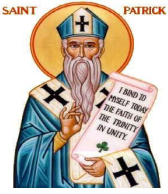


**WELCOME TO**



**Holy Cross & St Patrick Parish**

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

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

**SEVENTH SUNDAY**

**Ps 3**

**23<sup>rd</sup> February, 2025 (p141 & sheet)**

The love that Jesus asks of us has its origin in God’s love for us. The more we welcome, experience and recognize God’s mercy, kindness and trust in us, the more we can be in the same way towards others. Jesus was the first to show mercy and compassion towards others, even his enemies. Let us meditate on his patience towards his opponents who wanted his death, on his non-violent attitude towards the soldier who slapped him, and on his prayer for forgiveness for his executioners from the cross. Jesus taught us with his life not to give room for resentment, violence, and revenge. Following Jesus on this path is neither easy nor painless. One requires a strong will to love like Jesus. What sustained Jesus, and which alone can sustain us, is the close relationship with the Father, cultivated through prayer and listening to the Word. Let us ask for the grace to make the Word of God our way of life. Let the Trinitarian love, which is liberating, inspire us to love one another unconditionally. Thus, we can enter into new relationships, and be partners of Christ in establishing the Kingdom of God here on earth.

*Please pray for the continued welfare of our Holy Father, Pope Francis:*

*We thank you for the loving service of Pope Francis and the hope he has inspired in so many in your great mercy.*

*Have mercy on him in his illness now, we pray, and guide the medical staff in his care.*

*Grant him peace and healing.*

*Through Christ our Lord. Amen.*

**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 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
10.00 Asha RIP	Mon. 24 <sup>th</sup> February FERIA	9.00 Wellbeing of Siobhan and Chris O’Sullivan
<b>NO MASS</b>	Tues. 25 <sup>th</sup> February FERIA	<b>NO MASS</b>
10.00 Asha Pradhan RIP	Wed. 26 <sup>th</sup> February FERIA	9.00 Wellbeing of Norma Barrett
10.00 Wellbeing of Ronald Bentley	Thur. 27 <sup>th</sup> February FERIA	9.00 Bob Catterall RIP
10.00 wellbeing of Catherine Charalambous	Fri. 28 <sup>th</sup> February FERIA	9.00 John Francis Meehan RIP
17.30 Kathy Mann RIP	Sat. 1 <sup>st</sup> March EIGHTH SUNDAY	<b>St David, Bishop, Patron of Wales</b> 10.00 Kathy Mann RIP
8.45 Welfare of Norman Clark	Sun. 2 <sup>nd</sup> March EIGHTH SUNDAY	10.15 Sarah Griffin RIP 18.00 Bridie Curran 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: 16<sup>th</sup> February £958.13

Racial Justice £196.50

Thank you

23<sup>rd</sup> February – Clergy Support Fund after a lifetime of service and devotion to Christ, this collection ensures a dignified retirement for priests in their old age or ill health. Please give generously to cover increasing costs of care.

### Dates for your diary

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

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

### Mary's Meals – feeding hungry children worldwide

If you have unused foreign or old currency, please collect an envelope, fill it up and put it in the special box by **Sunday, 9<sup>th</sup> March.**

### 'Called to Bear Fruit'

Group meetings every **Monday at 10.00** in The Presbytery, 1a Conway Road **until 31<sup>st</sup> March.** **ALL are WELCOME:** to share our Parish Vision.

### Catechetical Institute workshops

Free, unlimited access to workshops - Scripture, Parenting, Mentoring ... there is something for everyone. To register for a **FREE** account, go to:

<https://aec.rcaos.org.uk/franciscan>

### 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

**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**

**Please pray for those who are unwell: 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, especially Asha Pradhan and those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Arthur Caine, Helen Clayton, Frederick Chalk, Muriel Jolly, Harry Mee, Theresa Davies, Mark Mulvihill, Henryk Zachariski**

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

### **FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2025**

Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> February:

**HALF TERM BREAK**

Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> March:

**Making Your First Confession  
Practice Reconciliation**

Readers

*St Patrick*

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

2<sup>nd</sup> March: 10.15 Anslem/M Nwosusu 18.00 B Davern

*Holy Cross*

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

1<sup>st</sup> Mar: 5.30 Brian 2<sup>nd</sup> Mar: 8.45 Andreia

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

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

2<sup>nd</sup> March – Bernie; Olivia, Emmanuel & Rita

The **Sanctuary Lamp** will burn for Jean & Robert Brown RIP at Holy Cross and Peiris family thanksgiving at St Patrick.

### **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).*

### *In Memoriam*

*Please pray for the repose of the soul of Kathy Mann, a faithful parishioner at Holy Cross – funeral details to follow*

Teaching vacancies at **St Catherine's Catholic Secondary School** – details at the back of church and school website

### **Brownies and Guides**

Mondays 6 to 7.30 pm

Contacts

Natasha – 07941967414

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** donations of **tinned and packet foods** can be left at the back of church and are gratefully appreciated **NO FRESH FOOD PLEASE**

**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.