

Parish Ministries & *Committees*

Every ministry at Holy Cross is an invitation — to serve, to grow, and to belong. Find your calling below.



LITURGY

Serving the celebration of the Mass

Altar Servers

LITURGICAL · CHILDREN

 **Training: September / October · Up to two 1-hour sessions after school in Church**

There are a number of Altar Servers assisting at different Masses in Holy Cross Church. Parents can approach Father or Deacon Sandy after their children have received First Communion to ask whether their children can receive training to become Altar Servers.

Usually around September / October children will attend training consisting of up to two (one-hour) sessions after school in the Church. They can then attend and serve at the Mass most convenient for them and are allocated tasks on a monthly rota basis.

At a convenient time, after a year's probation, servers are enrolled in the Guild of St Stephen and given a Bronze medal with a red cord — signifying St Stephen was a Martyr, also shown on the medal by the Crown. After 10 years of distinguished service a silver medal is presented with a red cord.

DEACON SANDY



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Children's Liturgy Group

TERM TIME

 Sundays during term time · 9:30am Mass · During the Liturgy of the Word

The Children's Liturgy takes place during the Liturgy of the Word at the Sunday 9:30am Mass within term time. Through songs, prayers, discussions and age-appropriate activities, we bring the readings to life in a way that helps young children engage with the Eucharistic celebration at their own level.

We are passionate about giving children an active role in their faith. As they grow, older children are encouraged to become junior volunteers — with the goal of eventually leading songs, prayers, or even whole sessions themselves.

New volunteers are always welcome — no experience needed, just a willingness to share your faith with our youngest parishioners.

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Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

LITURGICAL

This Ministry assists the Priest in distributing our Lord's Body and Blood to the Parish congregation — a sacred honour and a humble act of service at the very heart of our worship.

New candidates wishing to serve are recommended by Fr Vincent for commissioning. If you feel called to this ministry, please make contact with Dave.

DAVE SLOGGETT

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Flower Arrangement Team

CREATIVE MINISTRY

Our flower arrangers beautify the church throughout the liturgical year, reflecting the seasons of the Church with skill and devotion. New volunteers with a love of floristry and a heart for worship are always welcome.

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Reading Ministry (Lectors)

LITURGICAL

When the Scriptures are proclaimed at Mass, it is Christ himself who speaks to his people. Our Readers (Lectors) serve as the voice of God's message, helping the congregation to hear, reflect upon, and live out the Gospel.

The Reading Ministry proclaims the First and Second Readings, the Responsorial Psalm, and the Universal Prayer. Members spend time during the week preparing each passage carefully.

Requirements: Must be a practising Catholic who has received Confirmation. Most readers serve once or twice a month at their preferred Mass time. **Full training is provided** — including public speaking, microphone use and how to use the Lectionary.

JEREMY TUKE (MINISTRY LEAD)

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Stewards, Welcome and Hospitality

FIRST IMPRESSIONS

Our ministry is about more than smiles at the door — it is about sharing Christ's love, building community, and ensuring that no one feels alone. Whether you enjoy meeting new people, offering a listening ear, or helping behind the scenes, there is a place for you here.

Come and help us make Holy Cross a parish where every person feels welcomed, supported, and loved.

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MUSIC

Lifting our worship in song

Folk Choir — 9:30 Mass

MUSIC MINISTRY

The Folk Choir warmly welcomes singers and musicians of all ages. We sing at the 9:30 Mass every Sunday, and at the First Holy Communion and Confirmation Masses. We also lead the music for the Advent, Lenten Penitential and Pentecost services.

We have one evening practice a month, usually on the Friday prior to the first Sunday, starting at 7:30pm in the church, and a run-through at 9:00am each Sunday before Mass. If you are interested in joining, please speak to Kathy Ball or any choir member after a 9:30 Mass.

KATHY BALL✉ edmsutton@rcaos.org.uk

Traditional Choir — 11:00 Mass

MUSIC MINISTRY

The Traditional Choir brings the richness of classical sacred music to our liturgy — singing motets, hymns and choral settings at the 11:00am Sunday Mass and major feast days. New members with a love of choral music are warmly welcomed.

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Vigil Choir — 6:30 Mass Saturday

MUSIC MINISTRY

The Vigil Choir leads the singing at the 6:30pm Saturday Mass with hymns from Laudate, Motets, Psalms and other music required for the Mass. We rehearse on Fridays from 4:30–5:45pm and on Saturdays from 5:45–6:15pm before Mass. If you would like more information on joining, please speak to Pamela after Mass.

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SACRAMENTS

Walking with people through the great moments of faith

Infant Baptism Preparation

FAMILIES

We welcome families preparing for their child's Baptism with warmth and pastoral care. We offer two preparation sessions covering the meaning of Baptism, the symbols of the rite, and the role of parents and godparents — plus beautiful resources to help families pray and reflect at home.

We accompany families on the day of the Baptism and work closely with the parish clergy and Welcome & Hospitality Ministry. Our mission: to help families begin their child's journey of faith with joy, understanding, and a deep sense of belonging.

NATACHA

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First Holy Communion — Helpers

CHILDREN

Our First Holy Communion Helpers support children in preparation for receiving the Eucharist for the first time, assisting in sessions and helping children and families understand and celebrate this important milestone in their faith journey.

JEAN GARDNER

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Confirmation Preparation

YEAR 10+

We are looking for volunteers to help prepare our young parishioners (Year 10+) for the Sacrament of Confirmation. Whether you can offer an hour or a whole session, your contribution would be warmly welcomed. Please talk to one of the Expo helpers or contact us below.

YANN GUIHO

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RCIA (Journey in Faith)

BECOMING CATHOLIC

 **Weekly · September to Pentecost · Approx. one hour including refreshments**


The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) prepares adults seeking to be received into the Catholic Church. Sessions invite people to deepen their knowledge of Jesus and their relationship with Him, working through the key teachings of the Catholic faith and the sacramental life.

Those who decide to become Catholics are prepared to receive Baptism, Confirmation and Holy Communion in due course. Other parishioners wishing to refresh their own faith are also very welcome.

 **KATHY BALL (RCIA CO-ORDINATOR)**
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Marriage Preparation

COUPLES

 **Four Saturdays per year · Parish Hall**

Holy Cross offers Marriage Preparation sessions for couples preparing to receive the Sacrament of Marriage. Sessions are held four Saturdays per year in the Parish Hall, and are also supported by www.marriagecare.org.uk.

 **TIM HOWLETT**
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COMMUNITY

Building parish life together

Bible Study Group

ALL WELCOME

The Bible is at the heart of our faith and our relationship with God — much more than just a book, it is a place where our heavenly Father comes to meet us and speaks to us with love.

Our group has completed a wide range of studies including Jeff Cavins' *Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible* (twice), Ascension Press studies on Romans, Ephesians, and *Follow Me: Jesus in the Gospel of John*, Bishop Barron's *Priest, Prophet and King*, and Agape Bible Study: 1 Corinthians (in progress).

We also hold Bring & Share meals at Advent and Easter — open invitation to all.

CHERRYL HOWLETT

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Caring for One Another

ELDER OUTREACH

Holy Cross reaches out to the elder members of our parish through Live Streaming Mass (helpful for those with restricted mobility), Communion Visits (to the housebound and nursing homes), Lifts to Mass, the Lunch Club (every second Friday after 12-noon Mass), and the Film Club.

Other suggestions to involve and assist the older members of our community are most welcome.

PARISH OFFICE

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Church Cleaning

VOLUNTEERS WELCOME

Every Friday · After 8am Mass

A dedicated team of volunteers keeps our beautiful church clean and ready for worship every Friday after 8am Mass. New volunteers are always gratefully received — come along and join us.

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Church Maintenance

PRACTICAL SKILLS

Our Church Maintenance team cares for the fabric of our parish buildings, carrying out repairs, upkeep and general maintenance to ensure Holy Cross remains a welcoming and safe place of worship. If you have practical skills and a heart for service, please get in touch.

MATTHEW DAVID

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Churches Together in Carshalton

ECUMENISM

Holy Cross participates in Churches Together in Carshalton — a fellowship of local Christian congregations working and praying together across denominational boundaries through joint services, community events and shared initiatives.

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Film Club

EVERY 2ND FRIDAY

 Every second Friday · Doors 7:30pm · Film 8:00pm · Free admission

Come along, enjoy a film and meet people from our parish. We screen a film on the second Friday of every month in the Parish Centre. Doors open at 7:30pm for refreshments; the film begins at 8:00pm. All are welcome, booking is not required, admission is free — donations to the parish are gratefully appreciated.

FILM CLUB

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Parish Evangelisation Team

OUTREACH

Would you like to help our parish community grow in love of Jesus Christ and of each other? The Evangelisation Team runs parish events such as the *Known by Name* weekends, Parish Expo and special services for Advent, Lent and Pentecost.

We facilitate courses to help people deepen their faith — recent courses included *Pilgrimage to Pentecost*, *Source* and *We Dare to Hope*. We also work with others across the deanery to run *Sparks of Light* — an outreach event inviting the wider community to visit a Catholic church.

KATHY BALL

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Playgroup

UNDER 5S

 Selected Sundays · 9:00–10:30am · 46 North Street · £2.50 per family

A welcoming playgroup for families with young children, providing a safe and joyful space for little ones to play and for parents to connect with the parish community. Sessions run on: 27 Apr · 11 May · 8 Jun · 22 Jun · 6 Jul.

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Young Adults Ministry (YAM)

AGE 18–35

 Last Sunday of every month · 6:30pm · SM5 2JD

The Young Adults Ministry brings together parishioners aged roughly 18–35 for faith, friendship and community. Gatherings take place on the last Sunday of every month at 6:30pm and include faith discussion, social time, and opportunities to serve the wider parish.

MARIAH WILDE · PARISH OFFICE

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Youth Group

AGE 11–17

 Monthly · Sunday 12:00–2:00pm · Parish Hall · After 11am Mass

Faith. Food. Fun. The 11am Mass is dedicated to parishioners aged 11–17, followed by a social gathering in the hall from 12pm–2pm. All 11–17 year olds are welcome to the 12pm social, regardless of which Mass they attend.

Sessions include lunch, games, music and faith-building activities aimed at strengthening friendships and belonging within the parish family. Activities include table tennis, table football, crafts, magnetic darts, basketball and pool.

CHERRYL HOWLETT (YOUTH CO-ORDINATOR)



CHARITIES

Living the Gospel beyond our walls

CAFOD at Holy Cross

SOCIAL JUSTICE

CAFOD is the official overseas aid agency of the Catholic Church in England and Wales. Holy Cross supports CAFOD's work to bring relief and development to the world's poorest communities through fundraising, awareness-raising, and prayer.

MATTHEW DAVID (PARISH REP)

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Food Bank

SOCIAL JUSTICE

Holy Cross supports the local food bank, collecting donations of non-perishable food items to help families in need within our community. Volunteers help with collections, sorting and distribution. All contributions make a real difference.

MAUREEN TAYLOR

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MATTHEW DAVID

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Missio — Red Box Collection

MISSION

Missio is the Pope's official charity for overseas mission. Through the iconic Red Box collection, parishioners support missionaries and local Church communities around the world, helping provide education, healthcare and pastoral care to some of the poorest communities.

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