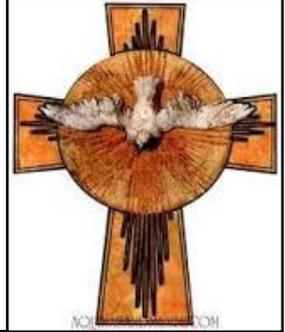


# Holy Cross Catholic Church

## Newsletter

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### SATURDAY VIGIL MASSES (For Sunday)

- 4:00 pm Polish: *Every 1st Saturday of the month*  
 4:00 pm Spanish: *Every 2nd Saturday of the month*  
 6:30 pm English

### SUNDAY MASSES

- 8:00 am English  
 9:30 am Greek  
 10:30 am English  
 12:00 nn French: *Every 1st Sunday of the month*  
 12:00 nn Tagalog: *Every 2nd Sunday of the month*  
 12:00 nn Indian: *Every 3rd Sunday of the month*  
 12:00 nn Sinhala: *Every 4th Sunday of the month*  
 6:30 pm English (Children/Families)

### WEEKDAY MASSES

- 7:30 am Monday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday - English  
 7:30 am Tuesday - Greek  
*St. Anthony Devotion*  
 8.00 am Wednesday - English  
 6:30 pm Every day - English

### MASSES IN NORTH CYPRUS

- 12:00 nn St. Elizabeth of Hungary, Kyrenia - *Every Sunday* - English  
 7:00 pm Famagusta - *Every Sunday* - English

### Dear family and friends of the Holy Cross Parish,

Forty days after His resurrection Jesus ascended into heaven bringing up with Him the redeemed human race. In a world oppressed by misery, hatred, war and pain, the Ascension of the Lord Jesus strengthens our hope that heaven is our final happiness and crown of glory. Seated at the right hand of the Father, Jesus sent down the Holy Spirit upon His disciples and His Church fifty days (*Pentecost = 50 days*) after His resurrection. On this day, the Holy Spirit of God sent forth the disciples into the whole world to preach the Good News (the Gospel) and to baptise all the nations.

Pentecost is the culmination of Christ's death and resurrection. He ascended into heaven in order to send the Holy Spirit (*the Helper and Consoler*) that would continue among us the work of salvation that He had begun. We live in the age of the Holy Spirit. In some way, the sacrament of Confirmation is like our own Pentecost. *This year, the youth of our Catholic parishes will receive this sacrament of Christian maturity and the seal of the Holy Spirit from the hands of His Excellency Giacinto Boulos Marcuzzo, on Pentecost Sunday 19 June, in the church of Saint Catherine of Alexandria in Limassol.* For it is through the sacrament of Confirmation that the Holy Spirit anoints us to go forth and proclaim around us in words and action that God is a merciful Father and that in Jesus His Son we see His face and that the promised Advocate, the Holy Spirit, always refreshes the face of the earth. Come Holy Spirit, refresh us and refresh our faith and Christian commitment.

*Fr. Zacheusz M. Dulniok, OFM*



### NEW CUSTOS OF THE HOLY LAND

Fr. Francesco Patton is the new Custos of the Holy Land. He will succeed Fr. Pierbattista Pizzaballa, who held the position for twelve years. Fr. Patton was born in Vigo Meano in 1963, in the diocese of Trent in Northern Italy. He belongs to the Franciscan Province of St. Anthony in Italy. He made his first religious profession in 1983 and his solemn profession in 1986; he was then ordained to the priesthood in 1989. He previously held the post as Provincial Minister of Trentino for the Friars Minor. *Our choice of life is to have faith in God, and if He calls us somewhere else it means it's time for us to go,* was Fr. Patton's first comment upon the news of his election. His thoughts then went to the Christian communities in the Holy Land: *accept me as a brother,* and to his brothers in Syria, *theirs is a heroic service.*

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

June Calendar	CELEBRATIONS	
<p><b>Saturday 11 June</b> St. Barnabas, Apostle, Feast</p> <p><b>Sunday 12 June</b> Ascension of the Lord, Solemnity</p>  <p><b>Monday 13 June</b> St. Anthony of Padua, Solemnity</p> <p><b>Sunday 19 June</b> Pentecost, Solemnity</p>  <p><b>Friday 24 June</b> Nativity of St. John the Baptist, Solemnity</p> <p><b>Sunday 26 June</b> The Holy Trinity, Solemnity</p>  <p><b>Wednesday 29 June</b> SS. Peter and Paul, Apostles, Solemnity</p>	<p><b>ST BARNABAS</b> 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.</p> <p><b>THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD</b> - <i>“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.”</i> (CCC 621)</p> <p><b>ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA</b> 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.</p> <p><b>PENTECOST</b> - <i>“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.”</i> (CCC 731)</p> <p><b>ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST</b> - 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.</p> <p><b>THE HOLY TRINITY</b> - <i>“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. His 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.”</i> (CCC 257).</p> <p><b>SS PETER AND PAUL</b> <i>“Peter the Apostle and Paul the Teacher of the Gentiles have brought us to know the law of the Lord”</i> (from the Liturgy).</p> <p>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!</p>	
 <p><b>CONFIRMATION 2016 - PENTECOST SUNDAY</b> The administration of the Sacrament of Confirmation will take place in St. Catherine of Alexandria Catholic Church, Limassol, during 11.00 am Mass.</p>	 <p><b>Nativity of St. John the Baptist (24 June)</b> At 6:30 pm Fr. Jerzy Kraj, Vicar general, will celebrate a Holy Mass for the members of the Sovereign Military and Hospitaller Order of St. John of Jerusalem of Rhodes and Malta.</p>	
 <p><b>SUMMER IS BACK!!! ENJOY THE SUN, BUT PLEASE REMEMBER TO DRESS 'MODESTLY', 'WITH DECENCY AND PROPRIETY' (cf. 1 Timothy 2:9-10) INSIDE THE HOUSE OF GOD AND ON THE PARISH PREMISES.</b> This applies to men and women.</p>	<p><b>The Holy Father's Intentions for the Month of June 2016</b></p> <p><b>Universal:</b> That immigrants and refugees may find welcome and respect in the countries to which they come.</p> <p><b>Evangelisation:</b> That the personal encounter with Jesus may arouse in many young people the desire to offer their own lives in priesthood or consecrated life.</p> 	
<p><i>Send your Spirit into our lives with the power of a mighty wind</i></p>		

## PARISH NEWS

### ST. ANTHONY BENEVOLENT SOCIETY



**Monday 13 June** is the feast of St. Anthony. His memorial will be celebrated at the 6.30 pm Mass. It will be followed by a procession with the statue of the saint outside in the garden, where St. Anthony's bread will be blessed.

Afterwards there will be a reception in St. Anthony's Hall. There will also be a small bazaar with cakes and other items on sale, and the lottery will be drawn.

The members of St. Anthony's Benevolent Society cordially invite all parishioners and friends to come and join them to celebrate their Patron Saint, and assist them in helping the poor.

### Feast of St. Emily de Vialar Friday 17 June

On that day, the Sisters of St Joseph will celebrate the feast of their foundress. This will be an opportunity for us to pray for them and to thank them for all the work they carry out in our Church and Parish community.

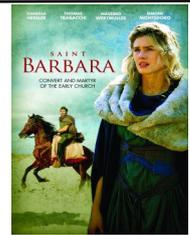
We will honor St. Emily and pray for the Saint Joseph Sisters during **Holy Mass at 6:30 pm**. A reception will follow.



### LEGION OF MARY

We are a movement of lay people who aspire to achieve personal sanctity. As members, sharing responsibilities and all playing our part, we have the wonderful opportunity of opening ourselves to the needs of God's people. Our mission calls for commitment and courage to be the instruments of God's grace in a spirit of faith and perseverance. We do not preach by lecturing but by our works of mercy and compassion, which include propagating the enthronement of the Immaculate Heart of Mary in every home, promoting the Rosary, especially through the apostolate of the living rosary, and visiting the sick and the elderly. Our aim is to bring the Gospel into our daily lives, sharing the love of God through our personal contacts and fostering a deeper knowledge about the role of our Holy Mother in the work of salvation.

*The Three Praesidia*



**MOVIE NIGHT**  
**FRIDAY 3 JUNE**  
**St. Francis Hall**  
**7.15 pm**  
**St. Barbara**

*Refreshments and snacks  
at the interval*

### HOLY CROSS PARISH COUNCIL NEWS AND MESSAGES

CHRIST IS RISEN once more! For the world around us Easter has come and gone long ago now, but the Church celebrates Easter, not for one day or one week, but for a week of weeks, a season of 50 days, until Pentecost!

In this spirit of celebration, we hope you enjoyed the Holy Cross Parish Lunch on 8 May 2016, Divine Mercy Sunday, which was organised by the Parish Council for the third year in a row. We were full of joy to see our whole Parish, united at this event, with the presentations, songs and dances by various groups, and also afterwards at the meditation and prayer to the Divine Mercy. We would like to thank wholeheartedly all those who took part and all those who volunteered to help for it to be such a success!

The Holy Cross Movie Night for June 2016 to be screened on 3 June 2016 at 7.15pm in St. Francis Hall will feature a movie on the inspiring life of St. Barbara, convert and martyr of the Early Church. The next Movie Night will be in September 2016.

We also remind you that parishioners who would like to receive information/news/notices from the Holy Cross by email can subscribe to the "Holy Cross Information Service" by sending their email address to the email of the parish council (see below) or by writing it on the form on the Bulletin Board by the entrance of the church.

We pray for you and we ask you to also pray for us, for our parish, our priests and all its people. May the Lord bless and accompany us each step of the way, to witness Him strongly in the world in which we live today!

*Akis Hjiiossif (Chairman of the Parish Council – email: holcrossparishcoun il@yahoo.com)*

*and by the flame of your wisdom*

## MORE NEWS

### *Misericordiae Vultus* - BULL OF INDICTION OF THE EXTRAORDINARY JUBILEE OF MERCY (8)



20. It would not be out of place at this point to recall the relationship between *justice* and *mercy*. These are not two contradictory realities, but two dimensions of a single reality that unfolds progressively until it culminates in the fullness of love. Justice is a fundamental concept for civil society, which is meant to be governed by the rule of law. Justice is also understood as that which is rightly due to each individual. In the Bible, there are many references to divine justice and to God as “judge”. In these passages, justice is understood as the full observance of the Law and the behaviour of every good Israelite in conformity with God’s commandments. Such a vision, however, has not infrequently led to legalism by distorting the original meaning of justice and obscuring its profound value. To overcome this legalistic perspective, we need to recall that in Sacred Scripture, justice is conceived essentially as the faithful abandonment of oneself to God’s will.

For his part, Jesus speaks several times of the importance of faith over and above the observance of the law. It is in this sense that we must understand his words when, reclining at table with Matthew and other tax collectors and sinners, he says to the Pharisees raising objections to him, “Go and learn the meaning of ‘I desire mercy not sacrifice’. I have come not to call the righteous, but sinners” (Mt 9:13). Faced with a vision of justice as the mere observance of the law that judges people simply by dividing them into two groups – the just and sinners – Jesus is bent on revealing the great gift of mercy that searches out sinners and offers them pardon and salvation. One can see why, on the basis of such a liberating vision of mercy as a source of new life, Jesus was rejected by the Pharisees and the other teachers of the law. In an attempt to remain faithful to the law, they merely placed burdens on the shoulders of others and undermined the Father’s mercy. The appeal to a faithful observance of the law must not prevent attention from being given to matters that touch upon the dignity of the person.

The appeal Jesus makes to the text from the book of the prophet Hosea – “I desire love and not sacrifice” (6:6) – is important in this regard. Jesus affirms that, from that time onward, the rule of life for his disciples must place mercy at the centre, as Jesus himself demonstrated by sharing meals with sinners. Mercy, once again, is revealed as a fundamental aspect of Jesus’ mission. This is truly challenging to his hearers, who would draw the line at a formal respect for the law. Jesus, on the other hand, goes beyond the law; the company he keeps with those the law considers sinners makes us realise the depth of his mercy.

The Apostle Paul makes a similar journey. Prior to meeting Jesus on the road to Damascus, he dedicated his life to pursuing the justice of the law with zeal (cf. *Phil* 3:6). His conversion to Christ led him to turn that vision upside down, to the point that he would write to the Galatians: “We have believed in Christ Jesus, In order to be justified by faith in Christ, and not by works of the law, because by works of the law shall no one be justified” (2:16).

Paul’s understanding of justice changes radically. He now places faith first, not justice. Salvation comes not through the observance of the law, but through faith in Jesus Christ, who in his death and resurrection brings salvation together with a mercy that justifies. God’s justice now becomes the liberating force for those oppressed by slavery to sin and its consequences. God’s justice is his mercy (cf. *Ps* 51:11-16).

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**Deadline for submissions: 19 June 2016**

### **Coffee Morning in the Library**

**16 June 2016  
10.00-12.00**

*For more information call  
Rosemarie (99216007) or  
Monique (99795207).*

*Open the horizon of our minds.* [Vespers II, Pentecost]