



HOLY CROSS CATHOLIC CHURCH

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PARISH OFFICE HOURS: MON – WED- FRI 09AM TO 2PM



THE HOLY FAMILY of JESUS, MARY and JOSEPH

SAT 27TH DEC. SAINT ‡ JOHN, APOSTLE AND EVANGELIST, FEAST	18:30	THANKSGIVING – FAMILIES KONE-THON
SUN. 28TH DEC. THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH FEAST	08:00	PEOPLE OF THE PARISH
	09:30	SUSAN MARCHANT - RIP
	11:00	DAVID HENNESSEY – THANKSG. FOR 60 TH BD
	18:30	PAMELA UK TONG – HEALTH INTENTIONS
MON. 29TH DEC. SAINT THOMAS OF CANTERBURY, BISHOP AND MARTYR, FEAST	08:00	
	10:00	FOR ALL THE VOLUNTEERS OF OUR PARISH
TUE. 30TH DEC.	08:00	
	10:00	GABRIELLE GUIHO – BD INTENTIONS
WED. 31ST DEC.	08:00	
	10:00	ROSALYN PARRY - RIP
	23:00	FAMILY GUIHO - INTENTIONS
THU. 01ST JAN. MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD	08:00	JULIA & TOM WARD - RIP
	10:00	SAFE JOURNEY FOR A. O FAMILY
	19:30	MARIE NORBURY – 60 TH BIRTHDAY INTENTION
FRI. 02ND JAN. SS BASIL THE GREAT & GREGORY NAZIANZEN	08:00	
	12:00	SAFE JOURNEY FOR A. O FAMILY
SAT. 03RD JAN. THE MOST HOLY NAME OF JESUS	08:00	
	09:00	ADORATION
	10:00	JOAO DESOUSA - RIP
	18:30	LITTLE SOULS
SUN. 04TH JAN.	08:00	
	09:30	
	11:00	
	18:30	

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.



Happy New Year

We welcome all our visitors who have come for Mass. We are a Happy Family at Holy Cross. **Share a smile and make an introduction. Happy New Year!**

Christmas offering Envelopes Are Available In The Porch.

This is a simple way to show our appreciation for our priests. Thank you for your generosity. God bless you.

School Forms

Please note that we will **not be able to sign school forms after Friday 9th January until Mid-February**. If you need a Certificate of Catholic Practice, please bring the form and the child's Baptism in the Parish Office during our opening hours. 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 Siobh  n & 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.

Holy Cross First Saturday Devotion Of The Year: Saturday 3rd January 26

Please Join us Saturday from 8.45am

Bishop-Elect Gerard Bradley

Canon Gerard Bradley has been appointed as an Auxiliary Bishop of Southwark. Congratulations to Bishop-Elect Gerard! He has been (and continues to be) a great support in our work, as we all seek to grow in missionary zeal and competence, sure of the Lord's love and mercy. Please join us in praying for him and his new ministry.

Journey in Faith 2025 – 2026 (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults)

sessions resume on **Thursday 8th January 2026**.

For more information, please get in touch with Kathy: edmsutton@rcaos.org.uk

Children's Liturgy Group – 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 .Thank you for your support!



YOUTH GROUP (Age: 11-17)- on Sunday 11th Jan. - 12pm -2pm: **FAITH, FOOD and FUN**

Pizzas, salad, biscuits will be provided for lunch. Followed by games and quizzes this session includes: “Find the Treasure,” table tennis etc.

Next session 7th Dec Christmas Party

More info: Coordinator: Cherryl Howlett: carshaltonplf@rcaos.org.uk

Friday Tea & Lunch After 12 noon Mass

There will be no lunch during January only Tea & Coffee after Mass. We will start again with Homemade soup & Dessert on Friday 13th February. Donations will go to St Raphael and Sister Gabriel School (Fr Desis in Uganda). Thank you for your continuous 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

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.friendsoftheholylan.org.uk



Sutton - Winter Shelter Volunteers needed

Our plans for this years Winter Shelter for Homeless People are progressing with a start date of 19th January, 2026. Clearly to provide a warm space and hot meals in our venues generously provided by Church of the **Good Shepherd; North Cheam Baptist; River**

Church and the Salvation Army we **DO** need volunteers.

Interested to put your faith into action? We have training in January

Contact shelter@suttoncommunityworks.org for more information about how you can show Jesus's love to the homeless this winter.

Holy Cross Christmas Toy Appeal: Thank You

A big Thank you to all the parishioners that have kindly donated gifts for children of prisoners. There are so greatly appreciated and make a difference to children's lives.

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, Lena Edwardes, 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 Wenna 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...