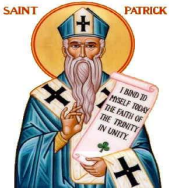


## WELCOME TO



# 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**

### THIRD SUNDAY of LENT YEAR C Ps3 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2025 p160&sheet

In today's Gospel we have a disturbing and uncomfortable discussion about violent death and disasters, which the Jews thought happened as divine retribution to sinners.

The parable of the fig tree not bearing fruit puts all this bad news into context. Although there was no conclusion - did the fig tree eventually bear fruit or did it get chopped down? - there was a clear message: the man who looked after the vineyard appealed for more time to work on the tree. This parable gives us a glimpse of God's mercy, which does not just give us a second chance, but a series of chances for repentance. That's the Good News in the midst of disturbing and uncomfortable news: **God is merciful and compassionate and waits patiently for our repentance.**

*Let us not take God's patience for granted but repent and turn away from our sins now, and by our repentance may we, as Christians and, above all as Catholics, give the world the Good News of God's love and mercy.*

*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

Lent Stations of the Cross  
Sundays at 5.30pm  
St Patrick Church

† <i>Holy Cross</i>	<i>Mass intentions</i>	 <i>St. Patrick</i> <small>Weekday Mass in Chapel 1a Conway Road</small>
17.30 Anthony & Mona Pinto RIP	Sat. 22 <sup>nd</sup> March <b>THIRD SUNDAY of LENT</b>	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 <sup>rd</sup> March <b>THIRD SUNDAY of LENT</b>	10.15 Deceased members of Dowling family 17.30 Stations of the Cross 18.00 Andrew's welfare
10.00 Helen Reidy RIP AND Tina Nnabundo speedy recovery & God's blessings	Mon. 24 <sup>th</sup> March <b>FERIA</b>	9.00 Liz Gregory birthday blessings
<b>NO MASS</b>	Tues. 25 <sup>th</sup> March <b>The Annunciation of the Lord</b>	<b>NO MASS</b>
10.00 Recovery of Rahima Miza	Wed. 26 <sup>th</sup> March <b>FERIA</b>	9.00 Souls in Purgatory
10.00 Anna Maria Pinto birthday intentions	Thur. 27 <sup>th</sup> March <b>FERIA</b>	9.00 Theresa Leahy's intentions
19.00 Stations of the Cross Mona Pinto RIP	Fri. 28 <sup>th</sup> March <b>FERIA</b>	9.00 Stations of the Cross A just & lasting peace in Ukraine
17.30 Our Holy Father Pope Francis' intentions	Sat. 29 <sup>th</sup> March <b>FOURTH SUNDAY of LENT</b>	10.00 Eric & Josie Horne RIP
8.45 Kathy Mann RIP	Sun. 30 <sup>th</sup> March <b>FOURTH SUNDAY of LENT</b> <b>Laetare Sunday</b>	10.15 All mothers 17.30 Stations of the Cross 18.00 Kathy Mann RIP

**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: 16<sup>th</sup> March £929.80  
CAFOD Lent Family Fast Day £425.10 *Thank you*  
23<sup>rd</sup> March Poor Parishes – *this collection enables Archbishop John to make grants in support of poorer parishes in the Diocese.*  
30<sup>th</sup> March – Catholic Shrine of Walsingham

Dates for your diary  
22<sup>nd</sup> March at 7pm – Charity Race Night  
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

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

Congratulations to all our young people who attended **FLAME**, the World Youth Day, with Fr Floribert – a fantastic turnout with lots of positive feedback 😊



### ST PATRICK CHURCH - RED BOXES

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

'Called to Bear Fruit' group meetings to share our Parish Vision.  
St Patrick every Monday at 10.00 in The Presbytery, 1a Conway Road until 31<sup>st</sup> March.

Archdiocesan Jubilee Celebration 7<sup>th</sup> June  
from 10am – Mass at 3pm  
Aylesford Priory

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

**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:** Heather Kelly, Mary Madden, Michael O'Grady, Michael Byrne

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> March: Jesus at the Last Supper  
Jesus Dies on the Cross for Us  
Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> March: NO CLASS

Readers *St Patrick*  
23<sup>rd</sup> March: 10.15 Youth 18.00 L Kale  
30<sup>th</sup> March: 10.15 A Sakole/P Fadonugbo 18.00 B Davern  
*Holy Cross*  
22<sup>nd</sup> Mar: 5.30 Brian 23<sup>rd</sup> Mar: 8.45 Ian  
29<sup>th</sup> Mar: 5.30 Mike 30<sup>th</sup> Mar: 8.45 Andreia

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

23<sup>rd</sup> March – PARISH YOUTH MASS  
30<sup>th</sup> March – Laura; Carlien, Lisa & Marishka

The **Sanctuary Lamp** will burn for Robert & Jean Brown RIP at Holy Cross and the Cullen Family & friends at St Patrick. 

### CHARITY RACE NIGHT

in aid of  
**WOOLWICH SERVICE USERS PROJECT**  
Saturday, 22<sup>nd</sup> March  
at 7pm  
in St Patrick's Social Club 

### ASSISTED SUICIDE

The Terminally Ill Adults (End of Life) Bill would make vulnerable people - including the elderly and disabled - feel a burden on family or carers resulting in pressure to end their lives. Please sign the petition or scan the QR code on the poster

### 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  
Deadline for booking: 20<sup>th</sup> March  
1<sup>st</sup> deposit: £175 NOW  
2<sup>nd</sup> deposit: £175 by 20<sup>th</sup> April  
Details at back of church

**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**

**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.