

Holy Cross Catholic Church

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CHRIST THE KING - Solemnity
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Dear Parishioners,

On the Feast of Christ the King this Sunday, we celebrate the ultimate reign of love, peace, and justice. As a community of faith, we are called to be active participants in this kingdom, not just passive observers.

Jesus, our King, did not rule with force or fear, but with love and service. He washed the feet of his disciples, embraced the marginalized, and sacrificed his life for the salvation of humanity. We are called to follow his example, to reign in the hearts of others through our kindness, compassion, and unwavering faith.

Let us use our unique gifts and talents to build a more just and equitable society. Let us speak out against injustice, stand up for the oppressed, and work towards a world where everyone feels valued and loved. By living our lives as true disciples of Christ, we can reign in the hearts of our peers, our families, and our communities.



Prayer for Young People:

Heavenly Father,

On this Feast Day of Christ the King, we lift up our young people to You.

May they recognize Jesus as their eternal King and guide.

Fill their hearts with Your love, wisdom, and courage to follow His example of humility and service.

Help them to grow in faith, hope, and charity, and to shine as beacons of Your light in the world.

Protect them from every danger, and shield them from addiction to drugs and evil habits.

Grant them the strength to overcome challenges with grace. May they always seek Your will and find joy in Your presence.

We ask this through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Meeting Time: I am generally available at the parish, except when visiting the sick or attending meetings in the diocese or Deanery. The best time to meet with me is after the weekday Masses, including the Friday evening Mass.

READERS' DAY: As we prepare to introduce the new Lectionaries, which we will start to use from the first week of Advent, we will be holding a training session for all readers. This important training will take place on **Tuesday, 26 November, at 7:00 PM in Hartley Hall.**

We are honoured to have Piero Finaldi, the publisher of these Lectionaries for England and Wales, leading the session. Please make sure to attend this valuable training. We look forward to seeing you there! Children who are participating must be accompanied by their parents.

Spirituality Commission Advent reflections.: The Spirituality Commission will be sending daily reflections during Advent featuring Scripture, thoughts and prayers. You can sign-up to receive them directly into your inbox each morning here: tinyurl.com/adventreflections2024.

Men's Spiritual Exercises, 31 March – 5 April 2025: A 5-day retreat version of the Ignatian Exercises, offered specifically for men (whether lay or ordained), will be preached by the Benedictine Monks of St Joseph's Abbey, France. Founded in 1988, this community has retained its charism of a specific apostolate to men, and of engaging them through a shortened version of the Ignatian Exercises. Please contact me for more information.

Christmas Celebration for Children and Young People

We are delighted to invite all our children and young people to a special Christmas celebration during our Sunday Bible Class next week. Join us after the 9 am Mass for a festive gathering where we will watch a short video about the celebration of Christmas.

This is a wonderful opportunity to come together, participate, and receive God's blessings and wisdom during this joyous season. We look forward to celebrating with you!

Advent 2024: As we begin the season of Advent next week, may this time be filled with blessings, spiritual renewal, and the peace and joy that come from our faith. Let us prepare our hearts and minds for the coming of Christ, embracing the hope and love that this season brings. Wishing you a blessed and joyful Advent!

With every blessing, Fr Antony.

Join Us for the Holy Cross Parish Christmas Fayre!

Get ready for a festive celebration! Join us for the Holy Cross Parish Christmas Fayre on **Sunday, December 8th, after the 9 am and 11.30 am Masses** in the Hartley Hall.

We're seeking talented crafters, bakers, and entertainers to make this event extra special. Whether you have handcrafted treasures, delicious treats, or captivating performances, your contribution will make a difference.

Spread the holiday cheer to your communities and friends and sign up today!
[Please contact **St Joseph's Council** or the parish office]

Blue Missal Book - page 827

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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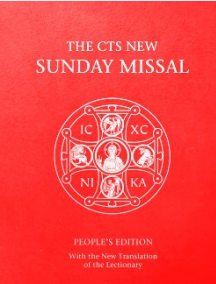
Next Sunday Bible Readings (NEW MISSAL)

1st Reading: Jeremiah 33:14-16 **Psalms:** 24(25):4-5b,8-9,10,14
2nd Reading: 1 Thessalonians 3:12-4:2 **Gospel:** Luke 21:25-28, 34-36

The New Lectionaries/Missals

The Bishops of England and Wales have adopted a new translation of the Scriptures for use at Mass and other liturgical celebrations. These new texts will be introduced from next Sunday.

We have received 200 new Missals for the congregation to use during Mass. These red Missals will replace the existing blue Missals. A short training session will be provided to parishioners on how to use it before each Mass on the weekend of the First Sunday of Advent.



Personal Copy: If you would like to purchase your personal copy of this new Missal, please contact the repository (church shop) and pay £30. Please remember that our **Church Shop** (repository) is open after all weekend Masses.

Blue Missals (old version): If you need them, please take them home and make a small donation to church when possible.

PARISH DIARY

- 23 Nov:** First Holy Communion & Confirmation Classes
 - 26 Nov:** Readers' Training
 - 30 Nov:** First Holy Communion Service of Reconciliation Confirmation Class
 - 01 Dec:** Sunday Bible Class
 - 08 Dec:** Parish Christmas Fayre
 - 12 Dec:** Setting up Christmas Tree in the church
 - 23 Dec:** Advent Confessions
- [more info about the Advent programmes to follow]*

Baptisms

On Sunday 24th November we will welcome two children into the Church.

Harel Ehizeme Edekin

&

Sochimaugomsinachi Ryan Obidinma

Please keep these children and their families in your prayers.



Children's Choir rehearsal this Sunday

The children's choir will be singing at the **9am Mass on 15th December.**

There will be a rehearsal for the children after this Sunday's 9am Mass. (**24th Nov**)

Rehearsal will be in the Hartley Hall Upper Room.

Please encourage them to attend the rehearsal.

Holy Cross Coffee Morning (after this Sunday's 9am Mass)



Every **2nd** and **4th Sunday**, we'll rotate hosts among the **Nigerian, Ivorian and French-speaking, UK and Irish, and Indian** communities. Others are most welcome to support this initiative. 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!

SECOND COLLECTION

This weekend there will be a second collection for Catholic Youth Services to support youth work in the diocese and beyond.

Mass Offering - Loose Cash Collection THANK YOU

3 Nov: £657 10 Nov: £741 17 Nov: £627

MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS

	Sat 23 - Fri 29 Nov	Sat 30 Nov - Fri 6 Dec
SAT 6:30pm	Chrissy Dollard R.I.P.	Rachael Pereira Wibberley - Healing
SUN 9:00am	Beatrice & Philip Orodje – Thanksgiving - 30th Wedding Anniversary & Philip's 60th Birthday	Mrs Joyce Joseph – Birthday Thanksgiving
11:30am	Cornelius Bonner R.I.P.	Special Intentions & Wellbeing for the Ibe & Okoro Families
MON 9:15am	People of the Parish	Beatrice & Philip Orodje – Marriage Blessings & Thanksgiving
TUE 9:15am	Mrs Margaret Ndeley-Barton – 70 th Birthday Thanksgiving	Lancelot Clapperton R.I.P.
WED 9:15am	Tony and Theresa Green R.I.P	Erica Canelle R.I.P.
THU 9:15am	Tony Green R.I.P.	Special Intentions & Wellbeing for the Ibe & Okoro Families
FRI 6:00pm	Confessions & Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament	Confessions & Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
7:00pm	Aaron Rodger Lean R.I.P.	Departed Souls of the Jijo & Dona Families R.I.P.

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

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