

# Holy Cross Catholic Church

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Dear Parishioner,

Even though we can see the world with our physical eyes, we often miss the deeper mysteries of life that require our inner vision. This Sunday, we reflect on the Gospel reading where a blind man receives his sight from Jesus because of his unwavering faith. We also pray: “Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on us,” and in doing so, we receive the gift of seeing life as a wonderful blessing from God. Every person we encounter is precious, and we have a responsibility to use our gifts and talents for the greater glory of God and the wellbeing of His people and creation.

**Sunday Bible Class:** We are delighted to announce that nearly 50 participants joined our first Sunday Bible Class! A heartfelt thank you to everyone who made this possible. Our Bible class welcomes children, young people, and adults alike. It’s a wonderful opportunity to learn about God’s values, experience joy, and build lasting friendships. Join us next Sunday after the 9:00am Mass for another enriching session. We look forward to seeing you there! Please find our first Sunday Bible Class photos below.

**All Saints’ Day [Friday, 01 November 2024]:** 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 two Masses: in addition to our usual evening Masses, we will have morning Masses at 9:15am on Friday and Saturday.

In celebration of All Saints’ Day, we invite you to dress your children as saints. Costumes are available online, and adults are also encouraged to join in the fun and dress up as saints - why not? Everyone who participates will receive a special blessing next Sunday. We look forward to seeing your creative costumes! May our children always be inspired by the holiness of the Saints, as opposed to the more secular celebrations of Halloween. Please remember that All Saints’ Day is a Holy Day of Obligation.



**All Saints Party:** All children are invited to our All Saints Party at Hartley Hall on Friday, 1st November, from 11:00am to 2:00pm. Dress as your favourite saint and be ready to share something about them. Please bring some food to share, ideally related to a saint—there are plenty of ideas online. There will be fun activities and games, so come along and let’s make this important feast a memorable one. All First Holy Communion children are expected to participate, and other children are also welcome. Please give your name to me or Zdenka Vitale

*With every blessing, Fr Antony.*



**Blue Missal Book - page 811**

**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**

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**Next Sunday Bible Readings**

**1st Reading:** Deuteronomy 6:2-6      **Psalm:** 17  
**2nd Reading:** Hebrews 7:23-28      **Gospel:** Mark 12:28-34

**All Souls' Day** is a time to specially remember our departed loved ones, and we will pray for them throughout November. We will have a **Tree of Life** in the sanctuary, where you will be given a tag to write the names of departed loved ones of your family. We will respectfully place their names onto the Tree of Life and pray for them always.

Remembrance Board: We will place the photos of those who died in the last year on one of our noticeboards. We understand that a few of our parishioners lost their beloved ones in the recent past. Please give Fr Antony an A5 size photo of them and we will also place them on the board and pray for them.

**A plenary indulgence**, applicable only to the Holy Souls, may be gained once in any church either on All Souls' Day, on the preceding or following Sunday or on the Feast of All Saints, on the usual conditions, viz a visit to a church, where the Our Father and Creed are recited, sacramental confession, Holy Communion and prayer for the Holy Father's intention. Those who visit a cemetery between 1st and 8th November and pray for the faithful departed, may obtain a plenary indulgence, applicable to the holy souls (and at other times a partial indulgence).



**On Remembrance Sunday:** 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. In all Masses, for those people who died last year, **we will light candles.**

**Holy Cross Coffee Mornings!**



We're incredibly thankful to our vibrant community members who have volunteered to host these heartwarming gatherings. Last time, 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, after both the 9:00am and 11:30am Masses, offer a fantastic chance to connect with fellow parishioners, enjoy delicious refreshments, and build lasting spiritual friendships. We look forward to seeing you there!

**Rest in Peace**

Please pray for the peaceful repose of the souls of **Raffaele Iannaccone** [Funeral on 29 Oct at 12 p.m.] and **Madeline Edwards** [Funeral on 06 Nov at 12 p.m.]  
**May they rest in Peace.**

**Baptism**

On Sunday 27th October after the 11:30 Mass we will welcome into the church  
**Alice Lily Luneau**  
 Please keep **Alice** and her parents **Al Hyazinth** and **Dennis** in your prayers

**MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS**

	Sat 26 Oct - Fri 1 Nov	Sat 2 - Fri 8 Nov
SAT 6:30pm	People of the Parish	9:15am The Holy Souls <b>All Souls (Two Masses)</b> 6:30pm The Holy Souls
SUN 9:00am 11:30am	FOUNDATION MASS: All Departed Souls (of Holy Cross) Tony & Theresa Green R.I.P	Thierry Christian-Gnanakumar R.I.P. Mary Emmanus R.I.P.
MON 9:15am	Tony Green R.I.P.	Mary Foley R.I.P.
TUE 9:15am	Sister Mary Cathie - Healing	Rachael Pereira Wibberley - Healing
WED 9:15am	Tony & Theresa Green R.I.P.	Tony Green R.I.P. (1st Anniversary)
THU 9:15am	Beatrice & Philip Orodje – Marriage Blessings and Thanksgiving	In Loving Memory of Angela & Michael Rossi R.I.P.
FRI 7:00pm	9:15am People of the Parish <b>All Saints (Two Masses)</b> 7:00pm People of the Parish	7:00pm Matt Cleary R.I.P.

**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**

[Mass Offering] Loose cash collection: £443

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