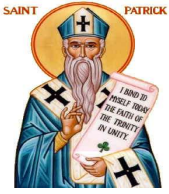


WELCOME TO



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

FIFTH SUNDAY

Ps 1

9th February, 2025 (p135 & sheet)

And Simon answered, 'Master, we toiled all night and took nothing! But at your word I will let down the nets.'

In the readings today, God calls people through His majestic revelations as well as through His calm and ordinary conversation with simple people like Peter. Every encounter with God makes us recognise that we are poor, inadequate, limited, and above all, sinful. It is His mercy and forgiveness that change us into His apostles of the life-changing Good News. Commenting on today's Word, Pope Benedict XVI said: "The humility of Isaiah, Peter and Paul in the presence of God, invites those who have received the gift of the divine vocation, not to focus on their limitation, but to keep their gaze fixed on the Lord and his surprising mercy, *to be open to the conversion of heart by God*, and to joyfully leave everything for Him." Every encounter with the Lord reveals our nothingness and opens us to salvation and new life

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 Victor Perera RIP	Sat. 8 th February FIFTH SUNDAY	The Blessed Virgin Mary 10.00 Kathleen Fitzpatrick RIP
8.45 Wellbeing & recovery of Alice Downey	Sun. 9 th February FIFTH SUNDAY	10.15 Sr Maria Keane thanksgiving for recovery & continued welfare 18.00 Beth Kemp RIP
10.00 Tony Callan RIP	Mon. 10 th February <i>St Scholastica, Virgin</i>	9.00 Timothy Joseph White RIP
NO MASS	Tues. 11 th February Our Lady of Lourdes	NO MASS
10.00 Thomas & Maud Lavinia Clowry RIP	Wed. 12 th February FERIA	9.00 Kingsley Peiris thanksgiving to Our Lady of Lourdes
10.00 Mary Mulholland birthday intentions	Thur. 13 th February FERIA	9.00 Welfare of Norma Barrett AND Odinchukwu Elizabeth's thanksgiving
10.00 Thembelihle Guduza RIP	Fri. 14 th February <i>Ss Cyril, Monk & Methodius, Bishop, Patrons of Europe</i>	9.00 Agnes Ford RIP
17.30 Gaby Pinto birthday intentions	Sat. 15 th February SIXTH SUNDAY	The Blessed Virgin Mary 10.00 Louise & Yolanda Perera's birthday intentions
8.45 Jean Hayes RIP <i>1st anniversary</i> AND Dennis Jolley RIP	Sun. 16 th February SIXTH SUNDAY Racial Justice Day	10.15 Shola Akinbola RIP AND Fr Floribert's birthday blessings 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: 2nd February £866.10

Thank you

16th February – Racial Justice

23rd February – Clergy Support Fund (sick & retired priests)

Readers

St Patrick

9th February: 10.15 SSaliu/A Olaiya 18.00 N Brown

16th February: 10.15 Guides/Brownies 18.00 L Keys

Holy Cross

8th Feb: 5.30 Brian 9th Feb: 8.45 Sheila

15th Feb: 5.30 Mike 16th Feb: 8.45 Jason

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

9th February – Laura; OJ, Carlien & Lisa

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

The **Sanctuary Lamp** will burn for Thembelihle Guduza RIP at Holy Cross and Gerry Davern's intentions at St Patrick.

Dates for your diary

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

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

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

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

23rd to 30th 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

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 and those whose anniversaries occur at this time:** Jimmy Jones, Thomas Aske, Harold Bradbury, Paddy Devane, Maude Kelly, Fr Philip McGuinness, Gerry Keogh

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

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2025

Sunday 9th February: 'Jesus Loves Us All'

'Getting Ready for your First Confession'

Sunday 16th February: 'Making Your First Confession'

The sacrament of Reconciliation

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?

Watch [this inspirational event](#)

Discover how we can act in faith and in love as pilgrims of hope this Holy Year – for more Jubilee resources : cafod.org.uk/jubilee.

MEDJUGORJE 2025

23rd to 30th September

Pilgrimage led by Fr Fortunatus

£849 per person (twin room)

Online booking: £350 non-refundable deposit by 28th February

See poster for further information

Are you interested in joining
Brownies – girls aged 7 – 10 years or
Guides – girls aged 10 -14 years?

Mondays from 6 to 7.30 pm

Contacts for further information:

Brownies – Natasha 07941967414

Guides – Tatayana 07921500555

Greenwich Foodbank:

URGENTLY 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