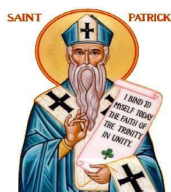


WELCOME TO



Holy Cross & St Patrick Parish

Served by the Society of the Divine Saviour – The Salvatorians

Parish Priest: Father Fortunatus Banzi, SDS

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Parish Office: Tuesday & Wednesday – 9.00 to 3pm. Thursday 9.00 to 2.30pm

FIRST SUNDAY of LENT

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The Holy Season of Lent is a great opportunity for a reality check on the strength of the three pillars of our spiritual life: **prayer, fasting and almsgiving**. This is no occasion to parade our spiritual activities before others. Whatever we wish to do during Lent, Jesus invites us to do silently and discreetly, with no other intention than to please God who wants to see our hearts changed for the better.

In the Gospel, we reflect upon the moments of Jesus in the wilderness where He spent time in aloneness with God so that He could be strengthened to face the forces of evil that were battling against Him. The wilderness could be a place where we are either distracted or we could draw closer to God. Even if we are tossed amidst confusion in our moments of temptation, we are called to reflect on our limitations and weaknesses and our need for Jesus as Saviour. The wilderness is where we can return to God wholeheartedly and recommit our lives to Him. Let our thoughts each day of this season be; **"What can I do for God today?"**

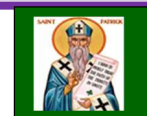
PRAYER - CAFOD LENT REFLECTIONS - CAFOD Online Lent Calendar 2024

Stations of the Cross: Holy Cross Fridays at 7pm; St Patrick Fridays after 9.00 Mass & Sundays at 5pm

*Holy
Cross*



MASS INTENTIONS
*St Patrick weekday Mass in
Chapel, Conway Road*



*St.
Patrick*

17.15 Divine Mercy Chaplet 17.30 Victor Pereira RIP	Sat. 17 th February FIRST SUNDAY of LENT	10.00 Marti Nwakoby RIP
8.00 Rosary & Divine Mercy Chaplet 8.45 Ettie Henry RIP	Sun. 18 th February FIRST SUNDAY of LENT	10.15 Iseoluwa Soremi birthday thanksgiving 18.00 John Wishart RIP
10.00 REQUIEM MASS for ETTIE HENRY	Mon. 19 th February FERIA	9.00 Tracey De Souza RIP
NO MASS	Tues. 20 th February FERIA	NO MASS
10.00 James Coffey RIP <i>anniversary</i>	Wed. 21 st February FERIA	9.00 Mary Agede Unah RIP
9.30 Rosary 10.00 Ettie Henry RIP	Thur. 22 nd February <i>The Chair of St Peter the Apostle</i>	9.00 Daniel Fernando birthday thanksgiving & intention
19.00 Stations of the Cross 19.30 Welfare of Kathy Mann	Fri. 23 rd February FERIA CAFOD LENT FAMILY FAST DAY	9.00 Rev A J Staunton RIP Stations of the Cross
17.15 Divine Mercy Chaplet 17.30 Anthony & Mona Pinto RIP	Sat. 24 th February SECOND SUNDAY of LENT	10.00 Jane Richardson RIP
8.00 Rosary & Divine Mercy Chaplet 8.45 Welfare of Kathy Mann	Sun. 25 th February SECOND SUNDAY of LENT	10.15 Jean Hayes RIP 17.00 Stations of the Cross 18.00 Eric & Josie Horne RIP

Holy Father's Prayer Intention for February: For the Terminally Ill *Let us pray that the sick who are in the final stages of life, and their families, receive the necessary medical and human care and accompaniment.*

We are grateful for the support of:

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The **Sanctuary Lamp** will burn for Jean & Robert Brown RIP at Holy Cross and Christy Onoabagbe's birthday intentions at St Patrick.

Readers:

18th February: 10.15 Guides/Brownies 18.00 (L Keys)

25th February: 10.15 Confirmandi/Youth 18.00 L Kale

CHILDREN'S LITURGY **FOR CHILDREN UNDER 10 YEARS**

18th February – Louise; Carlien & Lisa

25th February – Parish Youth Sunday *Young people to participate in Holy Mass*

DATES for YOUR DIARY

Sat. 24th February 1.30 to 4.30 pm Divine Mercy
Afternoon of Reflection at St Lawrence Church,
1 Hamilton Road, Sidcup DA15 7HB

Sun. 25th February 3pm Deanery Lenten Service at
Our Lady of Grace, Charlton SE7 7EZ

Sat. 16th March 12.30 Caritas Southwark First
Anniversary Mass at St George's Cathedral

Fri. 17th May 6pm - Parish Confirmation

Offertory collection: 11th February £ 786.45 *Thank you*
18th February *Sick & Retired Priests*
25th February *CAFOD Lent Family Fast Day*

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2024 18th February

NO CLASS – HALF TERM

CLERGY SUPPORT FUND *for sick & retired priests*

Supporting priests in their retirement is one way to show your appreciation for all they have done for us. **You can**

donate at www.rcaos.org.uk/donate/CSF, **scan the QR**

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020 7960 2504 or by using the **special**

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'Do not reject me in my old age, nor desert me when my strength is failing' Psalms 71:9-10



PARISH REGISTRATION

If you would like to receive the parish newsletter by email every week, **please ensure we have up-to-date contact details on our database.** Registration forms are available at the back of church

SANCTUARY LAMP LIST

There are a few spaces for Sanctuary Lamp intentions. The lists are at the back of the church again for you to write your intention

(suggested voluntary donation £5)

ALMSGIVING DURING LENT

*Help the Christians of the Holy Land by donating to **Aid to the Church in Need** or ordering Easter cards and religious objects www.acnuk.org

*Give as generously as you can to the **CAFOD Family Fast Day** collection on the 25th February

* Bring a tin or packet of food each week for the **Greenwich Foodbank** – items can be left in the box at the back of church – **NO FRESH FOOD** please

RCIA

Meetings every **Friday 6 to 7.30pm at Holy Cross, 27 The Slade, Plumstead Common.**
Please contact Liz for further information:
07745651615

Please pray for those who are unwell: Aurora Miranda, Jimmy Gjelaj, Pressie Fernandez, Alma Meade, Kathy Mann, Betty O'Donoghue, Yolanda Perera, Pat Cullen, Marianne Ali, Trevor Brown, John McPartlin, Louise Perera, Sarah Young & family, Irene D'Souza, Alex Pollock, Dave Kent, Kevin Murphy, Helen Moore, Susannah Brown, John Colacco, Henry Agbadamusi, Dave Orrel, Stephen Brown, Erin Johnston, Maureen Cunney, Eddie White, Norma Barrett, Mary Mulholland, Maura Nagle **for those who have died and those whose anniversaries occur at this time:** Thomas Garrett, James Coffey, Bert Mann, Priscilla Edwards, Minnie Bagley, Mavis Porter, Hilda Chapman

Parish bank details to set up a **standing order** or make a **one-off payment online:** NATIONAL WESTMINSTER BANK
Account Number: 79136796 Sort Code: 60-50-01
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Thank you

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