vatican.va/archive/ENG0015/_INDEX.HTM). I also invite you to discuss and reflect on the question provided in the '**Family Discussion**' section with your families. Let's engage in meaningful conversations and deepen our understanding of our faith together.



## Catholic FAITH [Part 15]

### I Believe in Jesus Christ, the Only Son of God

[Please read Catechism of the Catholic Church, numbers: 422 to 451 ]

**Summary:** This section of the Catechism of the Catholic Church focuses on Jesus Christ, the central figure of Christianity. It explores His divine nature as the Son of God and His human nature as the Savior sent by God to redeem humanity. Jesus' life, death, and resurrection fulfil the promises made in the Old Testament.

The title "Lord" is a divine title attributed to Jesus, recognizing His supreme authority and power. It is used in Christian prayer and expressions of adoration. The name of Jesus is invoked in prayer, as a source of hope, healing, and salvation.

Understanding the person of Jesus Christ is essential for Christian faith. It involves recognizing His divinity, His humanity, and His role as the Savior of the world. By knowing and loving Jesus, Christians are called to follow His example, live in communion with Him, and share His message with others.

**Question for Family Discussion:** How does understanding that Jesus is both God and human impact your relationship with Him?

**Bible Verses to Remember [Phil 2:9-11]:** Therefore God also has highly exalted Him and given Him the name which is above every name, that at the name of Jesus, every knee should bow, of those in heaven, and of those on earth, and of those under the earth, and that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father



**All Saints' Day [Friday, 01 November 2024]:** In two weeks, we will celebrate the feasts of **All Saints' Day** on Friday, 1st November, and **All Souls' Day** on Saturday, 2nd November. On both days we will hold an additional morning Mass.

All Saints' Day Mass Times: 9:15am and 7pm  
All Souls' Day Mass Times: 9:15am and 6:30pm

Every year, we celebrate **All Saints' Day** with great joy as **our children dress up as saints**. I encourage you to continue this tradition during both Masses on Sunday, 3rd November. May our children always be inspired by the holiness of the Saints, as opposed to the more secular celebrations of **Halloween**.

You may find the costumes of saints online. Please remember that **All Saints' Day** is a **Holy Day of Obligation**.

With love and blessings, Fr Antony

**Blue Missal Book - page 807**

**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**  
 Join us using the Zoom  
 meeting ID: 7578777461  
 and Passcode: 20212021

**Next Sunday Bible Readings**

**1st Reading:** Jeremiah 31:7-9      **Psalms:** 125  
**2nd Reading:** Hebrews 5:1-6      **Gospel:** Mark 10:46-52

**World Mission Sunday:** This weekend, we celebrate World Mission Sunday, a special day when the Holy Father invites all Catholics to support Missio, his charity for world mission. Your generous contributions will help spread hope and provide essential support to communities in need around the world. To donate, please use the Missio envelopes available in the porch. Every donation makes a difference.

**Baptism**  
 On Sunday 20th October  
 after the 11:30 Mss we will  
 welcome into the church

**Caron Olivia Ben**

Please keep **Caron** and her  
 parents **Vinitha and Sisilet**  
 in your prayers



A huge THANK YOU to everyone who supported, baked, cooked, donated and helped make the MacMillan Cancer Support coffee morning a fabulous success.

An amazing **£643.02** was raised, which will go towards much needed support for cancer-stricken families.

It was a wonderful opportunity to see everyone, share cakes, delights and to enjoy a nice chat over a cup of tea or coffee.

Thank you so very much.

**Children's Choir this Sunday**



We are delighted to announce that the children's choir will be singing at the **9 a.m. Mass this Sunday**. Please inform your children and encourage them to sing in the choir. Through these initiatives, your children will receive God's blessings as they sing to glorify our God.



**On Remembrance Sunday**, in all Masses, for those people who died last year, **we will light candles**. Their photos will be displayed on a wall board inside the church.

On Sunday, 10 November, we will also hold a prayer service along with Lewisham Deanery parishes in **Hither Green cemetery** at 2.30 p.m. Please join.

**Holy Cross Coffee Mornings!**

We're incredibly thankful to our vibrant community members who have volunteered to host these heartwarming gatherings. Last Sunday, our **Ivorian and French-speaking friends** welcomed us with open arms. Many thanks.

Every **2nd and 4th Sunday**, we'll rotate hosts among the **Nigerian, Ivorian and French-speaking, UK and Irish, and Indian communities**.

These coffee mornings offer a fantastic chance to connect with fellow parishioners, enjoy delicious refreshments, and build lasting spiritual friendships. We look forward to seeing you there!

**MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS**

	Sat 19 - Fri 25 Oct	Sat 26 - Fri 1 Nov
SAT 6:30pm	Eileen & Patrick Hanlon R.I.P.	People of the Parish
SUN 9:00am	Bridget O'Neill R.I.P.	FOUNDATION MASS: All Departed Souls mentioned in Perpetuity at Holy Cross
SUN 11:30am	Peter & Maureen, Family Thanksgiving	Tony & Theresa Green R.I.P
MON 9:15am	Brian Roshier R.I.P.	Tony Green R.I.P.
TUE 9:15am	Emmanuel Oluwarpelumi R.I.P	Sister Mary Cathie - Healing
WED 9:15am	Tony Green R.I.P. (1st Anniversary)	Tony & Theresa Green R.I.P.
THU 9:15am	Repose of the souls of Victorio & Amelita Alcuino, & Thanksgiving & Wellbeing for Mahoney-Alcuino Family	Beatrice & Philip Orodje – Marriage Blessings and Thanksgiving
FRI 7:00pm	Grace Foluke Idowu R.I.P. & Departed Souls of the Idowu & Eberendu Families	9:15am People of the Parish <b>All Saints (Holyday of obligation)</b> 7:00pm People of the Parish <b>2 Masses</b>

**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, Mary Lewis 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**

Loose cash collection: £580

2nd Collection this week for **World Mission Sunday**

**PARISH CONTACTS**

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