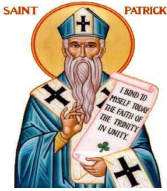


WELCOME TO



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

Mass sheet: St Patrick's feastday. Reflection: Second Sunday of Lent

In the account of the **Transfiguration** the true divine nature of Jesus was revealed and it manifested over His human nature. In showing us who He really is, Jesus reminds us of who we are: God's children, created in His image. Sin has disfigured and deformed our human nature: instead of radiating God's holiness, we show the ugliness of sin and evil; instead of being loving, kind and gentle, we give in to selfishness, anger, pride; instead of being heart-warming, we become nerve-chilling to others; instead of being charitable, we choose to be irritable and irritating. But the voice that came from the cloud calls us to "listen to Him" in order to convert. We have listened to the voice of the world, following its ways, attracted to the lights of glamorous appearances. Commanded by God, let us listen to the voice of Jesus and go up with Him to the mountain of prayer, the Church, so that we too can see who we truly are. **May we be healed of our sinfulness and restored to the image of God, in which we are created.**

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.

<p>CONFESSIONS <i>Holy Cross:</i> Saturday before 5.30pm Mass <i>St Patrick:</i> Saturday after 10.00 Mass</p>	<p>EXPOSITION of the Blessed Sacrament <i>Holy Cross</i> – Thursday at 9.30 <i>St Patrick</i> – Thursday at 8.15</p>	<p>Lent Stations of the Cross Sundays at 5.30pm St Patrick Church</p>
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<i>Holy Cross</i>	<i>Mass intentions</i>	<i>St. Patrick</i> <small>Weekday Mass in Chapel 1a Conway Road</small>
17.30 Victor Pereira RIP	Sat. 15 th March SECOND SUNDAY of LENT	10.00 Elizabeth Josephine Mooney RIP <i>birthday remembrance</i>
8.45 Kathy Mann RIP	Sun. 16 th March SECOND SUNDAY of LENT <i>St Patrick's Day Celebration</i>	10.15 Jerry Horrigan RIP 17.30 <i>Stations of the Cross</i> 18.00 James, Margaret & Mary O'Neill RIP AND Mary Ellen Russell RIP
10.00 Recovery & wellbeing of Flora DeSouza	Mon. 17 th March <i>St Patrick, Bishop, Patron of Ireland</i>	MASS IN ST PATRICK'S CHURCH 9.00 Rosheen Peiris birthday thanksgiving
NO MASS	Tues. 18 th March FERIA	NO MASS
10.00 John Branch RIP	Wed. 19 th March <i>St Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Patron of the Universal Church</i>	9.00 Fr Floribert birthday thanksgiving
10.00 Get well wishes Mary Costelloe	Thur. 20 th March FERIA	9.00 Mr & Mrs Eric & Josie Horne RIP
19.00 <i>Stations of the Cross</i> Welfare of Our Holy Father Pope Francis	Fri. 21 st March FERIA	9.00 Thanksgiving for safe delivery of Baby Girl Ukato <i>Stations of the Cross</i>
17.30 Anthony & Mona Pinto RIP	Sat. 22 nd March THIRD SUNDAY of LENT	10.00 Daniel Fernando birthday thanksgiving & blessings
8.45 Ronald Bentley RIP 15.00 Greenwich Catholic Fellowship for the Disabled – Kathy Mann RIP	Sun. 23 rd March THIRD SUNDAY of LENT	10.15 Deceased members of Dowling family 17.30 <i>Stations of the Cross</i> 18.00 Andrew's welfare

Holy Father's Prayer Intention for March: For Families in Crisis - Let us pray that broken families might discover the cure for their wounds through forgiveness, rediscovering each other's gifts, even in their differences.

Offertory collection: 9th March £906.85
Bishop Lazarus - £200 Thank you
16th March CAFOD Lent Family Fast Day
23rd March Poor Parishes
30th March – Catholic Shrine of Walsingham

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2025

Sunday 16th March: *St Patrick's Feast Mass & Celebration*
Sunday 23rd March: *Jesus at the Last Supper*
Jesus Dies on the Cross for Us

Dates for your diary

Sunday, 16th March – St Patrick's Day – 'Bring and Share' Celebration after 10.15 Mass in **the School Hall**
Wed. 19th March 2-4pm Community Kindness Concert Sidcup Sports Club *in aid of Cancer Research*
7th June Archdiocesan Jubilee Celebration, led by Archbishop John at Aylesford Priory
23rd to 30th September – Parish Pilgrimage to Medjugorje

Readers *St Patrick*
16th March: 10.15 Guides & Brownies 18.00 L Keys
23rd March: 10.15 Youth 18.00 L Kale
Holy Cross
15th Mar: 5.30 Divine 16th Mar: 8.45 Jason
22nd Mar: 5.30 Brian 23rd Mar: 8.45 Ian

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

16th March – Fran; OJ, Carlien & Lisa
23rd March – PARISH YOUTH MASS



ST PATRICK CHURCH - RED BOXES

Please bring your boxes and leave them at the back of church on the weekends of **6th and 13th April**.
Thank you

The **Sanctuary Lamp** will burn for Michael & Bridie Hanrahan RIP at Holy Cross and Margaret Mendes RIP at St Patrick.



You are invited to join us for
Greenwich Catholic Fellowship for the Disabled
Mass in Remembrance of Kathy Mann RIP
Sunday, 23rd March at 3pm
in Holy Cross Church



CHARITY RACE NIGHT

in aid of
WOOLWICH SERVICE USERS PROJECT
Saturday, 22nd March at 8pm
In St Patrick's Social Club



'Called to Bear Fruit' group meetings to share our Parish Vision.
St Patrick every **ALL** **Holy Cross** Thursday
Monday at 10.00 in The **are** 20th March either
Presbytery, 1a Conway **WELCOME** 10.30am or 7.30 pm
Road until 31st March.

Brownies and Guides
Mondays
6 to 7.30 pm
Contacts
Natasha –
07941967414
Tatayana –
07921500555

MEDJUGORJE 2025
23rd to 30th September
£849 per person
Deadline for booking: 20th March
1st deposit: £175 NOW
2nd deposit: £175 by 20th April
Details at back of church

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

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

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: Christina O'Sullivan, Maureen Druce, Julia Hawkins, Henry Gordon, Mary Anne Gordon, Timothy Martin, William O'Neill, Josephine Kyne, Helen Barlow, Jim Marks, Mary Barker, Bill Regan, Leslie Stapleton

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

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.