



# HOLY CROSS CATHOLIC CHURCH

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## THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT (A)

SAT 13 <sup>TH</sup> NOV. ST † LUCY, VIRGIN AND MARTYR	18:30	CHRISTMAS BLESSINGS FOR O'DEA & O'SULLIVAN FAMILIES
SUN. 14 <sup>TH</sup> NOV. GAUDETE SUNDAY	08:00	PEOPLE OF THE PARISH
	09:30	JANE PAWY – WAIN – CHRISTMAS INTENTION
	11:00	JOSEPH FERNANDES - RIP
	18:30	GAIL & DAVID SWANN – RIP FR AUGUSTINE CHIGODORA - RIP
MON. 15 <sup>TH</sup> DEC.	08:00	
	10:00	MICKEL CLANCY – RIP MARY COGHLAN - RIP
TUE. 16 <sup>TH</sup> DEC.	08:00	
	10:00	BRENDON HARRIS – GOOD HEALTH
WED. 17 <sup>TH</sup> DEC.	08:00	
	10:00	ANNA MARIA CARUANA – RIP FRANCIS HEYWOOD - RIP
	17:00	ADORATION
THU. 18 <sup>TH</sup> DEC.	08:00	
	10:00	FR LUKE – BD INTENTION SAMUEL THERIAULT - INTENTION
FRI. 19 <sup>TH</sup> DEC.	08:00	
	12:00	JOE BARTON – RIP STANLEY BEWICK - RIP
SAT. 20 <sup>TH</sup> DEC.	08:00	
	09:00	ADORATION
	10:00	ANNIE, BRIAN, JOSEPH & FAMILY
	18:30	CHRISTOPHER K. INTENTIONS
SUN. 21 <sup>ST</sup> DEC. DAY OF PRAYER FOR EXPECTANT MOTHERS.	08:00	CAROLINE TRAYNOR - RIP
	09:30	GOD'S MERCY ON ISAAC'S SOUL
	11:00	
	18:30	JOAO D'SILVA - RIP

**Confessions:** Saturday - 10.30 am to 11:15 am; 6pm to 6.25pm

**Adoration Of The Blessed Sacrament:**

Every day: 7am-8am

Wed.: 5pm-7.30pm & Sat. 9am.

**No Gloria during Advent**

### CHRISTMAS CLERGY ENVELOPES ARE NOW AVAILABLE.

This is a simple way to show our appreciation for our priests. Priests here receive no salary whatsoever for their work and depend on the generosity of parishioners for their personal income. Envelopes are in the porch. Thank you for your generosity. God bless you.

**Funeral Louis Mann – RIP – 18 December 2025 at 12 noon.**

Our deepest Condolences to Anne, Nick Mann, and to their family and friends..

### Cards For Christmas and New Year's Services

Please take one Service Card giving information regarding Christmas and New Year Masses. It is available on the table in the Porch. Thank you.



### Nativity - Rehearsals Monday 15<sup>th</sup> December at 4.45pm

If you enjoy acting and would like to join the cast of this year's Nativity play ( 6-16 Years old), please contact the parish Office: [carshalton@rcaos.org.uk](mailto:carshalton@rcaos.org.uk). Thank you.



### A round of applause and a massive Thank you to:

Maria Ysabel Garcia & Joseph Mc Donagh for the design and the cutting of the figures and putting together the crib outside. We thank also everyone who donated and helped with the decorations to make our church very special for the festive season.



### BIBLE STUDY - Monday 15<sup>th</sup> December at 7.30pm

#### A meal embedded in Scripture in preparation for Christmas.

Please join us for a meal together and listen to Scripture, eat and pray.

Bring food and drinks of your choice to share, Parish hall. All welcome. For more information contact Cherryl [carshaltonplf@rcaos.org.uk](mailto:carshaltonplf@rcaos.org.uk)

### RCIC (Rite of Christian Initiation for Children) Registration Now Open!

A Special Invitation to Your Child's faith Journey. If you have a **child age 7 to 17** who has not been baptised, or who missed receiving their First Holy Communion at the usual age, we invite them to join our RCIC programme. This is a beautiful journey to grow in faith. To register, please contact our Catechetical Baptism Lead: Natacha 079 2288 4692 [Carshaltonbaptism@rcaos.org.uk](mailto:Carshaltonbaptism@rcaos.org.uk)

### Children's Liturgy Group – Christmas Party- Sunday 9.30 am Mass

Join us for our Christmas Party after the 9.30am Mass on Sun 14 December 2025! This will be the final session before the Christmas holidays and we will resume in January 2026. Thank you for your support, and Merry Christmas! Please contact Esme through the Parish Office if you can contribute or volunteer, [carshalton@rcaos.org.uk](mailto:carshalton@rcaos.org.uk) .Thank you for your support!



### Young Adults' Mass – 14 December at 6.30pm

Please join other young adults for Mass, followed by refreshments, Christmas Karaoke and activities. If you would like to read, sing or participate in the organisation, please email the Parish Office. Thank you.

### YOUTH GROUP

Thank you for attending the session.

Age group: 11-17. Co-ordinator: Cherryl Howlett (Parish Lead for formation).

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### Advent Service 7:30pm Friday 19<sup>th</sup> December

A service of praise, readings and prayers as we prepare our hearts to welcome our Lord Jesus this Christmas, festive refreshments in the hall. **Confessions from 7pm.**

### December Missio collection.

Sending early Christmas greeting to our Missio donors who have been so generous throughout 2025. As a thank you, please find your copy of 2026 Mission Today Calendar in the box at the back of the Church. You will see how your contributions bring care and support to so many around the world. May God bless you abundantly with hope and joy. – Alex Faircloth

### PACT - High Down Prison – Toys Appeal – Deadline Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> Dec.

Over the last couple of years, you have kindly donated Christmas gifts for prisoners to give to their children when they visit them in prison around Christmas time.

We are starting to prepare for the festive season. Your gifts were very much appreciated. We are hoping that you will be able to donate again this year. Please label them with age appropriateness. With your help, we can make the festive period a little brighter for families. Thank you.

### Called to Bear Fruit consultation response published.

Thank you to the thousands of people who took part in the Called to Bear Fruit consultation. We are grateful to you all for sharing so openly your hopes for the life of the Church in our Archdiocese. The consultation response, which includes 15 actions points for renewal, is available at [rcaos.org.uk/calledtobearfruit](http://rcaos.org.uk/calledtobearfruit) and also in the porch



### \*\*Simbang Gabi Novena Masses!\*\*

We warmly invite you to participate in a special Novena of Masses from **Dec.16 to Dec. 24**, held every evening at **7:30 PM** at **St. Teresa's, Morden**. 'Simbang Gabi' is a cherished nine-day devotional series of Masses in preparation for Christmas. Join our Filipino community in these joyful celebrations! The Mass will be conducted in English, followed by a delightful sharing of Filipino foods/drinks in the parish hall. Everyone is welcome!

### CRIB Collections 2025

We encourage you this year again to make Crib offerings for the Catholic Children's Society, local homeless organisations, or charities, or the Friends of the Holy Land which supports our brothers and sisters who are suffering the land of Our Lord. Further details about the appeal of the Friends of the Holy Land can be found at [www.friendsoftheholyland.org.uk](http://www.friendsoftheholyland.org.uk)

### Repository

There are Advent Calendars, Christmas Cards, Cribs, and Christmas Books, and lots more. Don't forget we stock cards for all occasions. If you can't see what you want you can contact Sally **07742 301576** and she will try and help you.

### Advent Season

We are in the Holy season of Advent. We are encouraged to use this time as a prayerful preparation for the birth of Christ in our hearts. This Season is an opportunity to make Christmas a worthy celebration of the Lord's birth, as we welcome him anew into our hearts.

### Holy Father's Prayer Intention December: 'For the Christians in areas of conflict.'

Let us pray that Christians living in areas of war or conflict, especially in the Middle East, might be seeds of peace, reconciliation, and hope."

### May they rest in peace:

Remember those who died recently, Louis Mann, Bridgid Murphy, Maria Leggett, Margaret Morton, Doreen Mary Charlish, Pat Flannery, Mama Anie Dona, Harvey Watson, Margaret Collier, Francesca Morreale, Pope Francis, Fr Wenn Henry Tiku, Mary Coghlan, ...

**Remember to pray for those who are sick**, the isolated, and their carers, especially those within our own Parish Community: Catherine Main – Ian, Louis Mann, Pat Walmsley, Sidney Brown, Norah Sheridan, Kathleen Brown, Mary Pierse, Edna Thornton, Mary Dolan, Doris D'Souza, Clara Pinto...