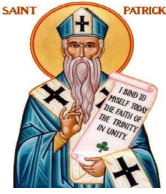


## WELCOME TO



# 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**

### EIGHTH SUNDAY

Ps 4

2<sup>nd</sup> March, 2025

(p144 & sheet)

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

Luke brings together 3 distinct bits in Jesus Christ's teaching because they are interrelated and follow on naturally one from the other: *the blind leading the blind; removing the splinter from your own eye; the sound tree producing good fruit.*

We are all too well aware of just how easy it is for us to see the faults of others while remaining blind to our own inadequacies. We easily see the mistakes other people make and we are easily alert to their hypocrisies and inadequacies. But we ourselves, are so immersed in our own lives that we find it difficult to observe our own inadequacies and human faults. We fail to notice that we fall well short of the standards we expect from others.

But as Christians, we need to look into our own lives, to see our own faults and aim to overcome them to become like the sound tree that produces good fruit and live as true Disciples of Jesus Christ.

***Let us pray to God, our Father, that we may become people who serve the Lord with all our hearts in the best way we can and make a real contribution to the parish community, to the Church as a whole and the world.***

*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*

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| 17.30 Kathy Mann RIP                           | Sat. 1 <sup>st</sup> March<br>EIGHTH SUNDAY        | St David, Bishop, Patron of Wales<br>10.00 Kathy Mann RIP                    |
| 8.45 Welfare of Norman Clark                   | Sun. 2 <sup>nd</sup> March<br>EIGHTH SUNDAY        | 10.15 Sarah Griffin RIP<br>18.00 Bridie Curran RIP                           |
| 10.00 Asha Pradhan RIP                         | Mon. 3 <sup>rd</sup> March<br>FERIA                | 9.00 Agnes Ford RIP  |
| <b>NO MASS</b>                                 | Tues. 4 <sup>th</sup> March<br>FERIA               | <b>NO MASS</b>   |
| 10.00 Welfare of Catherine Charalambous        | Wed. 5 <sup>th</sup> March<br>ASH WEDNESDAY        | 9.00 Bridie Curran RIP<br>19.00 Fritz Perera RIP <b>in St Patrick church</b> |
| 10.00 Kathy Mann RIP                           | Thur. 6 <sup>th</sup> March<br>FERIA               | 9.00 Welfare of Georgia & Willow Donoghue                                    |
| 10.00 Wellbeing & recovery of Charlie O'Beirne | Fri. 7 <sup>th</sup> March<br>FERIA                | 9.00 Mary White RIP & deceased relatives                                     |
| 17.30 Sister Frances Clare McPartlin RIP       | Sat. 8 <sup>th</sup> March<br>FIRST SUNDAY of LENT | 10.00 Antoinette Pacheco RIP   |
| 8.45 Lily Rivers RIP anniversary               | Sun. 9 <sup>th</sup> March<br>FIRST SUNDAY of LENT | 10.15 Vera Pollock RIP & welfare of Alex<br>18.00 Ryan Lowe & family         |

**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: 23<sup>rd</sup> February £877.67**  
**Clergy Support Fund £454.10 Thank you**  
**16<sup>th</sup> March CAFOD Lent Family Fast Day**  
**23<sup>rd</sup> March Poor Parishes**

**Dates for your diary**  
**Sunday, 9<sup>th</sup> March at 3pm Our Lady of Grace, Charlton –**  
Greenwich Deanery Lenten Service  
**Sunday, 16<sup>th</sup> March – St Patrick's Day – 'Bring and Share'**  
Celebration after 10.15 Mass in the Social Club  
**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 Mediugorie

***Mary's Meals – feeding hungry children worldwide***  
If you have unused foreign or old UK currency, please collect an envelope, fill it up and put it in the special box by **Sunday, 9<sup>th</sup> March.**

**NATIONAL NOVENA to ST JOSEPH 10-18<sup>TH</sup> MARCH**  
**St Joseph's Church, Maidenhead**  
Daily Mass at 10.00 (11.00 on the Sunday) available on  
**Zoom** via: [www.millhillmissionaries.co/novena](http://www.millhillmissionaries.co/novena)  
Petitions and the Novena Prayer Booklet on request –  
suggested donation £1 - from the **Novena Director, 6**  
**Colby Gardens, Maidenhead SL6 7GZ**

**'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.

**Archdiocesan Jubilee Celebration from 10am – Mass at 3pm**  
**Aylesford Priory**  
**A day of: talks, stalls, prayer, exhibitions, children's ministry**  
(booking required), youth activities.  
Visit – <https://rcaos.org.uk/jubilee2025>

**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 Gjelij, 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 Gjelij, 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: Maureen O'Reilly, John Walsh, Frank Horner, John Branch, Rose Obike, Patrick Mulligan, Donald Poor, Harry McNamara, Charlie Mascall, Lily Rivers, Patrica Ibrahim**


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 2<sup>nd</sup> March:** Making Your First Confession  
Practice Reconciliation  
**Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> March:** Jesus Does Wonderful Things  
Jesus Feeds the Hungry

**Readers** **St Patrick**  
**2<sup>nd</sup> March: 10.15** Anslem/M Nwosusu **18.00** B Davern  
**9<sup>th</sup> March: 10.15** O Torrens/E Sakole **18.00** N Brown  
**Holy Cross**  
**1<sup>st</sup> Mar: 5.30** Brian **2<sup>nd</sup> Mar: 8.45** Andreaia  
**8<sup>th</sup> Mar: 5.30** Mike **9<sup>th</sup> Mar: 8.45** Sheila

**CHILDREN'S LITURGY St Patrick children under 10 years**  
**2<sup>nd</sup> March – Bernie; Olivia, Emmanuel & Rita**  
**9<sup>th</sup> March – Louise; Ayomiku, Ademiyo & Tohanme**

The **Sanctuary Lamp** will burn for the Casserley family at Holy Cross and Bernie & John D'Costa & family at St Patrick. 

**Kathy Mann RIP – funeral arrangements**  
**Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> March 4.30pm**– reception of body at Ss  
John Fisher & Thomas More, Well Hall Road  
**Friday 14<sup>th</sup> March 11.00** – Requiem Mass  
**PLEASE NOTE: Family only at Eltham Crematorium**  
Refreshments at The Oaks, Starbucks Close SE9 2TF  
from 12.30  
**At Kathy's request donations, instead of flowers, to Royal Osteoporosis Society or Greenwich & Bexley Hospice**

**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.