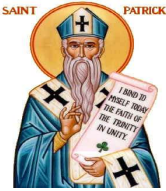


WELCOME TO



Holy Cross & St Patrick Parish

Served by the Society of the Divine Saviour – The Salvatorians

Parish Priest: Father Fortunatus Banzi, SDS

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

FIRST SUNDAY of LENT YEAR C Ps 1 9th March, 2025 (p144 & sheet) *Please pray for the continued welfare of our Holy Father, Pope Francis:*

Since Ash Wednesday, we have begun the season of Lent. Lent is the Church's call to us to remember the relationship God established with us, to evaluate that relationship and do what is necessary to deepen it. And the traditional means of Lent are Prayer which is justice towards God, Fasting which is justice towards self, and Charity or almsgiving which is justice towards neighbour.

During this time, we are asked to give up something we enjoy, to add something that will bring us closer to God and to give time and help to others somehow. Also, we resolve to live more like Jesus, we want to live good lives and most of all we want to resist temptations. Let us then work hard to build up good habits and patterns of behaviour that will keep us on the straight and narrow. Let us live disciplined lives with our ultimate priorities clear in our minds so that we can inhabit this world in a pure and contented way, sure and certain that the journey on which we are embarked has Jesus Christ, our Lord, as its goal and heaven as its reward.

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



Holy Cross

Mass intentions



St. Patrick

*Weekday Mass in Chapel
1a Conway Road*

17.30 Sister Frances Clare McPartlin RIP	Sat. 8 th March FIRST SUNDAY of LENT	10.00 Antoinette Pacheco RIP
8.45 Lily Rivers RIP <i>anniversary</i>	Sun. 9 th March FIRST SUNDAY of LENT	10.15 Vera Pollock RIP & welfare of Alex AND Jacob & Maria Fernandes 18.00 Ryan Lowe & family
10.00 Yonna Boarder RIP <i>anniversary</i>	Mon. 10 th arch FERIA	9.00 Lizzie O'Neill RIP
NO MASS	Tues. 11 th March FERIA	NO MASS
10.00 Wellbeing & recovery of Charlie O'Beirne	Wed. 12 th March FERIA	9.00 Kathleen Mann RIP
10.00 Wellbeing & recovery of Alice Downey	Thur. 13 th March FERIA	9.00 Our Holy Father Pope Francis' intentions
19.00 Stations of the Cross Wellbeing & recovery of Mike O'Dwyer	Fri. 14 th March FERIA <i>CAFOD Family Fast Day</i>	9.00 Mary & William Gray RIP Stations of the Cross
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	10.15 Jerry Horrigan RIP 17.30 Stations of the Cross 18.00 James, Margaret & Mary O'Neill RIP AND Mary Ellen Russell 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: 2nd March £967.55
Thank you
16th March CAFOD Lent Family Fast Day
23rd March Poor Parishes
30th March – Catholic Shrine of Walsingham

Dates for your diary
Sunday, 9th March at 3pm Our Lady of Grace, Charlton – Greenwich Deanery Lenten Service
Sunday, 16th March – St Patrick's Day – 'Bring and Share' Celebration after 10.15 Mass in the School Hall
7th June Archdiocesan Jubilee Celebration, led by Archbishop John at Aylesford Priory
23rd to 30th September – Parish Pilgrimage to Medjugorje

Mary's Meals – feeding hungry children worldwide
Thank you to those who have already donated unused foreign or old UK currency - please bring any currency by **Sunday, 9th March.**

NATIONAL NOVENA to ST JOSEPH 10-18TH MARCH
St Joseph's Church, Maidenhead
Daily Mass at 10.00 (11.00 on the Sunday) available on Zoom via: 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 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.

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 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 Elizabeth O'Neill, and those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Yvone Border, William Robson, Don O'Hare, Gladys Power, Lydia Smith, Gwen Hainsworth, Michael Collins, Jeanne Ladbroke, Brian Murphy, Agnes Mascall, Margaret Lawlor, Hugh Stapleton, Alice Mollie Bedwell, Mary Connor

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 9th March: Jesus Does Wonderful Things
Jesus Feeds the Hungry
Sunday 16th March: St Patrick's Feast Mass & Celebration

Readers St Patrick
9th March: 10.15 O Torrens/E Sakole 18.00 N Brown
16th March: 10.15 Guides & Brownies 18.00 L Keys
Holy Cross
8th Mar: 5.30 Mike 9th Mar: 8.45 Sheila
15th Mar: 5.30 Divine 16th Mar: 8.45 Jason

CHILDREN'S LITURGY St Patrick children under 10 years
9th March – Louise; Ayomiku, Ademiyo & Tohanme
16th March – Fran; OJ, Carlien & Lisa

The **Sanctuary Lamp** will burn for Frank & Margaret Valley RIP at Holy Cross and Emmanuel Oluwatobi Saliu's birthday at St Patrick. 

Kathy Mann RIP – funeral arrangements
Thursday 13th March 4.30pm – reception of body at Ss John Fisher & Thomas More, Well Hall Road
Friday 14th 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
23rd to 30th September
£849 per person
Deadline for booking: 20th March
1st deposit: £175 deposit NOW
2nd deposit: £175 by 20th 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.