



# HOLY CROSS CATHOLIC CHURCH

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## FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT (A)

SAT 20 <sup>TH</sup> DEC.	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	PEOPLE OF THE PARISH
	18:30	JOAO D'SILVA - RIP
MON. 22 <sup>ND</sup> DEC.	08:00	
	10:00	ALL THE PRIESTS OF OUR PARISH
TUE. 23 <sup>RD</sup> DEC.	08:00	
	10:00	PATRICIA JOHNSON - RIP
WED. 24 <sup>TH</sup> DEC.	08:00	
	16:00	ROBERT WEI - RIP, RICHARD SPENCE - RIP,
	20:00	RIP: MARIA O'SHEA, TOM & THERESA FLYNN, JEAN ARNOTT, IULIANO, HOGAN, FLYNN, & CORNALLY DECEASED FAMILIES
	12:00	MARY TRAYNOR - BD INTENTION MARTIN & ANNIE McDONAGH
	08:00	
THU. 25 <sup>TH</sup> DEC.	09:30	THOMAS ANDERSON
	11:00	BERNARD & ROSE McDONAGH - RIP PATRICK FLANNERY & BRIAN FLANNERY - RIP
	08:00	
FRI. 26 <sup>TH</sup> DEC.	12:00	ALTAR SERVERS OF THE PARISH - INTENTIONS
SAT. 27 <sup>TH</sup> DEC.	08:00	
	09:00	ADORATION
	10:00	JOSEPH CONNOLLY - RIP
	18:30	
SUN. 28 <sup>TH</sup> DEC.	08:00	
	09:30	
	11:00	DAVID HENNESSEY – THANKSGIVING FOR 60 <sup>TH</sup> BD
	18:30	GABRIELLE GUIHO - INTENTIONS

**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.

**Nativity - Rehearsals on Monday and Tuesday**

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.



### THANK YOU:

We, the Priests, Fr Vincent, Fr. Philip, Fr. Luke and Dc Sandy, are grateful to God for bringing us safely to the end of the year 2025 and we would like to wish you, our beloved parishioners, a very joyous Christmas Celebration and a prosperous new year 2026.

Every Christmas reminds us that **God is with us as the name name "Emmanuel"** communicates. We pray that the **Peace and Joy which Christ brings continuously radiate in your lives, in your family and among your loved ones.** Permit us to express our profound gratitude to you all for being part of **Holy Cross Parish Family** and for your marvellous contributions and efforts in making this parish a lively and welcoming one. We really thank you for your participation and involvement in the life of the Parish.

We would like to acknowledge and appreciate the continuous support and contributions made by the different groups in the parish. A very special thanks to our team of **indefatigable volunteers** who are always available to render help. Many Thanks to all the Catechists of the different Sacramental Programmes, the Bible Study Group, the Marriage Counselling and Preparation, the Children's Liturgy Team, the Sacristans, the MC and Altar Servers, the Lectors and Readers, the Youth and Young Adults Coordinators, the Extra-ordinary Ministers of the Eucharist, your services have been fantastic.

Our **Choirs** have been so stellar: Folk Choir ,11 am Mass Choir and the dedicated Choirs that sing at the 6.30 pm Saturday & Sunday. You have all made our Liturgy very lively and help us to pray better.

To our Stewards and welcoming Team, the Safeguarding Representatives, those who help with the Flower arrangements, the Cleaners in the Church, the Hall and the Presbytery, the Toddler Group, and those who help with the provision of Tea, Coffee and Refreshments, your services have been **invaluable** to our Parish Community and we are very grateful for these.

Deepest Thanks also, to the Parish Pastoral, the Parish Finance Committee, our administrative Secretary, for your availability and commitment in managing our resources so that Parish can operate smoothly and special thanks to Siobhán & Peter for their essential care and tireless effort.

We pray the good Lord to bless and reward each and everyone of you as we hope for more good things and successes to come in the new year.

Once more, **Merry Christmas and a blessed New Year.**



**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**

The Children's Liturgy Group is taking a Christmas break and 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!

### 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



### \*\*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.

### Pilgrimage to Lourdes 2026: Southwark Diocese - 9 to 14 February 2026.

Join our pilgrimage to Lourdes travelling overnight by luxury coach from It is always a beautiful and deeply spiritual experience soaking in the Spirit of Jesus as we travel to honour Our Blessed Mother.

Leaving Slough and Ealing Broadway on 9 Feb 26 and departing Lourdes on 13 Feb. for a visit to the Shrine of the Miraculous Medal in Rue de Bac, Paris on 14 Feb. morning and arriving in London later on 14 Feb. 2026

Full board, exciting festival devotional program, experience the Blessed Sacrament Procession of the Sick, the Candlelight Marian Rosary Procession and the International Mass on the Feast Day followed by Stations, Confessions and Adoration with Hour of Mercy. **Travel, full board and program cost £590.** Call millie on 07957594646 for more info.

### 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, Stanley Bewick, Bridgid Murphy, Maria Leggett, Margaret Morton, Doreen Mary Charlish, Pat Flannery, Mama Anie Dona, Harvey Watson, Margaret Collier, Francesca Morreale, Pope Francis, Fr Wennie 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...