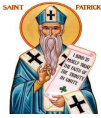


WELCOME TO



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

FOURTH SUNDAY of LENT YEAR C Ps4 30th March 2025 p168&sheet

In the Parable of the Prodigal Son, the younger son is not evil in asking for his inheritance; for whatever reason, he gives in to his desires, goes off to a distant country and squanders his money on a life of debauchery.

When, after many misfortunes and near starvation, he comes to his senses, he remembers how kindly his father, in his goodness, treated his servants and decides to make the long journey back to ask his forgiveness.

This parable reminds us that, even for those who have taken the wrong and sinful path, there is still hope that they will come to their senses and repent. We pray that in this season of Lent, we too will come to our senses and see that we need to say ‘sorry’ for the wrong we do wherever we may be.

May we come to see that what we really want is peace and reconciliation, forgiveness and healing. In the words of St Paul: “We implore you on behalf of Christ: be reconciled to God.”

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 Our Holy Father Pope Francis’ intentions	Sat. 29 th March FOURTH SUNDAY of LENT	10.00 Eric & Josie Horne RIP
8.45 Kathy Mann RIP	Sun. 30 th March FOURTH SUNDAY of LENT Laetare Sunday	10.15 All mothers 17.30 Stations of the Cross 18.00 Kathy Mann RIP
10.00 Kathy Mann RIP	Mon. 31 st March FERIA	9.00 Anne Lester Get Well wishes
NO MASS	Tues. 1 st April FERIA	NO MASS
10.00 Agnes Ford RIP	Wed. 2 nd April FERIA	9.00 Get Well Baby Michael Stokes
10.00 Pope Francis’ continued recovery	Thur. 3 rd April FERIA	9.00 Get Well Baby Michael Stokes 13.00 Requiem Mass Elizabeth O’Neill
19.00 Stations of the Cross Private intention	Fri. 4 th April FERIA	9.00 Stations of the Cross Private intention
17.30 Private intention	Sat. 5 th April FIFTH SUNDAY of LENT	10.00 Catherine McDonald RIP
8.45 Canon John O’Toole Get Well wishes	Sun. 6 th April FIFTH SUNDAY of LENT	10.15 Jacinta & Donal Meade AND Stephen Manning RIP 17.30 Stations of the Cross 18.00 John Wishart RIP & deceased relatives

Holy Father's Prayer Intention for April: For the use of the new technologies - Let us pray that the use of the new technologies will not replace human relationships, will respect the dignity of the person, and will help us face the crises of our times.

Offertory collection: 23rd March £985.60
Poor Parishes: £373.35 *Thank you*
30th March – Catholic Shrine of Walsingham

Dates for your diary

7th June Archdiocesan Jubilee Celebration, led by
Archbishop John at Aylesford Priory
23rd to 30th September – Parish Pilgrimage to Medjugorje

In Memoriam

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Lizzie O'Neill, whose funeral is on Thursday, 3rd April at 1pm in St Patrick's Church. May she rest in peace.

The Sanctuary Lamp will burn for Betty & Michael Vallely RIP at Holy Cross and deceased members of the Cosgrave family at St Patrick.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY St Patrick children under 10 years
30th March – Laura; Carlien, Lisa & Marishka
6th April – No Children's Liturgy EASTER HOLIDAY



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

'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 31st March.

Archdiocesan Jubilee Celebration 7th 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, especially Lizzie O'Neill and those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Fr Paddy Fox, Jerry Oliver, Rose Colaco, Annie Fowler, Thomas McGrath, Richard Slade Kidd, Ethna Young, Kathleen Ahern

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 30th March: NO CLASS
Please come to the Holy Week and Easter services – details of times on cards at the back of church

Readers *St Patrick*
30th March: 10.15 A Sakole/P Fadonugbo 18.00 B Davern
6th April: 10.15 T Unigwe/F Okeke 18.00 N Brown
Holy Cross
29th Mar: 5.30 Mike 30th Mar: 8.45 Andreia
5th Apr: 5.30 Divine 6th Apr: 8.45 Sheila

ASSISTED SUICIDE
As Catholics we have a moral duty to protect the dignity of life. Please sign the petition or scan the QR code on the poster **BY 30th MARCH**

Remember to spoil mum on Sunday, especially as clocks go forward **ONE HOUR** and she won't have a lie-in!



SAVE THE DATE

Greenwich Catholic Fellowship for the Disabled are holding a



CHARITY CHOCOLATE BINGO
on Saturday, 12th April at 7pm



at Christchurch, Eltham High Street



Donations of chocolates and raffle prizes would be gratefully appreciated and can be left in the box at the back of church



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

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**

The Easter Offertory is your gift to the clergy of the parish. Offerings can be made in the normal collection, by bankers' order or contactless machine. Gift Aid members, please use your special Easter envelope. For online contributions, please use the reference: EASTER Thank you