

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

PALM SUNDAY of the PASSION of the LORD YEAR C Ps2 13th April, 2025 p185/190





Palm Sunday is a momentous day in the Christian calendar, recalling Jesus’ entry into Jerusalem as the Messiah and the beginning of Holy Week. It invites us to contemplate the humility and majesty of Christ’s Kingship and to reflect on our commitment to follow Him on the path of love, sacrifice and salvation. Today’s Gospel passage portrays the invitation to follow Christ amid suffering, adversity, and the cost of discipleship. It emphasizes the importance of surrendering to God’s will, embracing the cross, and remembering Jesus’ sacrifice and central elements of the Christian faith journey.



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> <i>Weekday Mass in Chapel 1a Conway Road</i>
17.30 Victor Pereira RIP	Sat. 12 th April PALM SUNDAY of the PASSION of the LORD	10.00 Thanksgiving (TP)
8.45 Sharon Taylor & Doreen Casserley RIP	Sun. 13 th April PALM SUNDAY of the PASSION of the LORD	10.15 Jose Ndong Maye RIP 18.00 Welfare of Ryan Lowe & family
10.00 Maura Cunney RIP	Mon. 14 th April MONDAY of HOLY WEEK	9.00 Ellen Mary Sweeney RIP & deceased relatives and friends AND Michael, Isabella & Margaret Coonan RIP
NO MASS	Tues. 15 th April TUESDAY of HOLY WEEK	NO MASS
NO PARISH MASS	Wed. 16 th April WEDNESDAY of HOLY WEEK	CHRISM MASS at ST GEORGE'S CATHEDRAL at 11.30am
19.30 Catherine Charalambous RIP	Thur. 17 th April MAUNDY THURSDAY	19.30 Drina Mendes RIP
15.00 SOLEMN LITURGY of the PASSION of the LORD	Fri. 18 th April GOOD FRIDAY	14.00 <i>Stations of the Cross</i> 15.00 SOLEMN LITURGY of the PASSION of the LORD
20.00 Anthony Pinto RIP	Sat. 19 th April THE EASTER VIGIL in the HOLY NIGHT	20.00 Tracey DeSouza RIP <i>2nd anniversary</i>
8.45 Mgr Canon John O’Toole RIP	Sun. 20 th April EASTER SUNDAY of the RESURRECTION of the LORD	10.15 Mgr Canon John O’Toole RIP NO EVENING MASS

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: 6th April £802.45
 Walsingham Shrine total: £285.55 *Thank you*
 18th April – Holy Places of Palestine
 27th April – Maintenance of St George's Cathedral

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

The **Sanctuary Lamp** will burn for Anthony Pinto RIP at Holy Cross and Patricia Agbonkolor's birthday at St Patrick. 

CHILDREN'S LITURGY *St Patrick children under 10 years*
 13th & 20th April – No Children's Liturgy EASTER HOLIDAY

"HELP US TO LIVE, NOT TO DIE"
 It is our Christian duty to protect the dignity of life. Please complete and send a card, available at the back of church, to your MP to **vote against the 'End of Life Bill'** at the **Third Reading**

 **ST PATRICK CHURCH - RED BOXES**
 Please remember to bring your box to church for emptying

ST PATRICK REPOSITORY
 Are you free to help with the Repository Shop at the 10.15 & 6pm masses? Please contact the Parish Office 0203 722 7573 for details

GOOD FRIDAY WALK of WITNESS
 Meet at **St Peter's, Woolwich** at 11.30. Walk continues through Gordon Square & Powis Street, New Wine Church to St Mary Magdalene for a service and refreshments

READERS St Patrick
 13th April: 10.15 Youth 18.00 L Kale & L Keys
 20th April: 10.15 TBC
Holy Cross
 12th Apr: 5.30 Brian 13th Apr: 8.45 Jason
 19th Apr: 5.30 Mike 20th Apr: 8.45 Ian

GREENWICH CATHOLIC FELLOWSHIP for the DIASBLED



Saturday, 12th April
 7.30pm
 Christchurch, Eltham
 £10 for 6 games
 Raffle
BRING YOUR OWN REFRESHMENTS

ST PATRICK FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2025
 13th April Palm Sunday
 Mass at 10.15 *no class*
 Please join our parish family for the Holy Week and Easter services – for details, please take home a card from 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

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.

VOLUNTEERS URGENTLY NEEDED
 Can you spare **ONE** hour to clean **Holy Cross Church**?
 Saturday mornings from 9 o'clock (on a rota basis)
 Contact Linda 07895274691

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: Loretta, 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 Agbadamus, Dave Orrel, Stephen Brown, Erin Johnston, Maureen Cunney, Eddie White, for those who have died and those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Patsy McLaughlin, William Herreran, Bill Pape, Cecily Poor, Teresa Killeen, Joseph Griffin, Mary Miskin, Daphne Zacharski, Anthony Pinto, Olive Fleming, Noel Sweeney

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

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