

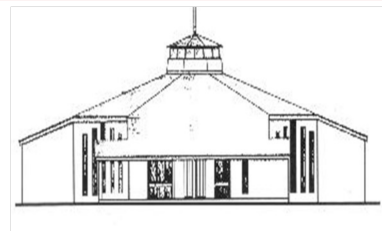
# Holy Cross Catholic Community

'A family for all cultures to nurture disciples of all ages'

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**Come Lord Jesus, Come**

**SUNDAY 27th November 2022 First Sunday Advent**

**Reading Cycles: Sundays Year A Psalter Week 1**

Day and Date	Mass Time	Intention
<b>Saturday 26th November</b> <i>First Mass of Sunday</i>	<b>6.00 pm</b>	<b>Tittus, Saji and Lissy Joseph RIP</b>
<b>Sunday 27th November</b> <i>First Sunday Advent</i>	<b>10.00 am</b>	<b>Desmond Morgan RIP</b> <b>Ben Rowe RIP</b>
<b>Monday 28th November</b> <i>First Week Advent</i>	<b>9.30 am</b>	<b>Wilson and Shirly Sp Intention</b> <b>Sibi and Sigi Thanksgiving</b>
<b>Wednesday 30th November</b> <i>St Andrew</i>	<b>7.00 pm</b>	<b>NO MASS</b>
<b>Thursday 1st December</b> <i>First Week Advent</i>	<b>9.30 am</b>	<b>Angelo Di Francesco RIP</b>
<b>Friday 2nd December</b> <i>First Week Advent</i>	<b>9.30 am</b>	<b>P K Joseph &amp; Aleykutty Joseph RIP</b>
<b>Saturday 3rd December</b> <i>St Francis Xavier</i>	<b>12 noon</b>	<b>Annalise Brophy</b>
<b>Saturday 3rd December</b> <i>First Mass of Sunday</i>	<b>6.00pm</b>	<b>Joe Moruzzi RIP Mavis Booth RIP</b>

## Recently Died

All Souls whose names are entered in our Book of Remembrance and all victims of covid & war  
Our family & friends whose anniversaries occur around this week

*Eternal rest grant unto them  
O Lord  
R. And let perpetual light  
shine upon them. May they  
rest in Peace. Amen*

**Pray for the Sick of the Parish**  
Heavenly Father, look with mercy on the sick of our parish community and help them in this time of sickness, Restore them to health, we pray, Through Christ our Lord. Amen

**Confessions on Saturdays**  
**11.15 to 12noon**

You are welcome to join the Morning Prayer before Mass as we await the coming of the Lord

## Anima Christi

Soul of Christ, be my sanctification;  
Body of Christ, be my salvation;  
Blood of Christ, fill all my veins;  
Water of Christ's side, wash out my stains.  
Passion of Christ, my comfort be;  
O good Jesus, listen to me;  
In thy wounds I would gladly hide;  
Never to be parted from thy side;  
Guard me, should the foe assail me;  
Call me when my life shall fail me;  
Bid me come to thee above;  
With thy saints to sing thy love;  
World without end. Amen

**Pilgrimage to Fatima: 10th to 15th May.**  
**If you want to go please contact**  
**Sr. Margaret Fitzgerald on 01792 987079**

*The Advent Wreath*

Using an Advent Wreath is an excellent way to prepare your mind and heart for Christmas

**FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT—HOPE**

The first candle, which is purple, symbolizes hope. It is sometimes called the "Prophesy Candle" in remembrance of the prophets, especially Isaiah, who foretold the birth of Christ. It represents the expectation felt in anticipation of the coming Messiah.

**THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT—JOY**

The third candle is pink and symbolizes joy. It is called the "Shepherd's Candle," and is pink because rose is a liturgical color for joy. The third Sunday of Advent is Gaudete Sunday and is meant to remind us of the joy that the world experienced at the birth of Jesus, as well as the joy that the faithful have reached the midpoint of Advent.

**SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT—PEACE**

The second candle, also purple, represents Peace. It is called the "Bethlehem Candle" as a reminder of Mary and Joseph's journey to Bethlehem.

**FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT—LOVE**

On the fourth week of Advent, we light the final purple candle to mark the final week of prayer and penance as we wait for the birth of our Savior. This final candle, the "Angel's Candle," symbolizes Love. It reminds us that God is love.

**WHITE CANDLE**

Sometimes a white candle is placed in the middle of the wreath; this is a beautiful modern adaptation. The white candle is lit on Christmas Eve. This candle is called the "Christ Candle" and represents the life of Christ. The color white is for purity because Christ is our sinless, pure Savior.

### Parish Bank Details for your Offering

Name : Gendros Parish

A/C NO: 90264630

Sort Code 55-61-20

Last Weekend Offering £ 417

Thank you and God Bless

**Pope's Intention:** For children who are suffering, especially those who are homeless, orphans and victims of war; may they be guaranteed access to education and the opportunity to experience family affection

### First Holy Communion Preparations

F H C class each Sunday after Mass until 12.30pm

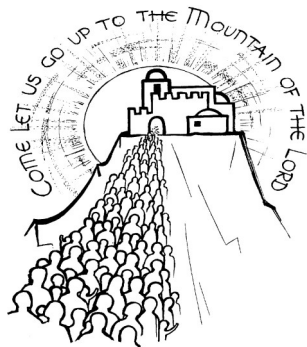
### CHURCH FLOWERS—THANK YOU LORD

Have you remembered to donate a bunch of flower in thanksgiving for all the blessings? You can give your name & donation to Donna or Mona.

Our Charity Shop will be closed for good by December. So we do not accept any more donations. Many thanks for your understanding and support.

*Therefore, stay awake! ... So too, you also must be prepared*

Come,  
Lord Jesus,  
make us ready  
for your kingdom.  
Let us find you  
in the crimson coloured dusk,  
in the crescent moon and flying geese,  
Let us see you  
in laughing children,  
in our brothers and sisters  
everywhere.  
Make us  
always awake, watching for you, prepared,  
with our hearts open  
wide. Teach us how to "greet you  
the days we meet you  
and bless when we  
understand."



**Walk with Me booklets for Advent & Christmas.** Suggested donation £1  
**Catholic Directory and Year Book £5**  
**Mission Calendar 2023 free to take.**

### Ministers of the Word

#### Weekend 3rd / 4th December

#### Saturday

First Reading  
Second Reading  
Bidding Prayers

**Christine  
Shalini  
Sharon**

#### Sunday

First Reading  
Second Reading  
Bidding Prayers

**Angelica  
Aloys  
Maria de B**

#### Church Cleaning

Week beginning :

28th November

5th December

12th December

**Mona & Donna  
No clean  
Shini & Aisel**

**Ministers—if you cannot attend or need to change your rota, please let us know by contacting Donna (07745947773)**

### Podcast series on the Synod

The organisation Together for the Common Good has produced a podcast that embraces an explanation of the Synodal journey. You may find it useful in enabling a greater understanding of the present missionary task at the heart of the Synod.

[www.togetherforthecommongood.co.uk/resources/synod-podcast-series](http://www.togetherforthecommongood.co.uk/resources/synod-podcast-series)

Each episode (there are 3) are about 30 minutes long

### Gratitude and Generosity

Gratitude and generosity are similar virtues, but they differ in that gratitude is an internal characteristic and generosity is our external expression of our sense of gratitude. Basically, gratitude is how we feel, and generosity is how we express that feeling out in the world. A BIG THANK YOU for supporting the SVP to care for the poor. £ 448. Charity box is out there if you haven't given yet.

Each and every morning offers us a chance to start anew, fresh, and to begin again. Each morning when we wake—should we choose to listen—is a message from the Creator to remember the privilege we were given of waking up. It's a reminder to get up and prepare our self, to honour our self, to go out into the world, to connect with Mother Earth and the hearts of other beings, to inspire and encourage those who cross our paths, and most importantly, to enjoy life.