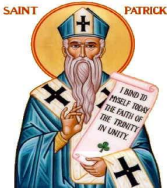


**WELCOME TO**



## Holy Cross & St Patrick Parish

*Served by the Society of the Divine Saviour – The Salvatorians*

Parish Priest: Father Fortunatus Banzi, SDS

Assistant Parish Priest – Fr Floribert Mulikita SDS

Deacons: Rev. Oluwole Alayo & Rev. Anthony Wentworth

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Tel: 0208 854 3881 [www.stpatrickprimary.org.uk](http://www.stpatrickprimary.org.uk)

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

**SIXTH SUNDAY**

**Ps 2**

**16<sup>th</sup> February, 2025 (p139 & sheet)**

**‘Rejoice in that day, and leap for joy, for behold, your reward is great in heaven’ Luke 6:22**

In the ‘Sermon on the Plain’ of St Luke, which is different from St Matthew’s version of the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus presents four blessings and four woes. Prior to this section, Jesus chooses twelve apostles whom He now intends to tell what it means to be His disciples and how they are to live their lives. Jesus’ eight statements offer a disciples’ manual for this world. He wants them (us) to embrace, not simply a behavioural change, but a real attitudinal change, a change from deep within the heart towards all kinds of life situations. For example, it is by giving up everything (detaching from the perishable things) that one learns how to be truly happy, even in poverty, hunger, mourning and persecution. Yet, the cost of Christian discipleship is nothing compared to the blessings Jesus promises us.

**CONFESSIONS**

**Holy Cross:** Saturday before 5.30pm Mass

**St Patrick:** Saturday after 10.00 Mass

**EXPOSITION of the Blessed Sacrament**

**Holy Cross** – Thursday at 9.30

**St Patrick** – Thursday at 8.15 **and** Sunday at 5.30pm

*Holy Cross*

*Mass intentions*

*St. Patrick* Weekday Mass in Chapel  
1a Conway Road

17.30 Gaby Pinto birthday intentions	Sat. 15 <sup>th</sup> February SIXTH SUNDAY	<b>The Blessed Virgin Mary</b> 10.00 Louise & Yolanda Perera’s birthday intentions
8.45 Jean Hayes RIP <i>1<sup>st</sup> anniversary</i> AND Dennis Jolley RIP	Sun. 16 <sup>th</sup> February SIXTH SUNDAY Racial Justice Day	10.15 Shola Akinbola RIP AND Fr Floribert’s birthday blessings 18.00 John Wishart RIP
10.00 Cathy Mann RIP	Mon. 17 <sup>th</sup> February FERIA	9.00 Thanksgiving to the Blessed Sacrament
<b>NO MASS</b>	Tues. 18 <sup>th</sup> February FERIA	<b>NO MASS</b>
10.00 John Parkes RIP <i>anniversary</i>	Wed. 19 <sup>th</sup> February FERIA	9.00 Eric & Josie Horne RIP
10.00 Abigail Looney RIP	Thur. 20 <sup>th</sup> February FERIA	9.00 Paddy Cullen get well wishes
10.00 James Coffey RIP <i>anniversary</i>	Fri. 21 <sup>st</sup> February FERIA	9.00 Mary Neji Unah RIP
17.30 Anthony & Mona Pinto RIP	Sat. 22 <sup>nd</sup> February SEVENTH SUNDAY	<b>The Chair of St Peter the Apostle</b> 10.00 Daniel Fernando birthday intentions
8.45 Joseph Chan Nguyen RIP	Sun. 23 <sup>rd</sup> February SEVENTH SUNDAY	10.15 Rev A J Staunton RIP 18.00 John Wishart RIP

## Holy Father's Prayer Intention for February: For vocations to the priesthood and religious life

Let us pray that the ecclesial community might welcome the desires and doubts of those young people who feel a call to serve Christ's mission in the priesthood and religious life.

Offertory collection: 9<sup>th</sup> February £821.50

*Thank you*

**16<sup>th</sup> February – Racial Justice** to support the work of the Catholic Church in promoting racial justice in our schools, parishes and in wider society

**23<sup>rd</sup> February – Clergy Support Fund (sick & retired priests)**

Readers

*St Patrick*

16<sup>th</sup> February: 10.15 Guides/Brownies 18.00 L Keys

23<sup>rd</sup> February: 10.15 Youth Mass 18.00 L Kale

*Holy Cross*

15<sup>th</sup> Feb: 5.30 Mike 16<sup>th</sup> Feb: 8.45 Jason

22<sup>nd</sup> Feb: 5.30 Divine 24<sup>th</sup> Feb: 8.45 Ian

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

16<sup>th</sup> February – Laura/Mary; Carlien, Lisa & Marishka

23<sup>rd</sup> February – YOUTH MASS: No Children's Liturgy

The **Sanctuary Lamp** will burn for deceased members of the Vallely family at Holy Cross and Wright family thanksgiving at St Patrick.

### Dates for your diary

Sunday, 16<sup>th</sup> February at 10.00 – Racial Justice Mass at St George's Cathedral

Wednesday, 19<sup>th</sup> February at 7.30pm in St Paul's Church, Bentham Road, Thamesmead – Project Lifeline

Saturday, 1<sup>st</sup> March 9.45 to 5pm – **A Day with Mary** at Westminster Cathedral - for details

<https://www adaywithmary.org/> or <https://eventcatholic.com/>

7<sup>th</sup> June Archdiocesan Jubilee Celebration, led by Archbishop John at Aylesford Priory

23<sup>rd</sup> to 30<sup>th</sup> September – Parish Pilgrimage to Medjugorje

**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

### FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2025

Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> February: 'Making Your First Confession'  
*The sacrament of Reconciliation*

Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> February: HALF TERM BREAK

**A Year of Hope: Introduction to the Jubilee Year**  
*How can we respond to Pope Francis' call to be "tangible signs of hope" in this Jubilee Year, acting in faith and love as Pilgrims of HOPE?* Watch [this inspirational event](#) and other Jubilee resources : [cafod.org.uk/jubilee](http://cafod.org.uk/jubilee).

*We are all invited to join Archbishop John and others from across London and Kent in an*

**Archdiocesan Jubilee Celebration**  
**from 10am – Mass at 3pm**

**A day of: talks, stalls, prayer, exhibitions, children's ministry (booking required), youth activities.**

Visit – <https://rcaos.org.uk/jubilee2025>

Or scan the QR code on the poster for details and booking.

A coach will be organised – details to follow

**Can YOU turn your unused foreign or old currency – notes and coins – into meals for hungry children?**

Mary's Meals feeds **2.4 million** children in **17** countries.

Special collection envelopes will be available from next week. If you have unused currency, please take an envelope, fill it up and return it on **Sun. 9<sup>th</sup> March**

*Brownies and Guides*

Mondays 6 to 7.30 pm

Contacts

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Tatayana – 07921500555

**MEDJUGORJE 2025**

23<sup>rd</sup> to 30<sup>th</sup> September

£849 per person

**£350 non-refundable deposit by**

**28<sup>th</sup> Feb.** details at back of church

*Greenwich Foodbank:*

**UREGNTLY NEEDED** – nappies, sanitary products & toiletries. Additionally, all donations of **tinned and packet foods** can be left at the back of church and are gratefully appreciated

**NO FRESH FOOD PLEASE**

**Please pray for those who are unwell:** Asha, Sophie & Pablo Picola, Norma Barrett, Hana Gjelaj, Bob Kapp, Philomena Flaherty, Jo O'Connell, Dave Kent, Mary Mulholland, Maura Nagle, Chris Britto, Eileen McPadden, Nuala McGovern, Vanessa Maloney, Aurora Miranda, Charles, Sarah, Sven & Lloyd, Jimmy Gjelaj, Pressie Fernandez, Betty O'Donoghue, Louise & Yolanda Perera, Pat Cullen, Marianne Ali, Trevor Brown, John McPartlin, 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 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  
**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