



# HOLY CROSS CATHOLIC CHURCH

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## LAETARE SUNDAY FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

<b>SAT 14<sup>TH</sup> MARCH.</b>	<b>18:30</b>	<b>CORRINE &amp; CENRY D'MELLO – THANKSGIVING &amp; GOOD INTENTIONS</b>
<b>SUN. 15<sup>TH</sup> MARCH LAETARE SUNDAY</b>	<b>08:00</b>	<b>PEOPLE OF THE PARISH</b>
	<b>09:30</b>	<b>MAUREEN VENERANDI – PERSONAL INTENTION PATRICK JOYCE – 86<sup>TH</sup> BIRTHDAY</b>
	<b>11:00</b>	<b>RITA &amp; FRED GOMEZ - RIP</b>
	<b>18:30</b>	<b>ANDY IULIANO - WELLBEING</b>
<b>MON. 16<sup>TH</sup> MARCH ST FRANCES OF ROIME</b>	<b>08:00</b>	<b>LAURENCE TAGGART - RIP</b>
	<b>10:00</b>	<b>ANNE WREN – INTENTIONS JENNIFER MEYER - THANKSGIVING</b>
<b>TUE. 17<sup>TH</sup> MARCH SAINT PATRICK, BISHOP, PATRON OF IRELAND, FEAST</b>	<b>08:00</b>	<b>Toe Heng Kwee Family Intentions</b>
	<b>10:00</b>	<b>PAT MC CARTHY - INTENTIONS</b>
<b>WED. 18<sup>TH</sup> MARCH SAINT CYRIL OF JERUSALEM</b>	<b>08:00</b>	<b>REHEMA - HEALING &amp; VAL TAGGART</b>
	<b>10:00</b>	<b>ELIZABETH EJOH - INTENTIONS</b>
	<b>17:00</b>	<b>ADORATION</b>
<b>THU. 19<sup>TH</sup> MARCH SAINT † JOSEPH, SPOUSE OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY</b>	<b>08:00</b>	
	<b>10:00</b>	<b>CHRISSEY TAVERS – RIP JOSEPHINE GARCIA - RIP</b>
<b>FRI. 20<sup>TH</sup> MARCH</b>	<b>08:00</b>	
	<b>12:00</b>	<b>MICHAEL PERCY NEWBOLD – RIP JO FINNERTY - RIP</b>
<b>SAT. 21<sup>ST</sup> MARCH</b>	<b>08:00</b>	
	<b>09:00</b>	<b>ADORATION</b>
	<b>10:00</b>	<b>CAROLINE IULIANO – BD INTENTION</b>
<b>SUN. 22<sup>ND</sup> MARCH</b>	<b>18:30</b>	<b>LOUIS TRUFFAUT - RIP</b>
	<b>08:00</b>	<b>PEOPLE OF THE PARISH</b>
	<b>09:30</b>	<b>ANNETTE GIORDENELLI - WELLBEING</b>
	<b>11:00</b>	<b>CHERYL &amp; KEITH GOODRIDGE - RIP</b>
	<b>18:30</b>	<b>K. O'KEEFFE - INTENTION</b>

### RCIA - Journey in Faith: Celebration of the Scrutinies

This Sunday, as our catechumens prepare for their baptisms at Easter, we will be celebrating the second scrutiny during the **6:30pm Mass**.

#### Theme of the 2nd Scrutiny - Jesus heals the man born blind.

Jesus reveals himself as the light of the world. What are the areas of darkness in my life?



### BIBLE STUDY

**Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> March at 7.30pm, Parish hall.** All welcome. Looking ahead towards Easter. You are warmly invited to come together in preparation for Holy Week. Bring food and drink for sharing. Listen to psalms and passages from the Old Testament in the light of the New Testament.

More info: contact Cheryl [carshaltonplf@rcaos.org.uk](mailto:carshaltonplf@rcaos.org.uk)

### Children's Liturgy Group – Sunday 9.30 am Mass

Our Children's Liturgy Group sessions resumed on Sunday, 1<sup>st</sup> March. To volunteer or help the group, please contact Esme via the Parish Office. [carshalton@rcaos.org.uk](mailto:carshalton@rcaos.org.uk). Thank you for your support!



### Lenten Penitential Service - Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March-6:30pm

Guided examination of conscience; opportunity for private confessions; personal reflection through scripture and music; a great opportunity to prepare for Holy Week.

### Zoom Prayer Group

The **Monday Prayer Group** has been led by Holy Cross parishioners for a few years. It is held over Zoom at **8 p.m.** every two weeks and members also come from other Catholic parishes.

There is reflection on the Sunday gospel followed by prayers of intercession. Meetings run for around one hour. If you are interested, please use the enquiry form on the Parish website or email the Parish office or contact Alex.



### Youth group: Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> March from 12pm -2pm

11-17 group - FAITH, FOOD and FUN  
The 11am Mass will be dedicated to our youth. In the hall a light lunch will be provided followed by opening prayer, games, table tennis, pool, table football, craft table. The session will conclude with Stations of the Cross. More info Cheryl Howlett (Parish Lead-formation). [carshaltonplf@rcaos.org.uk](mailto:carshaltonplf@rcaos.org.uk)

### Young Adult Mass: Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> March

After 6.30pm Mass, Talk and refreshments in the hall.

### Holy Cross Baby and Toddler Group - 9am-10.15am

#### Mon: 16 Mar.

Parish families, please join us for crafting, playing, singing and chatting over a cup of tea /coffee & biscuits. We look forward to welcoming you!

#### We urgently need more volunteers to run this important group.

### March Missio Collection

The next **Red Box collection** is due at the end of March. Please collect your envelope from the back of the church. It contains the latest Mission Today which gives news of the work of missionaries in Myanmar in supporting displaced people. It is dangerous work due to continuing conflict. Please pray for them.

### Build A Better Marriage

This is a one-day marriage-enrichment course aimed at couples whether married five years or 55 years. There is no charge and no group sharing. Couples have the

opportunity individually to explore their relationship and levels of communication, which is the key to relationship. It starts at 9am and finishes by 4.30pm. Dates and venues in South London are: **May 23 (Wallington) and October 3 (West Norwood)**. But there are also other dates elsewhere in Southwark diocese. More details – T: 07983 524 727 or E: [mflkent@rcaos.org.uk](mailto:mflkent@rcaos.org.uk)

### The Annual Marriage Mass - on July 11 at 3pm

This popular annual event will take place at St George's Cathedral. Couples celebrating special anniversaries this year - their first, 10th, 25th, 40th, 50th, 60th or any later anniversary - are invited to apply for places. They will then receive a personal invitation to the Mass from Abp John Wilson and have an opportunity to renew their marriage vows. Apply to: [mflsw@rcaos.org.uk](mailto:mflsw@rcaos.org.uk)

### St Elphege Church, Wallington PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES 2026

#### Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> May – Monday 11<sup>th</sup> May 2026

Cost: £799.00 / person (sharing). Single room supplement: £39.00 per day. For expressions of interest, please contact Elaine Paice at [wallingtonpilo@rcaos.org.uk](mailto:wallingtonpilo@rcaos.org.uk) or the Parish Office : [wallington@rcaos.org.uk](mailto:wallington@rcaos.org.uk)

### Bishop Gerard Bradley: how to prayerfully surrender before the cross

during Lent. In a Lenten reflection, Bishop Gerard reminds us that the cross is not merely a symbol but "a way of life". In his reflection, Bishop Gerard guides us through what it means to prayerfully surrender before the cross. You can watch his full message at [rcaos.org.uk/cross2026](http://rcaos.org.uk/cross2026).

### Prayer For St Joseph

O Saint Joseph, do assist me by your powerful intercession and obtain for me from your divine Son all spiritual blessings through Jesus Christ, Our Lord, so that having experienced here below your heavenly power, I may offer my thanksgiving and homage to the most loving of fathers.



### Mother's Day Prayer

Loving God, Bless these women, as we celebrate this day in their honour. May they be strengthened as Christian mothers. Let the example of their faith and love shine forth. Grant that we, their sons and daughters, may honour and appreciate them with a spirit of profound respect.

Guide and protect them in challenging times and help them to continue to trust in you all the days of their life. Grant this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

### Holy Father's Prayer Intention March: For Disarmament and Peace.

Let us pray that nations move toward effective disarmament, particularly nuclear disarmament, and that world leaders choose the path of dialogue and diplomacy instead of violence.

### May they rest in peace:

Remember those who died recently, Jo Finnerty, Lawrence Taggart, Cecil Dias, Cheryl Yiu, Rajan Raman, Maureen Arnold, Lena Edwardes, Louis Mann, Stanley Bewick, Bridgid Murphy, Maria Leggett, Margaret Morton, Doreen Mary Charlish, Pat Flannery, Annie Dona, Harvey Watson, Margaret Collier, Francesca Morreale, Pope Francis, Fr Henry Tiku, Mary Coghlan, ...

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

**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.**

### Stations Of The CROSS

From Monday to Thursday at 9:30 am - Friday at 11:30am and 6.30pm

### Second Collection Next Weekend for Poor Parishes

Formerly the Needs of the Diocese collection, this collection enables the Archbishop to make grants to some of the poorer parishes in the diocese.

**Attention- Altar Servers & Sacristans:** We are inviting Altar servers and Sacristans across all the Masses for a meeting on Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> March at 4.30pm in the Church in preparation for Easter Triduum, please remember to sign to rota for Holy week.



**Food Bank Donation:** The Young Adults group is organising a food bank donation drive. These food banks provide emergency food and support to people in crisis. Please donate if you can. Items that are

needed include : Shower gel, Shampoo/conditioner, Deodorant, Sanitary pads, Toilet roll... A

UHT milk, Tinned meat, Tinned fruit, Sponge/rice puddings, Coffee...



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