**Catholic Parish of Holy Cross**

**Parsons Green**

**Parish Office: 22 Cortayne Road, London, SW6 3QA**

**Website:** [**http://www.holycrosschurchparsonsgreen.org.uk**](http://www.holycrosschurchparsonsgreen.org.uk/)

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**Catechetical Coordinator: Mrs Alexandra Fisher Email: alexandrafisher@rcdow.org.uk**





**SOLEMNITY OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, UNIVERSAL KING – 21ST/22ND NOVEMBER 2020 (YEAR A)**

**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 an expectation that Catholic parents requesting baptism for their child should be practising their faith by participating at Mass every week, and live within the parish boundary.

**First Reconciliation/First Holy Communion Programme:** For all information, please contact Alexandra, the parish catechetical coordinator by e mail (see address above) Registration for the 2021 course is now underway.

**Confirmation for Young People -** The programme leading to the Sacrament of Confirmation for the Young People of our parish (School Year 9 and upwards, but no older than 18 years) will commence early in 2021. Please contact Alexandra, the parish catechetical coordinator who can be reached by e mail (see above) to register.

**Adult Confirmation -** If you are a baptised Catholic over 18 years old, but for whatever reason did not receive the Sacraments of First Holy Communion or Confirmation, please contact Fr Michael, who will instruct you about the process of completing the Sacraments of Initiation.

**Want to become a Catholic?** - If you come to Mass here, 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.

**Creche and Children’s Liturgy – Because of the ongoing pandemic, and the safety protocols we have in place in Church and in the Hume Centre (Parsons Green Nursery) please note that we are unable to provide a crèche or Children’s Liturgy during the 9.45am Sunday Family Mass until further notice.**

**MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS**

**All Masses will be Live Streamed at**

[**https://www.churchservices.tv/parsonsgreen**](https://www.churchservices.tv/parsonsgreen)

**Sat 21st Nov: Our Lord Jesus Christ, Universal King (A)**

**6.30pm Vigil:** John O’Connor RIP

**Sun 22nd Nov: Our Lord Jesus Christ, Universal King (A)**

**11.15am:** Gerald Doyle RIP, John Meenan RIP, Rita Scott RIP

**Mon 23rd Nov: Feria, 34th Week, Year 2**

**9.30 am**: Tiziana Larocca (health and well-being)

**Tues 24th Nov: St Andrew Dung Lac and companions, Martyrs**

**9.30am**: Mary Bailey (Ints)

*Weds 25th Nov – No Mass today*

**Thurs 26th Nov: Feria, 34th Week, Year 2**

**9.30am:** Grieving family of Daniel Harrison RIP

**Fri 27th Nov: Feria, 34th Week, Year 2**

**9.30am:** November Dead List RIP

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**Reconciliation (Confession) –** During lockdown, the Sacrament of Reconciliation is available *on request and* between 10am and 11am on Mon, Tues, Thurs and Fri.

**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

**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 them home with you in a bag. Many thanks to everyone for all the efforts we make to ensure that our Church is a more prayerful, special and sacred space.

**SAFEGUARDING**

**Parish Safeguarding Officers**

**Mrs Zoe Attard**: parsonsgreensg@safeguardrcdow.org.uk

**Ms Aisling McKeown:** parsonsgreensg2@safeguardrcdow.org.uk

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Year A: 34th Sunday in Ordinary Time: Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, Universal King - Gospel: St Matthew 25: 31-46 - The Church’s liturgical year draws to its close this weekend, and celebrates the Solemnity of “Our Lord, Jesus Christ, Universal King”. It reminds us that earthly kingdoms come and go and, even at the height of their power, rule over only a very small part of the created universe. Jesus’ reign however, is eternal and cosmic in its proportions. It is a reign founded on the principles of justice and integrity, where those who live according to the values of the Kingdom will feel at home, and those who do not will find it an alien place. Jesus is well aware of the differences between people and knows how they have lived their lives. This shows more clearly the kind of persons they are, than anything they might actually say. So, His criteria for separating people are based on what they **did** during the course of their lives. Those who quietly got on with Kingdom living - feeding those who were hungry, clothing those who were naked - visiting those who were sick or in prison - these people were taken to one side and told that, in fact, they had been doing those things to Jesus *Himself.* This came as news to them! Equally, those who had refused to do these things, were told that they had been neglecting to do it to Him. This came as a surprise to them too! The fact Jesus was pointing out to them - and to us - is a fundamental rule of Kingdom living. As members of the Body of Christ, what we do - one for another - heals and builds up that body. What we do *not* do - one for another - weakens and diminishes it. Jesus is a king invites us into the fullness of life that is His Life. Those who already live with that sense of mutual dependence will find this natural and delightful. Others, who see themselves as entirely laws unto themselves, with no real care for anyone, would find this intolerable. We all have choices to make, and as we know, choices have consequences! *‘Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.’* (Matthew 25: 40)

**Live Streaming** – has now been installed at Holy Cross Church, and is available via [**https://www.churchservices.tv/parsonsgreen**](https://www.churchservices.tv/parsonsgreen) and also the parish website [**http://www.holycrosschurchparsonsgreen.org.uk**](http://www.holycrosschurchparsonsgreen.org.uk/) Live streaming is available for the **6.30pm** Vigil Mass on Saturday, **11.15am** Mass on Sunday, and **9.30am** Masses on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday**.** This means that those confined to home and unable to get to Mass for any reason will be able to participate from a distance and experience a closer bond with the parish community. During the 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.’* **Some Masses will be recorded**.

**Catholic Children’s Society Benefactors’ Mass and Christmas Appeal** - Every year the Catholic Children’s Society(CCS) holds a special Mass for supporters and friends. This year’s Mass will be livestreamed from Holy Cross Church, Parsons Green on the **First Sunday of Advent, 29th November 2020 at 2pm**. Fr Michael is the Chair of Trustees of the CCS and will celebrate this Mass. CCS very much hopes that you can join him via Live Streaming at [www.churchservicestv/parsonsgreen](http://www.churchservicestv/parsonsgreen)  Also, every year, CCS supporters normally donate Christmas gifts which are then distributed to those most in need. This year, due to Covid-19, CCS are asking supporters to donate gift vouchers instead. They would be so grateful for any support you can offer. For more information, please contact Katie Waring on 020 8124 6782. For all information about the work of the Catholic Children’s Society see [www.cathchild.org.uk](http://www.cathchild.org.uk/)

**Friday Adoration** – A non-public Votive Mass in honour of the Holy Eucharist will take at 9.30am, *every* Friday morning during lockdown, followed by a period of private Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and closing with simple Benediction at 12 Noon. In keeping with the Covid 19 lockdown protocol, please note that there will be no singing or communal prayer, only private prayer. Fr Michael will be available for the Sacrament of Reconciliation between 10am and 11am.

**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 leave it in the baskets provided in the Church porch. Masses for those named will be offered throughout the month of November. Alternatively, post your envelope and offering through the door of the presbytery, 22 Cortayne Rd.

**Registration for Preparation for First Reconciliation & First Holy Communion 2021** - Registration for our Spring 2021 Programme is now open to Parishioners. You can request an application form, if your child is in Year 3 or above from September 2020, has been baptised Catholic and you and your child attend Mass regularly here at Holy Cross Church. Please email alexandrafisher@rcdow.org.uk with your request and include the following: 1) A copy of the baptism certificate for your child.  2)  A copy of the Catholic parent’s baptism certificates.

**The Holy Cross Charity Ball** – that was due to take place on Saturday 21st November 2020 has been cancelled because of the ongoing Covid19 pandemic. Full refunds for tickets purchased are available if you contact the parish administrator Mrs Annie D’Souza by e mailing her at  **parsonsgreen@rcdow.org.uk**  Please indicate whether you want a refund, or wish to donate the cost of your tickets to support the three designated charities which are Holy Cross School, the Fulham Bilingual School and the Chelsea Community Hospital School. Thank you for your understanding and your support, but in the current circumstances it cannot go ahead. Much appreciation to the Ball committee who worked so hard to promote this event and make it a success, and to all who gave prizes for raffle and auction. These will be kept for a later date.

**School References - How to obtain a ‘Certificate of Catholic Practice’ from Fr Michael** -The purpose of obtaining a reference from any parish priest to support a parental request for a child to gain admission to a Catholic School is to establish *regular* and *genuine* Catholic practice and a commitment to the faith, work and ministry of the parish community. 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 indicate what Mass they 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.*

**Financially supporting our Parish** - Over the past few months, most parishes have experienced the challenge of greatly reduced finances. Our parish needs your financial support to survive. If you are not already making your weekly/monthly donation by direct debit/standing order with your bank, please give your loose note and coin offerings/planned giving envelopes as you leave the Church. *Thank you again for your continued and generous support.*

**We pray for the faithful departed:*****Recently deceased;*** *Patrick Cullen****,*** *Yola Boylan, Audrey Barnett,**Karl Prinz-Minshall,**Sandra Cousins, Philomena O’Leary****,*** *Hilary Tierney,**Ernest Pereira,**Patricia im Thurn,**Miguel Angel,**Mary King****,*** *Catherine Tighe* ***Anniversaries:*** *William Daley, Jenny Guest, Lina Fischetti, Arnaud Hoarau de la Source, Yvonne Burney, Edmund Roche.*

**We pray for those who are sick:** *Nicolai Schmidt, Anne Nightingale, Josephine Upton, Yvonne de Bellissen, Sonia Foster, Julia Smith, Vivian McCormick, Ruth Doyle, Philippa Sirach* and all suffering and housebound people in our parish.