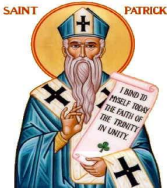


**WELCOME TO**



**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**

**THE BAPTISM of the LORD YEAR C Ps 1 12<sup>th</sup> January, 2025 (p118 + sheet)**

**‘when Jesus also had been baptised and was praying, the heavens were opened, and the Holy Spirit descended on him in bodily form, like a dove; and a voice came from heaven, ‘You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased.’ Luke 3:23**

With the Baptism of the Lord commences the Ordinary Time of the Year. Though sinless, Jesus voluntarily approached John for baptism to show His solidarity with sinful humanity. It was a sign that He willed to assume the burden of humanity’s sins as prophesied by Isaiah. Jesus’ baptism identified Him as the Son of the living God who through His life, death and resurrection comes to *serve*, and not to *be served* (cf Mk10:45). In addition, He was anointed by the presence of the Holy Spirit to carry out the mission. In our baptism, we are identified as persons set apart and consecrated to God, who are to live differently, united with Jesus in His mission to the world. We are given the power to accomplish the mission because we are anointed by the Holy Spirit. Every day we are to live out the meaning of our baptism because we are identified and anointed for continuing Jesus’ mission.



*Holy Cross*

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

*St. Patrick*



**Every Saturday before the 5.30pm Mass**

**CONFESSIONS**  
*The Sacrament of Reconciliation*

**Every Saturday after the 10.00 Mass**

17.30 Eric Price RIP <i>anniversary</i> AND Kozy’s birthday intentions	Sat. 11 <sup>th</sup> January <b>The BAPTISM of the LORD</b>	10.00 Liam Brooks RIP AND Nadani Welikala’s birthday intentions
8.45 Theresa Oladokun RIP	Sun. 12 <sup>th</sup> January <b>The BAPTISM of the LORD</b>	10.15 UCM intention & thanksgiving 18.00 William & Kitty Mack RIP
10.00 Mary Mulholland’s intentions	Mon. 13 <sup>th</sup> January <b>FERIA</b>	9.00 Eric Horne RIP
<b>NO MASS</b>	Tues. 14 <sup>th</sup> January <b>FERIA</b>	<b>NO MASS</b>
10.00 Wellbeing of Alice Downey	Wed. 15 <sup>th</sup> January <b>FERIA</b>	9.00 Deceased members of the Canham & Houlihan families
10.00 Sister Frances McPartlin RIP	Thur. 16 <sup>th</sup> January <b>FERIA</b>	9.00 Jim Elliffe RIP
10.00 Kathleen Ahern RIP	Fri. 17 <sup>th</sup> January <i>St Anthony, Abbot Church Unity Octave</i>	9.00 Helen Hearne RIP
17.30 Trevor Gomes’ intention	Sat. 18 <sup>th</sup> January <b>SECOND SUNDAY</b>	<b>The Blessed Virgin Mary</b> 10.00 Kathleen Fitzpatrick RIP
8.45 Jimmy Ahern RIP	Sun. 19 <sup>th</sup> January <b>SECOND SUNDAY</b> <b>PEACE SUNDAY</b>	10.15 Francesca’s birthday AND Christiana & Vincent Mberekpe RIP 18.00 Kathleen Mahoney RIP <i>anniversary</i>

## Holy Father's Prayer Intention for January: For the right to an education

Let us pray for migrants, refugees, and those affected by war, that their right to an education, which is necessary to build a better world, might always be respected.

### Offertory collections:

15<sup>th</sup> December 2024 £955.75

22<sup>nd</sup> December 2024 £931.80

29<sup>th</sup> December 2024 £737.60

1<sup>st</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> January 2025 £ 1,041.65

Christmas Collection to be advised



**Final week for your  
CRIB OFFERINGS**  
to support the work of the  
*Catholic Children's Society*



There will be an appeal next weekend on behalf of the **Society for the Protection of Unborn Children**.

**The second collection for Peace Sunday will be postponed to the 25/26<sup>th</sup> January**

### Readers

#### St Patrick

12<sup>th</sup> January: 10.15 D Ohia/E Saliu 18.00 N Brown

19<sup>th</sup> January: 10.15 Guides & Brownies 18.00 L Keys

#### Holy Cross

11<sup>th</sup> Jan: 5.30 Divine 12<sup>th</sup> Jan: 8.45 Sheila

18<sup>th</sup> Jan: 5.30 Brian 19<sup>th</sup> Jan: 8.45 Jason

## FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2025

Sunday, 12<sup>th</sup> January at 10.15 – Enrolment Mass and meeting0

Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> January: 'God Made Everything'  
'We Need God to Save Us'

### CHILDREN'S LITURGY St Patrick children under 10 years

12<sup>th</sup> January – Bernie; Carlien, Lisa & Marishka

19<sup>th</sup> January – Louise; Olivia, Emmanuel & Rita

The **Sanctuary Lamp** will burn for Abigail & Michael Looney RIP at Holy Cross and ted Nash RIP at St Patrick.

**RCIA** for adults wanting to know more about the Catholic faith or be received into the Catholic Church - every Friday at **Holy Cross Church** at 8pm. Contact: Liz 0208 855 2013

### Dates for your diary

Sunday, 19<sup>th</sup> January at 7pm Sidcup Sports Club, 49 Sydney Road DA14 6RA – Community Kindness Concert in remembrance of Jan Nichols and in aid of Cancer Research – see poster for details

### GREENWICH CATHOLIC FELLOWSHIP for the DISABLED QUIZ NIGHT

Saturday, 1<sup>st</sup> February at 8pm  
£3 per person/ teams up to 6

Prizes and Raffle

ALL WELCOME



**PLEASE REMEMBER TO SAVE YOUR USED STAMPS AND UNUSED CURRENCY TO SUPPORT MARY'S MEALS AND AID TO THE CHURCH IN NEED. BOXES WILL BE AVAILABLE SHORTLY**

### Greenwich Foodbank:

Thank you for supporting the foodbank throughout 2024  
*Please continue to support us in 2025*

All donations of **tinned and packet foods** can be left at the back of church and are gratefully appreciated

**NO FRESH FOOD PLEASE**

*Donations are collected after Mass and taken to the depot on Tuesdays, ready for processing and distribution to those in need.*

**Please pray for those who are unwell:** Bob Kapp, Philomena Flaherty, Jo O'Connell, Dave Kent, Mary Mulholland, Maura Nagle, Norma Barrett, Chris Britto, Eileen McPadden, Nuala McGovern, Vanessa Maloney, Aurora Miranda, Charles, Sarah, Sven & Lloyd, Jimmy Gjelaj, Pressie Fernandez, 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, Kevin Murphy, Susannah Brown, John Colacco, Henry Agbadamusi, Dave Orrel, Stephen Brown, Erin Johnston, Maureen Cunney, Eddie White, **for those who have died especially Theresa Oladokun and those whose anniversaries occur at this time:** Elizabeth Cassidy, Kathleen Kennedy, Margaret Jackson, Norah Fahey, Eric Price, Robert Barrett, Francis Olney, Brendan McNulty

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  
**RCAS – PLUMSTEAD** Contributions can also be made in **cash** or by **cheque**, payable to "**RCAS PLUMSTEAD**" or by card using the contactless machine at the back of church  
**Thank you**

**PARISH GIFT AID SCHEME** this enables us to claim back an extra 25% in tax on all offertory and other donations made to the parish by tax-payers, a valuable source of income at no extra cost to you. If you pay tax, please join the scheme by completing a Gift Aid form. One-off Gift Aid envelopes are also available on request