

# Holy Cross Catholic Church

## Newsletter

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Year 26 – No. 6

### SATURDAY VIGIL MASSES (For Sunday)

4:00 pm	Polish: <i>Every 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday of the month</i>
4:00 pm	Spanish: <i>Every 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of the month</i>
4:00 pm	English (Children/Families)
6:30 pm	English

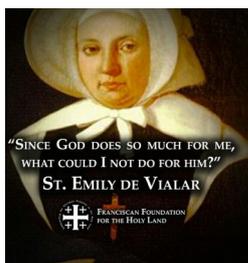
True success comes from God, and in order to achieve it, we must know how to walk with Him. If we shall achieve any meaningful success, we must first learn to appreciate the gift of life. We must recognise that our very existence is a gift from God and that we owe all we are and have to Him. John 3:27 puts it this way, A man can receive nothing, except it be given him from heaven. Indeed we cannot achieve anything without God.

Fr. Andrew Arhin OFM

### SUNDAY MASSES

8:00 am	English
9:30 am	Greek
10:30 am	English
12:00 nm	French: <i>Every 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of the month</i>
12:00 nm	Tagalog: <i>Every 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of the month</i>
12:00 nm	Indian: <i>Every 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the month</i>
12:00 nm	Sinhala: <i>Every 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the month</i>
6:30 pm	English

### Feast of St. Emily de Vialar



There will be a special mass in honour of St. Emilie de Vialar, foundress of the Sisters of St. Joseph of the Apparition on Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> June 2021 at 6:30 pm.

Sr. Adeline Condor

### WEEKDAY MASSES

7:30 am	Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday - English
7:30 am	Tuesday - Greek <i>St. Anthony Devotion</i>
6:30 pm	Every day - English

During the months of July/August Saturday 4:00pm children's and family mass and all community masses, including Greek mass on Saturday and Sunday are suspended. We resume those masses after Summer's holidays, beginning in September.

### MASSES IN NORTH CYPRUS

12:00 nm	St. Elizabeth of Hungary, Kyrenia - <i>Every Sunday</i> - English
7:00 pm	Famagusta - <i>Every Sunday</i> - English

We invite parishioners who usually participate in that masses to attend the other mass schedule (Saturday 6:30pm, Sunday 8, 10:30 am, 6:30pm. In Sister's Chapel in Troodos 10am in Greek).

Fr. Zacheusz Dulniok OFM

*Father of Light, from whom every good gift comes*

## June Calendar

## CELEBRATIONS

Friday 11 June

St. Barnabas, Apostle, Feast



**ST. BARNABAS** was born in Cyprus and became a Christian and a disciple of Christ in Jerusalem. Companion of Paul, he introduced him to Christians in Antioch. He accompanied Paul to Cyprus during his first apostolic mission.

Sunday 13 June

Ascension of the Lord, Solemnity



**THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD** *"This final stage stays closely linked to the first, that is to his descent from heaven in the Incarnation. Only the one who "came from the Father" can return to the Father: Christ Jesus. "No one has ascended into heaven but he who descended from heaven, the Son of Man." Left to its own natural powers humanity does not have access to the "Father's house", to God's life and happiness. Only Christ can open to man such access that we, his members, might have confidence that we too shall go where he, our Head and our Source, has preceded us"* (CCC 621)

Monday 14 June

St. Anthony of Padua, Solemnity



**ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA** is one of the most popular saints in the Catholic Church, also among non Catholic Christians. Born in Portugal, his baptismal name was Fernando. He changed his name when he entered the Franciscan Order. He is known as a Saint of many wonders and is venerated all over the world. He is also a principal patron saint of the Custody of the Holy Land.

Sunday 20 June

Pentecost Sunday, Solemnity



**PENTECOST** *"On the day of Pentecost when the seven weeks of Easter had come to an end, Christ's Passover is fulfilled in the outpouring of the Holy Spirit, manifested, given, and communicated as a divine person: of his fullness, Christ, the Lord, pours out the Spirit in abundance."* (CCC 731)

Thursday 24 June

Nativity of St. John the Baptist, Solemnity



**ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST** Born six months before our Lord, St. John was the son of Zachariah and Elizabeth, our Lady's cousin. He was the last and the greatest of the prophets. As the forerunner of the Saviour, he prepared the Jews for the Advent of Christ. When Christ came, St. John bore witness to him and encouraged his own followers to follow Jesus.

Sunday 27 June

Holy Trinity, Solemnity



**THE HOLY TRINITY** *"O blessed light, O Trinity and first Unity!" God is eternal blessedness, undying life, unfading light. God is love: Father, Son and Holy Spirit. God freely wills to communicate the glory of his blessed life. Such is the "plan of his loving kindness", conceived by the Father before the foundation of the world, in his beloved Son: "He destined us in love to be his sons" and "to be conformed to the image of his Son", through "the spirit of sonship". This plan is a "grace [which] was given to us in Christ Jesus before the ages began", stemming immediately from Trinitarian love. It unfolds in the work of creation, the whole history of salvation after the fall, and the missions of the Son and the Spirit, which are continued in the mission of the Church."* (CCC 257).

Tuesday 29 June

SS. Peter and Paul, Apostles, Solemnity



**SS PETER AND PAUL** *"Peter the Apostle and Paul the Teacher of the Gentiles have brought us to know the law of the Lord"* (from the Liturgy).

In the Franciscan Custody of the Holy Land this is the day of consecration of new deacons and priests. To all the Fathers of the Holy Cross Parish who celebrate their Ordination Day, Happy Feast Day!

*Send your Spirit into our lives with the power of a mighty wind*

## PARISH NEWS

# 1<sup>st</sup> Communion 2021



### HOLY CROSS PARISH COUNCIL NEWS AND MESSAGES

The Summer is here again and the measures for the pandemic are being relaxed by the authorities more and more now. Higher numbers of faithful are being allowed to enter the church for the holy liturgies, observing always the safety measures, although it should be underlined that this is on the condition that the safepass provisions are observed too inside the church.

All those without the proof of the safepass as needed, cannot enter the church still, but can sit outside the church for the liturgies, still observing the coronavirus safety measures, as we look forward to the situation improving further soon, for the safepass condition to be withdrawn also for those going inside the church.

The Parish Council will be meeting in mid-June in order to review the situation, to discuss issues arising so far and to plan ahead, also given the latest easing of the pandemic restrictions.

Normally at this time, as last year, we would be dealing with the planning and detailed organisation of the Holy Cross Parish Lunch, which would be open to all, bringing all our Parish's realities together (with dishes from all over the world and presentations, songs and dances from the various parish groups also), as well as deciding for the movies to be screened at the Movie Nights before the summer recess.

Although this year also, due to the pandemic, we were not be able to have the Holy Cross Parish Lunch, welcoming everyone from our Parish and beyond, as we did until 2019, we will be discussing, among other items, the possibility of celebrating again the Holy Cross Feast in the Presbytery Gardens, with food and drinks, on the occasion of the Feast of the Exultation of the Holy Cross in September 2021, as appropriate.

In the meantime, it is also noted that the Holy Cross website is back, after the attacks from hackers and that every month, in place of the Movie Nights, we feature the "Life of a Saint", with presentations and videos, to inspire us in our call as Christians, to walk with the Risen Lord in our life everyday too.

We pray for the protection of the Christ in our lives and our Parish, we pray for the strength of His grace and the power of His Spirit, for our priests and religious, our families and children and for the work of the Parish Council too! May He fill us with blessings always, to live in communion with Him and with each other, with joy everyday in His abundant mercy!

Akis Hjiiosif (Chairman of the Parish Council - email: [holcrossparishcouncil@yahoo.com](mailto:holcrossparishcouncil@yahoo.com))

*and by the flame of your wisdom*

## MORE NEWS

APOSTOLIC LETTER

**PATRI CORDE OF THE HOLY FATHER FRANCIS**

ON THE 150<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF THE PROCLAMATION OF SAINT JOSEPH AS PATRON OF THE UNIVERSAL CHURCH

Thanks to his role in salvation history, Saint Joseph has always been venerated as a father by the Christian people. This is shown by the countless churches dedicated to him worldwide, the numerous religious Institutes, Confraternities and ecclesial groups inspired by his spirituality and bearing his name, and the many traditional expressions of piety in his honour. Innumerable holy men and women were passionately devoted to him. Among them was Teresa of Avila, who chose him as her advocate and intercessor, had frequent recourse to him and received whatever graces she asked of him. Encouraged by her own experience, Teresa persuaded others to cultivate devotion to Joseph.<sup>[9]</sup>

Every prayer book contains prayers to Saint Joseph. Special prayers are offered to him each Wednesday and especially during the month of March, which is traditionally dedicated to him.<sup>[10]</sup>

Popular trust in Saint Joseph is seen in the expression “*Go to Joseph*”, which evokes the famine in Egypt, when the Egyptians begged Pharaoh for bread. He in turn replied: “Go to Joseph; what he says to you, do” (*Gen 41:55*). Pharaoh was referring to Joseph the son of Jacob, who was sold into slavery because of the jealousy of his brothers (cf. *Gen 37:11-28*) and who – according to the biblical account – subsequently became viceroy of Egypt (cf. *Gen 41:41-44*).

To be continued



### Readings for Sunday Masses

#### 6th Sunday of Easter

June 6

Acts 10:25-26 34-35 44-48  
Ps 97:1-4  
1Jn 4:7-10  
Jn 15:9-17

#### Ascension of the Lord

June 13

Acts 1:1-11  
Ps 47:2-3 6-9  
Eph 1:17-23  
Mt 28:16-20

#### Pentecost Sunday

June 20

Acts 2:1-11  
Ps 104:1 24 29-31 34  
Gal 5:16-25  
Jn 15:26-27 16:12-15

#### The Holy Trinity

June 27

Dt 4:32-34, 39-40  
Ps 33:4-5 6 9 18-20 22  
Rom 8:14-17  
Mt 28:16-20

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Deadline for submissions: 25<sup>th</sup> June 2021

**Coffee Morning in  
the Library**

**NO COFFEE MORNING  
THIS MONTH**

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*Open the horizon of our minds.*