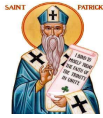


**WELCOME TO**



## 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**

### FIFTH SUNDAY of LENT YEAR C Ps1 6<sup>th</sup> April, 2025 p179&sheet

Switching from the Gospel of Luke to John, we hear the story of the woman caught in adultery, brought to Jesus by the scribes and Pharisees while he was teaching in the Temple, who, according to the law, should be condemned to death by stoning.

Jesus' fundamental teaching is the Law and the Commandments, which enable people to know the ways of God and walk along the road to salvation; but Jesus turned the situation around to show the true meaning of God's justice, founded on righteousness and peace, as well as mercy and compassion. God wants us to do what is right so that we can be at peace with Him and with others. But, when we do wrong, God forgives us and helps us to repent so that we can walk again on the right path. Jesus did not say the woman was innocent, nor did he condemn her; he told her to go and sin no more. Jesus tells us, too, that we are not without sin, so cannot condemn others - it is for our own good that we drop those stones.

*Let us hold the hand of Jesus and walk in the path of righteousness and peace, so that we can experience the healing love of God's mercy and compassion, and be freed from the prison of sin.*

*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 Private intention	Sat. 5 <sup>th</sup> April <b>FIFTH SUNDAY of LENT</b>	10.00 Catherine McDonald RIP
8.45 Canon John O'Toole Get Well wishes	Sun. 6 <sup>th</sup> April <b>FIFTH SUNDAY of LENT</b>	10.15 Jacinta & Donal Meade AND Stephen Manning RIP 17.30 Stations of the Cross 18.00 John Wishart RIP & deceased relatives
10.00 catherine Charalambous RIP	Mon. 7 <sup>th</sup> April <b>FERIA</b>	9.00 Henrietta Nwoko RIP anniversary
<b>NO MASS</b>	Tues. 8 <sup>th</sup> April <b>FERIA</b>	<b>NO MASS</b>
10.00 Lina Pedretti RIP	Wed. 9 <sup>th</sup> April <b>FERIA</b>	9.00 Anthony Unah Unyi RIP
10.00 Michael Looney RIP	Thur. 10 <sup>th</sup> April <b>FERIA</b>	9.00 Eugene's birthday
19.00 Stations of the Cross Maura Cunney RIP	Fri. 11 <sup>th</sup> April <b>FERIA</b>	9.00 Stations of the Cross Josie Horne RIP
17.30 Victor Pereira RIP	Sat. 12 <sup>th</sup> April <b>PALM SUNDAY of the PASSION of the LORD</b>	10.00 Thanksgiving (TP)
8.45 Sharon Taylor & Doreen Casserley RIP	Sun. 13 <sup>th</sup> April <b>PALM SUNDAY of the PASSION of the LORD</b>	10.15 Ellen Mary Sweeney RIP and deceased relatives & friends 17.30 Stations of the Cross 18.00 Welfare of Ryan Lowe & family

**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: 30<sup>th</sup> March £989.95  
Walsingham Shrine: £143.40 *Thank you*  
18<sup>th</sup> April – Holy Places of Palestine  
27<sup>th</sup> April – Maintenance of St George's Cathedral

Dates for your diary  
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

**"HELP US TO LIVE, NOT TO DIE"**  
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**

The **Sanctuary Lamp** will burn for Peg & John Paterson RIP at Holy Cross and Eugene Dossou's birthday at St Patrick.

**CHILDREN'S LITURGY** *St Patrick* children under 10 years  
6<sup>th</sup> & 13<sup>th</sup> 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 6<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> April.  
Thank you

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: 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 Agbadamusi, Dave Orrel, Stephen Brown, Erin Johnston, Maureen Cunney, Eddie White, for those who have died, especially Felicidade Matildes Carrasco de Souza, Gerald Moylan and Mary King, and those whose anniversaries occur at this time:**  
Molly Packer, Roland César, Stephen Fitzgerald, Peg Paterson, Lina Pedretti, Brigid Rogers, Bishop Charles Henderson, Gillian Awura-Akua Kalist, Jean Walsh, Mary O'Boyle, Joan Watts, Ron Joyce

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

**ST PATRICK FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2025**  
13<sup>th</sup> April Palm Sunday Mass at 10.15 *no class*  
Please come to the Holy Week and Easter services – for details, please take home a card from the back of church

**READERS** *St Patrick*  
6<sup>th</sup> April: 10.15 T Unigwe/F Okeke 18.00 N Brown  
13<sup>th</sup> April: 10.15 TBC 18.00 L Keys  
**Holy Cross4**  
5<sup>th</sup> Apr: 5.30 Divine 6<sup>th</sup> Apr: 8.45 Sheila  
12<sup>th</sup> Apr: 5.30 Brian 13<sup>th</sup> Apr: 8.45 Jason

**PLEASE SUPPORT the**  
Greenwich Catholic Fellowship for the Disabled  
**CHARITY CHOCOLATE BINGO**  
on Saturday, 12<sup>th</sup> April at 7pm  
at Christchurch, Eltham High Street  
Donations of chocolates and raffle prizes gratefully appreciated.  
**ALL ARE WELCOME TO JOIN US for a FUN EVENING in a GOOD CAUSE**

**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

**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

**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