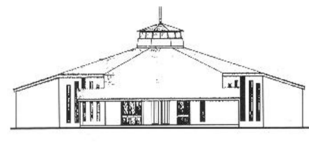


# Holy Cross Catholic Community

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

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**30th March 2025 4th Sunday of Lent Laetare Sunday**

**Cycles: Sundays Year C Psalter Week 4**

**Happy Mothers Day**

Day and Date	Mass Time	Intention
<b>Saturday 29th March</b> <b>First Mass of Sunday</b>	<b>6.00 pm</b>	<b>Dorothy Davies RIP</b>
<b>Sunday 30th March</b> <b>4th Sunday of Lent</b>	<b>10.30 am</b>	<b>E Thomas RIP</b>
<b>Monday 31st March</b> <b>Weekday 4th Week of Lent</b>	<b>9.30 am</b>	<b>Sr Nora Carr 60th Anniversary</b>
<b>Wednesday 2nd April</b> <b>Weekday 4th Week of Lent</b>	<b>7.00 pm</b>	
<b>Thursday 3rd April</b> <b>Weekday 4th Week of Lent</b>	<b>9.30 am</b>	
<b>Friday 4th April</b> <b>Stations of the Cross and Mass</b>	<b>7.00 pm</b>	
<b>Saturday 5th April</b> <b>Weekday 4th Week of Lent</b>	<b>12.00 noon</b>	<b>Funeral Mass for Biju Jose RIP</b>
<b>Saturday 5th April</b> <b>First Mass of Sunday</b>	<b>6.00 pm</b>	

## Recently Died

**Biju Jose**

**Mgr. Michael Lewis**

All Souls whose names are entered in our Book of Remembrance and all victims of war & violence  
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.

**First Holy Communion Class after the Sunday Mass**

Hold my hand O Blessed Mother. Hold me gently lest I fall. I am nervous when I am walking; so to Thee I call. Guide me over every crossing. Watch me when I am on the stairs. Let me know that You are beside me. Listen to my fervent prayer and when evening falls upon me and I fear to be alone, take my hand O Blessed Mother and once more lead me Home. Amen

## Paschal Candle 2025

If anyone like to contribute towards our Easter Candle which is the symbol of the Risen Lord in the Church; either in thanksgiving for the blessings you received or in loving memory of your loved ones please speak to Fr Cyril

## THE PROFESSION OF FAITH (The Apostles' Creed)

I believe in God, the Father the almighty, creator of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried; he descended into hell; on the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty; from there he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Holy Catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting. Amen.

### The Mystery of Faith

Save us, Saviour of the world, for by your Cross and Resurrection you have set us free

### The Gospel Acclamation

Glory and praise to our God, who alone gives light to our days. Many are the blessings he bares to those who trust in his ways

**Parish Bank Details for your Offering**

**Name : Gendros Parish**

**A/C NO: 90264630**

**Sort Code 55 -61 -20**

**Last weekend offering: £ 393**

**100 Club Winner : No: 103 Violet**

**Many Thanks & God Bless**

**GIFT AID ENVELOPS FOR 2025/2026**

are available for collection. If you are a taxpayer and not in Gift Aid Scheme, please consider joining, as the Parish will benefit by receiving 25% extra in tax relief from the Government.

**AT NO EXTRA COST FOR YOU!**

**Ministers of the Word**

**Week beginning 5th/6th April**

*First Reading*

**Karen**

*Second Reading*

**Emma**

*Bidding Prayers*

**Shalini**

**Sunday**

*First Reading*

**Steve J**

*Second Reading*

**Biya**

*Bidding Prayers*

**Breanne**

**Church Cleaning**

*Week beginning :*

**24th March**

**Anci & Shalini**

**31st March**

**No clean**

**7th April**

**Cagi Family**

**Fourth Week of Lent - Coming to Your Senses**

Coming to his senses he thought, "How many of my father's hired workers have more than enough food to eat, but here am I, dying from hunger. I shall get up and go to my father and I shall say to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. I no longer deserve to be called your son; treat me as you would treat one of your hired workers.'" ]Luke 15:17:9

Why do we cling to our sins? This passage comes from the story of the Prodigal Son. We should know that story well. The son decided to leave his father and take his future inheritance, spending it on a life of sin. When the money he had ran out, he was in desperate need. So what did he do? He came to his senses! This line alone is worth our meditation. First, it reveals what happens to a person who falls into a life of sin. In this case, the son eventually reaped the fruit of his sin. He found that his sin left him destitute and alone. He didn't know where to turn. And though our sins may not be to the extent of this son, we will all experience the empty effects of the sins we commit, just as this son did.

The profound insight we can gain from this son is that he did come around. Specifically, by "coming to his senses" he recognized two important things. First, he realized that he is worth more than a life of destitution. No one should have to live an impoverished and empty life. Therefore, by seeing his own dignity he came to realize that he was made for more.

Secondly, he knew he could turn to his father. What a blessing it was for him to know this. The reason he knew he could turn to his father was that his father clearly loved him with unconditional love. The mercy in the heart of the father was so strong that the son was aware of it and this awareness gave him confidence to turn to him. him

Reflect, today, upon this twofold action. The son sees his misery and also sees his father as the person to whom he can confidently turn. We must strive to do the same in our own lives. The Father in Heaven will never reject us. No matter what we have done or how far we have turned away, the Father's love is perfect, relentless, unconditional and always inviting. He is ready and willing to dismiss every wrong we have done if we only turn to Him in confidence. Come to your senses in regard to your sins! Let go of them, repent and trust in the mercy of God.

*Lord of perfect love, my sins do leave me dry and empty inside. I see the misery and pain that result from the sinful choices I have made. Help me, dear Lord, to come to my senses and to turn from every sin I commit. Help me to see that Your mercy is far greater than anything I have done. I thank You for Your perfect love and turn to You in my need. Jesus, I trust in You.*

**HOLY WEEK & EASTER MASS TIMES**

<b>Saturday 12th April</b>	<b>6.00 pm</b>	<b>Holy Cross</b>	<b>Vigil Mass PALM SUNDAY PASSION OF THE LORD</b>
<b>Sunday 13th April</b>	<b>9.00 am</b>	<b>St Peters</b>	<b>PALM SUNDAY PASSION OF THE LORD</b>
	<b>10.30 am</b>	<b>Holy Cross</b>	<b>PALM SUNDAY PASSION OF THE LORD</b>
<b>Monday 14th April</b>	<b>9.30 am</b>	<b>Holy Cross</b>	<b>Mass: Monday of Holy Week</b>
<b>Tuesday 15th April</b>	<b>11.30 am</b>	<b>Cathedral</b>	<b>Chrism Mass</b>
<b>Weds 16th April</b>	<b>9.30 am</b>	<b>Holy Cross</b>	<b>Mass: Wednesday of Holy Week</b>
<b>Thurs 17th April</b>	<b>7.00 pm</b>	<b>Holy Cross</b>	<b>MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER</b>
<b>Friday 18th April</b>	<b>10.00 am</b>		<b>ECUMENICAL WALK OF WITNESS starts from St Peter's Cockett via Holy Cross concluding at Gendros Baptist Church</b>
	<b>3.00 pm</b>	<b>Holy Cross</b>	<b>GOOD FRIDAY PASSION OF THE LORD followed by Solemn Stations of the Cross</b>
<b>Saturday 19th April</b>	<b>12.30 pm</b>	<b>Holy Cross</b>	<b>Blessing of the Easter Baskets</b>
	<b>7.00 pm</b>	<b>Holy Cross</b>	<b>EASTER VIGIL</b>
<b>Sunday 20th April</b>	<b>9.00 am</b>	<b>St Peters</b>	<b>EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD</b>
	<b>10.30 am</b>	<b>Holy Cross</b>	<b>EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD</b>
<b>Sunday 21st April</b>	<b>from 1pm</b>	<b>Holy Cross</b>	<b>DIVINE MERCY CELEBRATION</b>