



HOLY CROSS CATHOLIC CHURCH

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

SECOND SUNDAY AFTER THE NATIVITY

SAT 03 RD JAN THE MOST HOLY NAME OF JESUS	18:30	LITTLE SOULS
SUN. 04 TH JAN.	08:00	DECEASED MEMBERS OF THE BALL FAMILY
	09:30	DECEASED MEMBERS OF THE BRENNAN FAMILY
	11:00	WILLIAM O - WELLBEING
	18:30	PEOPLE OF THE PARISH
MON. 05 TH JAN.	08:00	
	10:00	
TUE. 06 TH JAN. THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD	08:00	
	10:00	
	19:30	
WED. 07 TH JAN. ST RAYMOND OF PENYAFORT	08:00	
	10:00	
	17:00	ADORATION
THU. 08 TH JAN.	08:00	
	10:00	
FRI. 09 TH JAN.	08:00	
	12:00	JOANIE HALLEY - RIP
SAT. 10 TH JAN.	08:00	
	09:00	ADORATION
	10:00	Ross DESOUZA - RIP
	18:30	
SUN. 11 TH JAN. THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD FEAST	08:00	
	09:30	
	11:00	
	18:30	FR VINCENT

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

Adoration Of The Blessed Sacrament:

Every day: 7am-8am

Wed.:5pm-8:00pm & Sat. 9am.

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD : Tuesday 6th January , Solemnity

Masses: 8:00am, 10:00am, 7:30pm

Fr Vincent:

Fr Vincent is having his annual vacation from 12th January to 13th February. Kindly keep him in your prayers.

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 Certificate** in the Parish Office during our opening hours. Thank you.

THANKS FROM THE CLERGY For Your Kind CHRISTMAS Cards & Gifts
Our clergy received many Christmas gifts & cards and wish to appreciate all our parishioners for their kindness. Please accept this as their personal '**THANK YOU**'. Fr Vincent, Fr. Philip, Fr. Luke and Deacon Sandy.



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: table tennis, pool, magnetic darts, craft table etc.

Next sessions 22nd Feb and 15th March

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

BIBLE STUDY

Monday 9th Feb. at 7.30pm, Parish hall.

Contact: carshaltonplf@rcaos.org.uk

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

sessions resume on **Thursday 8th January 2026 for the current group**.

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!

We Dare to Hope

Starts Monday 12th January, 7:30pm in the Upper Room

We Dare to Hope features five faith-sharing sessions on the theme of Christian Hope. Written by the Dominican Sisters in the New Forest and produced by the Agency for Evangelisation and Catechesis, the sessions explore the following themes through Scripture, prayer, art and reflections:

1. Christian Hope is received from God (12th Jan);
2. Hope is a human decision (19th Jan);
3. Hope is a human act (26th Jan);
4. Hope is a human desire (2nd Feb);
5. Hope is placed in God (9th Feb)

Come along to start 2026 in thanksgiving for the gift of hope!

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 in the land of Our Lord. Further details about the appeal of the Friends of the Holy Land can be found at www.friendsoftheholylad.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.

Peace Sunday



Prayer to Mary

Mother, help our faith!

Open our ears to hear God's word and to recognize his voice and call. Awaken in us a desire to follow in his footsteps, to go forth from our own land and to receive his promise.

Help us to be touched by his love, that we may touch him in faith.

Help us to entrust ourselves fully to him and to believe in his love, especially at times of trial, beneath the shadow of the cross, when our faith is called to mature. Sow in our faith the joy of the Risen One.

Remind us that those who believe are never alone.

Teach us to see all things with the eyes of Jesus, that he may be light for our path. And may this light of faith always increase in us, until the dawn of that undying day which is Christ himself, your Son, our Lord! – Pope Francis

Holy Father's Prayer Intention January: 'For prayer with the Word of GOD.'

Let us pray that praying with the Word of God be nourishment for our lives and a source of hope in our communities, helping us to build a more fraternal and missionary Church.

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, Louis Mann, ...

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