

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



EXULTET

Rejoice, heavenly powers! Sing, choirs of angels!
 Exult, all creation around God's throne!
 Jesus Christ, our King, is risen!
 Sound the trumpet of salvation!

Rejoice, O earth, in shining splendor,
 radiant in the brightness of your King!
 Christ has conquered! Glory fills you!
 Darkness vanishes for ever!

Rejoice, O Mother Church! Exult in glory!
 The risen Savior shines upon you!
 Let this place resound with joy,
 echoing the mighty song of all God's people!

*Fr. Jerzy, Fr. Danielemosé,
 Fr. Andrew and Fr. Zacheusz
 wish a **HAPPY EASTER** to all.*

It is truly right that with full hearts and minds and voices

May Calendar

CELEBRATIONS

Sunday 1 May
Easter Sunday - The Resurrection
of the Lord



Sunday 8 May
Divine Mercy Sunday



Friday 13 May
Our Lady of Fatima

Saturday 14 May
St. Matthias, Apostle



Tuesday 31 May
Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary



My Dear Friends, Happy Easter!

“Jesus Christ, the incarnation of God’s mercy, out of love for us died on the Cross, and out of love rose again from the dead. That is why we proclaim today: Jesus is Lord! His resurrection fulfils the prophecy of the Psalm: “God’s mercy endures forever”, it never dies. We can trust Him completely, and we thank Him because for our sake He descended into the depths of the abyss. Before the spiritual and moral abysses of mankind, before the chasms that open up in hearts and provoke hatred and death, only an infinite mercy can bring us salvation. Only God can fill those chasms with His love, prevent us from falling into them and help us to continue our journey together towards the land of freedom and life.

The glorious Easter message, that “Jesus, who was crucified is not here but is risen” (cf. Mt 28:5- 6), offers us the comforting assurance that the abyss of death has been bridged and, with it, all mourning, lamentation and pain (cf. Rev 21:4). The Lord, who suffered abandonment by his disciples, the burden of an unjust condemnation and shame of an ignominious death, now makes us sharers of his immortal life and enables us to see with His eyes of love and compassion those who hunger and thirst, strangers and prisoners, the marginalised and the outcast, the victims of oppression and violence. Our world is full of people suffering in body and spirit, even as the daily news is full of stories of brutal crimes which often take place within homes, and large-scale armed conflicts which cause I ndescribable suffering to entire peoples.”

[From the *Orbi et Urbi* message of Pope Francis, 2016]

The Risen Jesus is for all of us a new hope that after suffering and death there is life without end. I wish that all of us may have life and have it to the full.

Christ is Risen – He is truly Risen. Blessed and Happy Easter!

Fr. Zacheusz M. Dulniok, OFM

Holy Cross 3rd Parish Lunch
Sunday 8 May, Feast of Divine Mercy
from 1.30 pm,

followed by the Divine Mercy Chaplet, Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and Benediction at 4.00 pm



Entertainment: singing, dancing, drama
Bring a dish to share and join the fun!

Please add your name to the list in the sacristy
and indicate the dish you are planning to bring.

For more information call: 99 42 65 26 or 99 79 52 07

MASSES IN THE GROTTTO IN HONOUR
OF THE BVM

We will honour the Blessed Virgin Mary by celebrating two Masses in the grotto, on **Friday 13 May**, memorial of our Lady of Fatima, and on **Tuesday 31 May**, feast of the Visitation of the BVM.

Both Masses will be at 6:30 pm, after the Holy Rosary which will also be said in the grotto.

Mary, Mother of Mercy, pray for us sinners.

The Holy Father's Intentions for the Month of May 2016

Universal: That in every country of the world, women may be honored and respected and that their essential contribution to society may be highly esteemed.

Evangelisation: That families, communities, and groups may pray the Holy Rosary for evangelisation and peace.



we should praise the unseen God, the all powerful Father, and his only Son, our Lord Jesus Christ.

PARISH NEWS

FIRST COMMUNION

On 29 May 2016 during the 10:30 am Mass, children from our community will solemnly receive the Body and Blood of Christ for the first time. Let us pray for them and encourage them through our good example and attitude towards the Sacrament of the Eucharist.

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

On 8 May, Divine Mercy Sunday, we will host in our parish Sr. Wincenta Mąka, a Polish sister of the Congregation of our Lady of Mercy, the congregation to which Sister Faustina Kowalski belonged. Our guest will speak on the Divine Mercy and on St. Faustina at all Masses and during our Parish Lunch. On that day we will also consecrate ourselves and our parish to the Divine Mercy and we will bless a new icon of the Merciful Jesus.

HOLY CROSS CATHOLIC CHARISMATIC COMMUNITY

We are the Holy Cross Catholic Charismatic Community. Our mission is to love and serve the Lord, to reach out, enlarge His territory and further God's Kingdom. Our mission is also to provide spiritual support and community services to Filipino workers by fostering a spirit of responsibility and love, in order to bring Jesus and His word into their lives, so that they find in Cyprus a place like home away from home. To carry out this mission we ask the blessings and anointing of the Holy Spirit.

Jesus told us to love one another as he loved us. He advised those who follow Him to make their love as practical and selfless as His own; His life revealed His concern and compassion for the poor, the sick and the troubled. During this year of Mercy, the HCCCC brethren in the Nicosia Chapter are visiting old people who need care and protection in homes for the aged as well as visiting sick people in hospitals.

We invite each and every one to come and join us and experience the outpouring of the Holy Spirit and the presence of the Lord in our lives and be blessed. May the grace of God be with us all.

Primrose



Holy Cross Catholic Charismatic Community

The HCCCC will celebrate its 7th anniversary on Sunday 15 May 2016 with a Thanksgiving Mass at 10.30 a.m. in the Holy Cross Catholic Church. The Mass will be followed by praise and worship in St. Francis Hall, from 12.00 to 4.00 pm with Fr. Zacheusz Dulniok, spiritual director of the Community.



MOVIE NIGHT
FRIDAY 6 MAY
St Francis Hall
7.15 pm
SAINT RITA—PART 2
Refreshments and snacks
at the interval

A VERY BIG "THANK YOU" TO ALL VOLUNTEERS

for cleaning the church before Easter, for collecting olive branches before Palm Sunday, for participating in the Passion of Christ drama, for supporting the Easter reception and the Parish Lunch and many other activities, but above all thank you for being here and for your love for this parish!

THANK YOU

We would like to thank **Fr. Anton Sriyan** for his generous ministry towards the Sri Lankan community in our Parish and on the Island. We also thank **Don Alois Fechet** who for many years has been coming to our parishes every Christmas and Easter to support the Romanian community. We thank you and pray for both of you and your apostolate. God bless you always, dear friends.

HOLY CROSS PARISH COUNCIL NEWS AND MESSAGES

XPICTOC ANECTH AAAHAOYIA! Christ is Risen, truly Risen! A very happy Easter from all of us on the Parish Council to each and every one of you. The Parish Council met twice in April to discuss various issues and organise different events during Lent, Holy Week and Eastertide. These included:

- 1) the Holy Cross Lenten Pilgrimage to Kormakitis, which proved to be a great success;
- 2) the May Movie Night, which will feature the second and final part of the wonderful film on the life of St Rita [see box, p. 3];
- 3) the Good Friday Passion drama, which is now an annual event at Holy Cross, drawing a lot of interest from parishioners and beyond and calling us to meditate deeply on the mystery of our salvation;
- 4) the Holy Cross annual Parish lunch, which will be held on Sunday 8 May 2016, from 1.30 pm, in the Presbytery Gardens, and to which everyone is welcome [See box, p. 2].

Once more we wish you every blessing from the Risen Lord! We hope and pray that He will fill our lives with His light and power every day of our lives on this earth and beyond! May the Risen Lord in His mercy shower upon us and our Parish His grace every day to serve and witness Him always!

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

For Christ has ransomed us with his blood,

MORE NEWS

Misericordiae Vultus - BULL OF INDICTION OF THE EXTRAORDINARY JUBILEE OF MERCY (7)



17. I will never tire of insisting that confessors be authentic signs of the Father's mercy. We do not become good confessors automatically. We become good confessors when, above all, we allow ourselves to be penitents in search of his mercy. Let us never forget that to be confessors means to participate in the very mission of Jesus to be a concrete sign of the constancy of divine love that pardons and saves. We priests have received the gift of the Holy Spirit for the forgiveness of sins, and we are responsible for this. None of us wields power over this Sacrament; rather, we are faithful servants of God's mercy through it. Every confessor must accept the faithful as the father in the parable of the prodigal son: a father who runs out to meet his son despite the fact that he has squandered away his inheritance.

Confessors are called to embrace the repentant son who comes back home and to express the joy of having him back again. Let us never tire of also going out to the other son who stands outside, incapable of rejoicing, in order to explain to him that his judgement is severe and unjust and meaningless in light of the father's boundless mercy. May confessors not ask useless questions, but like the father in the parable, interrupt the speech prepared ahead of time by the prodigal son, so that confessors will learn to accept the plea for help and mercy pouring from the heart of every penitent. In short, confessors are called to be a sign of the primacy of mercy always, everywhere, and in every situation, no matter what.

18. During Lent of this Holy Year, I intend to send out *Missionaries of Mercy*. They will be a sign of the Church's maternal solicitude for the People of God, enabling them to enter the profound richness of this mystery so fundamental to the faith. There will be priests to whom I will grant the authority to pardon even those sins reserved to the Holy See, so that the breadth of their mandate as confessors will be even clearer. They will be, above all, living signs of the Father's readiness to welcome those in search of his pardon. They will be missionaries of mercy because they will be facilitators of a truly human encounter, a source of liberation, rich with responsibility for overcoming obstacles and taking up the new life of Baptism again. They will be led in their mission by the words of the Apostle: "For God has consigned all men to disobedience, that he may have mercy upon all" (*Rom 11:32*). Everyone, in fact, without exception, is called to embrace the call to mercy. May these Missionaries live this call with the assurance that they can fix their eyes on Jesus, "the merciful and faithful high priest in the service of God" (*Heb 2:17*).

I ask my brother Bishops to invite and welcome these Missionaries so that they can be, above all, persuasive preachers of mercy. May individual dioceses organize "missions to the people" in such a way that these Missionaries may be heralds of joy and forgiveness. Bishops are asked to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation with their people so that the time of grace made possible by the Jubilee year makes it possible for many of God's sons and daughters to take up once again the journey to the Father's house. May pastors, especially during the liturgical season of Lent, be diligent in calling back the faithful "to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace" (*Heb 4:16*).

19. May the message of mercy reach everyone, and may no one be indifferent to the call to experience mercy. I direct this invitation to conversion even more fervently to those whose behaviour distances them from the grace of God. I particularly have in mind men and women belonging to criminal organizations of any kind. For their own good, I beg them to change their lives. I ask them this in the name of the Son of God who, though rejecting sin, never rejected the sinner. Do not fall into the terrible trap of thinking that life depends on money and that, in comparison with money, anything else is devoid of value or dignity. This is nothing but an illusion! We cannot take money with us into the life beyond. Money does not bring us happiness. Violence inflicted for the sake of amassing riches soaked in blood makes one neither powerful nor immortal. Everyone, sooner or later, will be subject to God's judgment, from which no one can escape. The same invitation is extended to those who either perpetrate or participate in corruption. This festering wound is a grave sin that cries out to heaven for vengeance, because it threatens the very foundations of personal and social life. Corruption prevents us from looking to the future with hope, because its tyrannical greed shatters the plans of the weak and tramples upon the poorest of the poor. It is an evil that embeds itself into the actions of everyday life and spreads, causing great public scandal. Corruption is a sinful hardening of the heart that replaces God with the illusion that money is a form of power. It is a work of darkness, fed by suspicion and intrigue. *Corruptio optimi pessima*, saint Gregory the Great said with good reason, affirming that no one can think himself immune from this temptation. If we want to drive it out from personal and social life, we need prudence, vigilance, loyalty, transparency, together with the courage to denounce any wrongdoing. If it is not combated openly, sooner or later everyone will become an accomplice to it, and it will end up destroying our very existence.

This is the opportune moment to change our lives! This is the time to allow our hearts to be touched! When faced with evil deeds, even in the face of serious crimes, it is the time to listen to the cry of innocent people who are deprived of their property, their dignity, their feelings, and even their very lives. To stick to the way of evil will only leave one deluded and sad. True life is something entirely different. God never tires of reaching out to us. He is always ready to listen, as I am too, along with my brother bishops and priests. All one needs to do is to accept the invitation to conversion and submit oneself to justice during this special time of mercy offered by the Church.

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and paid for us the price of Adam's sin to our eternal Father! [Exsultet—Easter Proclamation]