

**Catholic Parish of Holy Cross**

**Parsons Green**

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**30th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (Yr C) – 22nd / 23rd OCTOBER 2022 – WORLD MISSION SUNDAY**

**MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS**

**Sat 22nd Oct: 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)**

**5.30pm:** Tom Dunleavy RIP (anniv)

**Sun 23rd Oct: 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)**

**9.45am:** People of the Parish

**11.30am:** Adrian and Bryan Kalina (Ints) Confirmation today

**Mon 24th Oct: Feria, 30th Week, Yr 2**

**9.30am:** Ints of all mothers and Mothers Prayers Group *(Lorenzo De Nigris, birthday today)*

**Tues 25th Oct: Feria, 30th Week, Yr 2**

**9.30am:** Juana Farjardo RIP

*Weds 26th Oct – No Mass today*

**Thurs 27th Oct: Feria, 30th Week, Yr 2**

**9.30am:** Jack Burnell-Williams RIP

**Fri 28th Oct: Saints Simon & Jude, Apostles**

**9.30am:** Edmond Roche RIP (anniv)

**Reconciliation (Confession) –** The Sacrament of Reconciliation is available *on request* andbetween 4.45pm and 5.15pm on Saturday evenings, and from 10am to 10.30am every Friday morning (except in Aug)

**Online Live Streaming** **of Masses**

[**https://www.churchservices.tv/parsonsgreen**](https://www.churchservices.tv/parsonsgreen)and *also via* [**http://www.holycrosschurchparsonsgreen.org.uk**](http://www.holycrosschurchparsonsgreen.org.uk/)

Those confined to home or unable to get to Mass for any reason can participate from a distance and experience a closer bond with the parish community. During the celebration of Mass, you are encouraged to make an act of Spiritual Communion at Holy Communion time. Obviously, this does not replace the actual reception of the Holy Eucharist, but can be a moment of intense personal prayer.

*‘My Jesus, I believe that you are truly present in the most Blessed Sacrament. I love You above all things and desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot now receive You sacramentally, come spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there, and unite myself wholly to You. I fervently ask, never let me be parted from You. Amen.’*

**Church etiquette** – Out of respect for God, and for each other, please make every effort to arrive at Mass *in good time*. Kindly refrain from using your mobile phone to text or make/receive calls. The bins next to the various candle stands around the Church are for spent candle cases only. Please do not use them for coffee cups, food wrappers, bottles or used wet wipes/soiled nappies. Please use the bin in the toilet area or take nappies home with you in a bag. Many thanks to everyone for all the efforts we make to ensure that our Church is a prayerful, special and sacred space.

**Holy Cross Church Director of Music** – Mr Chris Potts is Director of Music for Holy Cross Church. Please see him after Sunday Mass or e-mail **cdr.potts@googlemail.com** if you have questions about music or are interested in singing at the Sunday morning Masses.

**SACRAMENTS and CATECHESIS**

**Baptism** - Before any child is baptised, Fr Michael would wish to meet parents, at least one of whom should be a baptised practising Catholic for a pre baptism interview. Please contact him directly by e-mail. **There is a reasonable expectation that Catholic parents requesting baptism for their child should be practising their faith by fully participating at Sunday Mass every week**, and live within the Holy Cross parish boundary.

**First Reconciliation/First Holy Communion:** Please contact Alexandra Fisher, the parish catechetical coordinator by e-mail (see address above) for any information you require.

**Confirmation for Young People:** Registration leading to the Sacrament of Confirmation for the Young People of our parish will take place early 2023. Please contact Alexandra, the parish catechetical coordinator by e-mail (see above) for any further information required about the next programme.

**Want to become a Catholic?** If you come to Mass at Holy Cross, and are not baptised; or perhaps have been baptised and belong to another Church/Christian community, but would like to be received and confirmed into the Catholic Church, please contact Fr Michael.

**Marriage -** Engaged couples seeking marriage in Church should inform Fr Michael at least **six** months before the intended wedding date so that there is enough time for all the necessary administration to be completed. This requirement applies to marriages taking place here in the parish, in other parts of the UK, and overseas.

**Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick -** is available to all those who seek healing in body, mind or spirit. Please contact Fr Michael if you would like to receive it, especially if you are going into hospital.

**Children’s Liturgy** – *during term time* only takes place weekly at the **9.45am Mass**. This is for children from **age 3 upwards to School Year 2**. Please bring your children to the side sacristy (by Our Lady’s Chapel) before Mass starts to be collected by their catechists. Please be on time, as children will not be admitted once Mass starts. They will return in time for the Lord’s prayer.

**Monday Club** - is a period of instruction and catechesis for children in primary school reception and Years 1/2 **(term time only)** who do **not** attend Catholic schools and takes place between 4.45pm and 5.45pm on Monday afternoons. This is for children of parishioners who are recorded on the parish register and who practise here at Holy Cross. For more information, please contact Alexandra, the parish catechetical coordinator at **alexandrafisher@rcdow.org.uk**

**Prayers** **and Mass intentions** - If there is anyone you wish to pray for, living or deceased, then please e-mail Fr Michael and he will include them in the prayers of our parish community. If you wish to have Mass offered for a particular intention, please also contact Fr Michael to make the arrangements. *Please make an offering with your request.*

**PARISH SAFEGUARDING OFFICER – Ms Julie OYOGOA**

**For any concerns regarding the welfare and safety of children please contact Julie at:**

parsonsgreen@safeguardrcdow.org.uk

## THE FELIX PROJECT - FOOD REDISTRIBUTION CHARITY IN LONDON FIGHTING FOOD WASTE AND HUNGER - 4.7 million adults in the United Kingdom struggle to afford to eat every day, 2 million children are at risk of missing the next meal. Meanwhile, our food industry generates 3 million tonnes of good, edible surplus food each year. The Felix Project is a London-based food redistribution charity set up in 2016 to tackle both issues. They rescue good, surplus food from the food industry that cannot be sold, and would otherwise go to waste. This is high quality and nutritious, including a high proportion of fresh fruit and vegetables, baked goods, salads, meat and fish. They collect or receive food from over 539 suppliers, including supermarkets, wholesalers, farms, restaurants and delis. They then sort and deliver this food to almost 1000 front-line charities, primary schools and holiday programmes in London. That way, food that would have gone to waste is reaching vulnerable people, the homeless, people with mental health challenges or those who simply cannot afford to buy regular, healthy food. The Felix Project believes in a vision of London where no-one goes hungry and good food is never wasted. And, together, they believe we can win the fight against food waste and hunger in London. At the 9.45am Mass this Sunday, we will welcome Aileen Thomson and Shane Dorsett from the Felix Project, who will be sharing some information about their work.

**November – Month of the Holy Souls** - During November, the whole Church traditionally prays for all the departed, especially deceased family, relatives and friends. Please write their names on the sheet available from the Church porch and place it in the brown envelope provided together with your offering and hand it to Fr Michael, one of the priests, Deacon Marco or Alexandra after Mass. Alternatively, post it through the door of the presbytery, 22 Cortayne Rd. The names of all your loved ones will then be remembered and prayed for at all the Masses throughout the month of November. The cemetery Mass at the North Sheen Cemetery Chapel will not go ahead this year, as the cemetery authorities have not made the Chapel available for use because of ongoing concerns regarding the spread of Covid.

**Solemnity of All Saints** – is on Tuesday 1st November, and is a Holy Day of Obligation. There will be a Vigil Mass on **Monday 31st October at 7pm. Mass on Tues 1st November will be at 9.30am only.** There is no evening Mass. Mass on the Feast of **All Souls** (not a Holy Day of Obligation) will take place at **9.30am** only on Wednesday 2nd November.

**The ‘Holy Cross’ Padre Pio Prayer Group** – invite you to their monthly prayer and reflection meeting will take place this time around at Holy Cross Church on **Thursday 27th October** from **7.45pm** with Father Matthew Donnelly. Please see the posters on the notice board in the Church porch and take a flyer for more detailed information from the wall bracket near to the statue of St Padre Pio.

**First Holy Communion 2023** – Registration is now open, and will close on **Sunday 30th October**. *No further applications will be accepted after this date.* Please contact Alexandra Fisher, the parish catechetical coordinator by e-mail (see address overleaf) for any information you require and a registration form, or speak to her after Mass. If you receive a form from Alexandra, please do NOT photocopy and pass it on to other parents. Parents who do not practise their faith at Holy Cross, and live outside the parish boundary, must contact their own home parish to register their child for First Holy Communion. *Thank you for your cooperation.*

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**Fulham Camerata Choir** – will perform Monteverdi Vespers *of* 1610 on **Sunday 20th November at 6.30pm** here at Holy Cross Church. Tickets £15 (plus 60p booking fee. Concessions at £10 plus booking fee) available from [**www.fulhamcamerata.com**](http://www.fulhamcamerata.com) of at the door on the night. This is a very beautiful but challenging work, and the Camerata will be accompanied by a six string quartet and a number of semi-professional singers.

**Catholic Children’s Society 2022 Christmas Appeal –** Thousands of local children and families are facing a Christmas without gifts, food and other basic essentials. Supporters of the CCS are asked to donate gifts which are distributed to those most in need – for example, toys, winter hats, scarfs and gloves, books, games, arts & crafts, sweet treats – and Gift cards (for example from Amazon, Argos, or any supermarkets) *Please note*: We can only accept brand new gifts which are in their original packaging. We would be very grateful if you could donate *before* **Sunday 4th December**, so that any gifts received can be prepared and given out in good time for Christmas. Please do not wrap your gifts, and bring them to the side sacristy of the Church near to Our Lady’s Chapel. Many thanks for your kindness and generosity and for further information, please see the posters in the Church porch. **https://www.cathchild.org.uk/**

**School References: How to obtain a ‘Certificate of Catholic Practice’ from Fr Michael** -If you are planning on asking Fr Michael for a reference from September, **please make sure he knows you**, and adhere to the following guidelines: **1**. All Certificates of Catholic Practice must be requested by e mail *only* **michaeldaley@rcdow.org.uk**Parents should please indicate what Mass they regularly participate in at the weekend. **2.** Fr Michael will require the full name of your child, date of birth and home address with postcode. **3.** A photograph of parents with their child must be submitted by e mail attachment. **4**. Parents must indicate how many references they require. *In accordance with the Diocese of Westminster General Data Protection Regulations (GDPR) all information and images used by the parish office will be deleted once certificates have been approved and completed.*

**PLEASE DON’T FORGET to support your parish financially –** Our Church and parish ministry needs your ongoing financial support to survive. The parish finance committee kindly ask parishioners to move away from giving cash or using Planned Giving Envelopes for the Sunday Collection. We are encouraged instead to take out a Standing Order or donate online. Our account details are: **WRCDT Holy Cross Parish Sort Code 40-05-20 Account Number: 81308408** or **https://parish.rcdow.org.uk/parsonsgreen/donate/** There is now an opportunity to make donations for the upkeep of the Church and parish by using a contactless payment device, which is situated in the porch, just before you enter the nave of the Church through the main glass doors. Please note that can also Gift Aid your donation on this device. The Offertory Collection has now returned to normal at all weekend Masses. Blue bags will be passed around, starting from the back of the Church and move forward, till they reach the front. They can then be left in the basket on the sanctuary steps. *Thank you for your continued financial support.*

**We pray for the faithful departed:** ***Recently deceased:*** *George Graves****,*** *Bernadette Keane****,*** *Margaret Monaghan, and all who have died because of war and conflict****.******Anniversaries:*** *Tom Dunleavy, Eileen Roche****,*** *Edmond Roche****,*** *Rosaline Boyle****,*** *Mary Ann Wilson, George Ndour, Angela Sills, Sandra Cousins, Pat im Thurn, Dominic Patrick Baffour.*

**We pray for those who are sick:** *William Corbilly, Monsignor Tom Egan, Olivia Park, Andrew Green, Maria* and *Peter Rozee, Jennifer Preston, John Healy, Sonia Foster, Ruth Doyle, Philippa Shiach* and all suffering and housebound people in our parish.