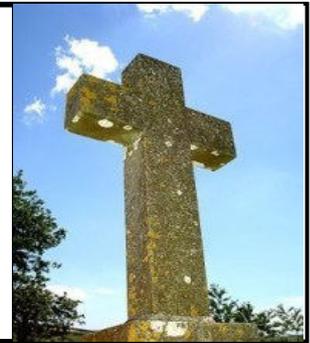


# Holy Cross Catholic Church

## 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*  
 5:30 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

† Rev. Fr. Wilhelm Fornal OFM  
 28. 10. 1952—18. 10. 2015



We would never have imagined that our beloved Fr. Wilhelm would leave us orphans so soon. This Franciscan friar so full of energy and zeal passed away suddenly in the Larnaca parish where he was helping Fr. Umberto. He died after celebrating his last Holy Mass for the Polish community, on Sunday 18 October 2015. Fr. Wilhelm was 62 years old. He was professed 28 years ago and had been a priest for 24 years. He lived in Cyprus for 20 years: in Nicosia, lately in Limassol, but mostly in Larnaca where he spent the longest part of his generous service. He was buried in our Catholic Cemetery in Larnaca.

We would like to thank all of you for your condolences, support, prayers, and presence in Larnaca for the funeral service.

We will remember Fr. Wilhelm in our prayers, especially during this month of November while we pray for all the souls of our beloved departed.

On Monday 2 November we will visit our Catholic cemeteries. The bus will depart at 9:45 am from the roundabout to our old cemetery in the Buffer Zone in Nicosia and again at 3:00pm to our new cemetery in Tseri. In both cemeteries we will offer the Holy Mass for the deceased who rest in them and afterwards we will bless the graves.

The service at the Larnaca cemetery will start at 2:30 pm with the prayer of the Holy Rosary, followed by Holy Mass at 3:00 pm.

*“Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and may your light shine upon them. May they rest in peace.” Amen.*

*Fr. Zacheusz M. Dulniok, ofm*



### SAINT ELIZABETH OF HUNGARY, KYRENIA

Not many people know that the Fathers of Holy Cross go to Kyrenia, in Northern Cyprus, to celebrate the Holy Mass, every Sunday at 12 noon.

A small Catholic community lives in that town. The faithful come mostly from the U.K. (generally retired persons), but some are tourists, especially in the summer, students from Africa and Filipino and Vietnamese workers. Our church in the centre of Kyrenia is dedicated to St. Elizabeth of Hungary, whose feast is on 17 November (see p. 2). This year it falls on a Tuesday, but we shall celebrate it solemnly on Sunday 15 November at 12:00 noon.

*How shining and splendid are your gifts, O Lord, which you give us for our eternal well-being*

## November Calendar

## CELEBRATIONS

**Sunday 1 November**

**All Saints  
Solemnity**



**Monday 2 November**

**All Souls  
Feast**



**Monday 9 November**

**Dedication of the Lateran Basilica  
Feast**

**Tuesday 17 November**

**St. Elizabeth of Hungary  
Memorial**

**Saturday 21 November**

**The Presentation of the BVM  
Memorial**

**Sunday 22 November**

**Christ the King  
Solemnity**



**Sunday 29 November**

**1st Sunday of Advent**



**Monday 30 November**

**St Andrew, Apostle  
Feast**

### ALL SAINTS' DAY

*"...I saw a huge number, impossible to count, of people from every nation, race, tribe and language; they were standing in front of the throne and in front of the Lamb, dressed in white robes and with palms in their hands" (Rev. 7:9).* This feast celebrates all the unknown saints who are now in Heaven. Sanctity is within everyone's reach; through the Communion of Saints each part of the Mystical Body of Christ helps every other to grow in holiness. All holy men and women, pray for us!

### COMMEMORATION OF ALL THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED (All Souls' Day)

*Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May the souls of the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace. Amen.*

### THE DEDICATION OF THE LATERAN BASILICA

In the 4th century, the Lateran palace in Rome (which belonged to the emperor) became the residence of the Pope. The basilica built nearby, dedicated to the Saviour, was his cathedral. And it is still. Later on it was also dedicated to St. John the Baptist and St. John the Evangelist.

### ST. ELIZABETH OF HUNGARY

St Elizabeth (1207-1231) was the daughter of Andrew, king of Hungary. While still a young girl she was married to Louis of Thuringia. After her husband's death, under the guidance of the Friars Minor, she embraced a life of poverty and charity. She erected a hospital in which she herself served the sick. She is the patroness of the Secular Franciscans.

### THE PRESENTATION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

The feast originated in the East, where it is called the Entry of the Most Holy Theotokos into the Temple. It commemorates (in the words of the Liturgy of the Hours) "that dedication of herself which Mary made to God from her very childhood under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit who filled her with grace at her Immaculate Conception."

### OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE (CHRIST THE KING)

The feast instituted by Pope Pius XI is intended to proclaim Christ's royalty over individuals, families, society, governments, and nations (Encyclical *Quas Primas*). *"If to Christ our Lord is given all power in heaven and on earth; if all men, purchased by his precious blood, are by a new right subjected to his dominion; if this power embraces all men, it must be clear that not one of our faculties is exempt from his empire. He must reign in our minds, which should assent with perfect submission and firm belief to revealed truths ... He must reign in our wills, which should obey the laws and precepts of God. He must reign in our hearts, which should spurn natural desires and love God above all things... He must reign in our bodies ...which should serve as instruments for the interior sanctification of our souls. (Quas Primas § 33)*

### 29 NOVEMBER: BEGINNING OF THE SEASON OF ADVENT

#### (Readings: Sundays: Year C; Weekdays: Cycle 2)

'Awaken! Remember that God comes! Not yesterday, not tomorrow, but today, now! The one true God, "the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob", is not a God who is there in Heaven, unconcerned with us and our history, but he is the-God-who-comes.' Pope Benedict XVI, *Celebration of First Vespers of Advent*.

### ST ANDREW

St. Andrew was from Bethsaida in Galilee, a fisherman by trade. He was the one who introduced his brother Simon Peter to Jesus, saying "We have found the Messiah." After Pentecost, Andrew preached the Gospel in many lands, and is said to have been martyred at Patras in Greece on a cross which was in the form of an "X".

### The Holy Father's Intentions for the Month of November 2015

**Universal:** That we may be open to personal encounter and dialogue with all, even those whose convictions differ from our own.

**Evangelisation:** That pastors of the Church, with profound love for their flocks, may accompany them and enliven their hope.

**Happy 60th birthday and happy name day to our brother and friend Fr. Andrew Verdote.**

**Thank you, Father, for your devoted, silent and faithful service in the Nicosia and Kyrenia parishes. God bless you always.**

*Your glory shines radiantly in your saints, O God, in the honour and noble victory of the martyrs.*

## PARISH NEWS

### COMMEMORATION OF ALL SOULS: PLENARY INDULGENCE (TEMPORAL REMISSION OF SINS), from 1 to 8 November

A **PLENARY INDULGENCE** can be gained for visiting the Church or the Cemetery and praying for the Faithful Departed. It is applicable *only to the Souls in Purgatory*.

#### CONDITIONS TO OBTAIN THE PLENARY INDULGENCE

1) **SACRAMENTAL CONFESSION** within **one week** before or after gained indulgence; 2) **HOLY COMMUNION** on or near the day of the INDULGENCE; 3) Recitation of the **CREED**, one **OUR FATHER**, **HAIL MARY**, **GLORY BE TO THE FATHER** for the intentions of the Pope; 4) **PRAYER FOR THE SOULS OF THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED**.

Parishioners who are unable to go to the Church or the Cemetery (due to illness, age, etc.) may also gain the plenary indulgence under the same conditions, **at home**.

*"Lord, make us turn to you; let us see your face and we shall be saved"*  
(Ps. 80:3)

PARISH RECOLLECTION AND CONFESSION DAY

**ON SUNDAY 29 NOVEMBER 2015**

BEGINNING OF ADVENT

WE ARE ALL INVITED TO PREPARE A WAY FOR THE LORD WHO IS  
COMING INTO OUR HEART

(From 12:00 noon until the last penitent)

#### MOVIE NIGHT

**FRIDAY 6 NOVEMBER**

St Francis Hall

7.15 pm



*AD The Bible continues* (Episodes 9 & 10)  
The road to Damascus - Saul's return

#### SOCIAL CENTRE

The annual fundraising event to support St. Joseph's Centre will take place on **6 December** at St. Joseph's compound **from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.**

Funds will go to help the migrants, the needy and other vulnerable people. We appeal to your generosity in supporting this event by your contributions and presence. Contributions can be left at St. Joseph's convent. There is always someone available to receive them.

Come and help by your presence. You may be able to buy some Christmas presents. Bring your children to visit Santa: the 6<sup>th</sup> of December is the Feast of St. Nicholas.

*Sister Adeline*

#### HOLY CROSS LITURGY MINISTRY

On Sunday 22 November the volunteers of our parish who dedicate themselves to the service of God and man as readers, psalmists, altar servants and collectors will celebrate the 5<sup>th</sup> anniversary of their ministry during the 10:30 am Mass.

Our meetings take place **every 1st Sunday** of the month **at 4:00pm**. Come and join us!



Last month we invited all of you to join us in a fund raising event: a 24 hour bicycle ride. The ride took place on 10 October 2015. There were four cyclists participating, two covered the whole distance of over 200km. We thank God that there were no injuries or punctures, although there were sore bottoms and aching muscles for a few days after.

The funds are still coming in but with the money received so far, we have already reached our target of €2,000. From the collections in our church we received €473.30. Thank you very much for your support and generosity!

As planned, the money will cover the emergency needs of single mothers with children. Namely, 8 mothers have already received help with accommodation; 4 mothers have had their water and electricity bills paid; 6 mothers were able to access health care and purchase medicine for their children, one child had her school paid for for a period of 3 months.

We also keep finding food and goodies in our basket almost every day. We thank you so much for everything and praise the Lord for your good hearts!

*Gosia Chrysanthou, Caritas Migrant Centre*



### PARISH COUNCIL NEWS & MESSAGES

The Parish Council met on Saturday 24.10.2015. After a minute's silent prayer in memory of Fr. William, the following issues were discussed and decided upon:

- The 2016 Holy Cross calendar, to be available by December 2015, will be dedicated to the Jubilee Year of Mercy.
- On 8.12.2015, the day the Jubilee Year of Mercy begins, we will screen the ceremony, directly from the Vatican, after the evening Mass. The whole parish will be invited to watch it.
- The movies for the 2016 Movie Nights will include new titles recommended to the Parish Council.
- The Parish Register forms will be given out on the Feast of Christ the King.
- From December 2015 the Newsletter will begin featuring the activities of each of the groups in our parish.
- Following its recent revitalisation, the Holy Cross parish website will be fully updated the soonest.

The Parish Council meeting closed with prayers and the blessing. Pray for us, our parish, our priests, religious and all its faithful people. May the Lord shower upon us His grace every day to serve and witness Him always!

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

*The white-robed company follow you, bright with their abundant faith. [...] Endowed with your everlasting grace,*

## MORE NEWS

### *Misericordiae Vultus* - BULL OF INDICTION OF THE EXTRAORDINARY JUBILEE OF MERCY (1)

On the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary, 8 December 2015, Pope Francis will open officially the Jubilee Year dedicated to the Divine Mercy. For this occasion he wrote "*Misericordiae Vultus*", the Bull of Indiction of the Extraordinary Jubilee of Mercy which he promulgated on 11 April 2015.

Starting with this edition of the Newsletter we are happy to introduce to all our parishioners this wonderful Apostolic Letter of Pope Francis. We will present the entire document in small parts throughout the Jubilee Year so that we can all meditate on it and live this year of extraordinary grace receiving the abundance of God's love and mercy through his beloved Son our Lord Jesus Christ. Fr. Zacheusz M. Dulniok, OFM

#### FRANCIS BISHOP OF ROME SERVANT OF THE SERVANTS OF GOD TO ALL WHO READ THIS LETTER GRACE, MERCY, AND PEACE

1. Jesus Christ is the face of the Father's mercy. These words might well sum up the mystery of the Christian faith. Mercy has become living and visible in Jesus of Nazareth, reaching its culmination in him. The Father, "rich in mercy" (*Eph 2:4*), after having revealed his name to Moses as "a God merciful and gracious, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness" (*Ex 34:6*), has never ceased to show, in various ways throughout history, his divine nature. In the "fullness of time" (*Gal 4:4*), when everything had been arranged according to his plan of salvation, he sent his only Son into the world, born of the Virgin Mary, to reveal his love for us in a definitive way. Whoever sees Jesus sees the Father (cf. *Jn 14:9*). Jesus of Nazareth, by his words, his actions, and his entire person<sup>[1]</sup> reveals the mercy of God.

2. We need constantly to contemplate the mystery of mercy. It is a wellspring of joy, serenity, and peace. Our salvation depends on it. Mercy: the word reveals the very mystery of the Most Holy Trinity. Mercy: the ultimate and supreme act by which God comes to meet us. Mercy: the fundamental law that dwells in the heart of every person who looks sincerely into the eyes of his brothers and sisters on the path of life. Mercy: the bridge that connects God and man, opening our hearts to the hope of being loved forever despite our sinfulness.

3. At times we are called to gaze even more attentively on mercy so that we may become a more effective sign of the Father's action in our lives. For this reason I have proclaimed an *Extraordinary Jubilee of Mercy* as a special time for the Church, a time when the witness of believers might grow stronger and more effective.

The Holy Year will open on 8 December 2015, the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception. This liturgical feast day recalls God's action from the very beginning of the history of mankind. After the sin of Adam and Eve, God did not wish to leave humanity alone in the throes of evil. And so he turned his gaze to Mary, holy and immaculate in love (cf. *Eph 1:4*), choosing her to be the Mother of man's Redeemer. When faced with the gravity of sin, God responds with the fullness of mercy. Mercy will always be greater than any sin, and no one can place limits on the love of God who is ever ready to forgive. I will have the joy of opening the Holy Door on the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception. On that day, the Holy Door will become a *Door of Mercy* through which anyone who enters will experience the love of God who consoles, pardons, and instils hope.

On the following Sunday, the Third Sunday of Advent, the Holy Door of the Cathedral of Rome – that is, the Basilica of Saint John Lateran – will be opened. In the following weeks, the Holy Doors of the other Papal Basilicas will be opened. On the same Sunday, I will announce that in every local church, at the cathedral – the mother church of the faithful in any particular area – or, alternatively, at the co-cathedral or another church of special significance, a Door of Mercy will be opened for the duration of the Holy Year. At the discretion of the local ordinary, a similar door may be opened at any shrine frequented by large groups of pilgrims, since visits to these holy sites are so often grace-filled moments, as people discover a path to conversion. Every Particular Church, therefore, will be directly involved in living out this Holy Year as an extraordinary moment of grace and spiritual renewal. Thus the Jubilee will be celebrated both in Rome and in the Particular Churches as a visible sign of the Church's universal communion.

(to be continued)

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Please send your notices and other contributions for the next newsletter to Monique ([moniqueburston@yahoo.com](mailto:moniqueburston@yahoo.com)) and/or to the Parish priest ([holcross@logos.cy.net](mailto:holcross@logos.cy.net)), or leave them in an envelope in the Church Library.

**Deadline for submissions: 22 November**

Coffee Morning in the Library

Thursday 19 November  
10.00-12.00

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

may we rejoice forever with the martyrs and the saints in our bright fatherland. (from a 10thC prayer in honour of the saints)