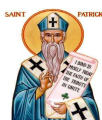


# WELCOME TO



## 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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[www.stpatricksholycross.org.uk](http://www.stpatricksholycross.org.uk)

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Tel: 0208 854 3881 [www.stpatrickprimary.org.uk](http://www.stpatrickprimary.org.uk)

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

**SIXTEENTH SUNDAY**

**YEAR C**

**Ps4**

**20<sup>th</sup> July, 2025**

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This weekend, the Gospel message presents the well-known story of Martha and Mary. As Jesus visits their home, Martha busily serves while Mary sits at His feet, listening. Martha, overwhelmed and frustrated, asks Jesus to tell Mary to help her. Instead, Jesus gently reminds Martha that Mary has chosen “the better part,” which will not be taken from her.

This passage invites us to reflect on the balance between action and contemplation in our own lives. Like Martha, we are often anxious and distracted by many tasks. Yet Jesus calls us to pause, listen, and be present to Him. It's not that service is unimportant, but that our work should flow from a deep relationship with Christ. In our busy world, we must remember to make time for stillness and prayer, placing Jesus at the centre of our hearts and allowing His presence to guide our actions.

### 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



**Holy Cross**

**Mass intentions**



**St. Patrick**

**Weekday Mass in Chapel  
1a Conway Road**

17.30 Flora Pereira birthday intentions	Sat. 19 <sup>th</sup> July <b>SIXTEENTH SUNDAY</b>	<b>The Blessed Virgin Mary</b> 10.00 Shirani Thomas RIP
8.45 Prince Ibukunoluwa Alayo RIP	Sun. 20 <sup>th</sup> July <b>SIXTEENTH SUNDAY</b>	10.15 Jacinta Meade RIP 18.00 John Wishart RIP & family
10.00 Victor Pereira RIP	Mon. 21 <sup>st</sup> July <b>FERIA</b>	9.00 Stella Bennett RIP
<b>NO MASS</b>	Tues. 22 <sup>nd</sup> July <b>St Mary Magdalene</b>	<b>NO MASS</b>
10.00 Recovery of Emily	Wed. 23 <sup>rd</sup> July <b>St Bridget, Religious, Patron of Europe</b>	9.00 Antonette Pacheco RIP <i>1<sup>st</sup> anniversary</i>
10.00 Maureen Cunney's intentions	Thur. 24 <sup>th</sup> July <b>FERIA</b>	9.00 Elizabeth Hannah Phelan RIP
10.00 People of the Parish	Fri. 25 <sup>th</sup> July <b>St James, Apostle</b>	9.00 Rani, Edison, Srimathi, Bibi and deceased members of Peiris & De Mel families
17.30 Anthony & Mona Pinto RIP	Sat. 26 <sup>th</sup> July <b>SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY</b>	<b>Ss Joachim &amp; Anne, Parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary</b> 10.00 Antonia Pacheco RIP <i>anniversary</i>
8.45 Martin Conneally & family	Sun. 27 <sup>th</sup> July <b>SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY</b>	10.15 Josephine Nwoko 80 <sup>th</sup> birthday 18.00 Eric Horne RIP

**Holy Father's Prayer Intention for July: For formation in discernment** Let us pray that we might again learn how to discern, to know how to choose paths of life, and reject everything that leads us away from Christ and the Gospel.

**New DBS and DBS rechecks for VOLUNTEERS**

Please arrange to renew with Fr Fortunatus or Fr Floribert

*Anyone wishing to volunteer in organizing any parish event or activity is kindly reminded to first consult with the Parish Priests before making any arrangements.*

**PLEASE DO NOT HAND OUT LEAFLETS OR DISPLAY POSTERS or NOTICES IN CHURCH WITHOUT PERMISSION FROM FR FORTUNATUS**

Offertory 13<sup>th</sup> July £1,100.25  
Sea Sunday £ 445.45

*Thank you*

The **Sanctuary Lamp** will burn for Robert Barrett RIP at Holy Cross and Antonette Pacheco RIP at St Patrick.



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

20<sup>th</sup> July – Fran/Mary; Tohanme, Carlien & Lisa

27<sup>th</sup> July – PARISH YOUTH MASS

1<sup>st</sup> to 31<sup>st</sup> August – SUMMER BREAK: no children's liturgy

**RCIA – Summer break July and August.**  
*Sessions will start again from September.*

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

*Marriage Care* is a Catholic organisation, helping couples to sustain a healthy marriage and supporting relationships in difficulty. They are looking for volunteers, especially Marriage Preparation Course facilitators – training provided. Please check the 'Get Involved' section at:

[marriagecare.org.uk](http://marriagecare.org.uk)

**LONDON CATHOLIC SOCIAL GROUP**

**Do you enjoy making new friends?**

for Catholic adults over 35 to meet for social and networking events, including walks, meals, outings etc.

Facebook: 'London Catholic Social Group'

Email: [londonswcatholicscial@gmail.com](mailto:londonswcatholicscial@gmail.com)

Brandan Baker on WhatsApp 07425549408



**WANTED – USED GREETING CARDS all occasions, birthday, Christmas, congratulations, thank you etc**

**Recycle your old greeting cards for charity – please leave them in the box at the back of church. Remember to cut personal messages off first**

Offertory contributions can be made in loose cash, by cheque payable to 'RCAS PLUMSTEAD', by card using the contactless machine at the back of church, or by standing order/one-off online payment to:

**NATIONAL WESTMINSTER BANK**

Account Number: 79136796 Sort Code: 60-50-01

Account Name: RCAS – PLUMSTEAD

**PLEASE REMEMBER TO GIFT AID YOUR OFFERINGS IF YOU ARE A TAX-PAYER** – this helps us to claim an extra 25p for every £1 donated

**THANK YOU**

*for your continued and generous support of our parish*

**READERS St Patrick**

20<sup>th</sup> July: 10.15 Guides/Brownies

18.00 L Kale

27<sup>th</sup> July: 10.15 Youth Mass

18.00 L Keys (for B. Davern)

**Holy Cross**

19<sup>th</sup> July: 17.30 Divine

20<sup>th</sup> July: 8.45 Andreia

26<sup>th</sup> July: 17.30 Brian

27<sup>th</sup> July: 8.45 Sheila

**Dates for your diary**

Fr. 25<sup>th</sup> July at 7pm in St George's Cathedral –

Thanksgiving Mass Archbishop John's 30<sup>th</sup> ordination anniversary

25<sup>th</sup> to 28<sup>th</sup> July – 'WeBelieve' Festival, Oscott

6<sup>th</sup> to 9<sup>th</sup> August 'Summertime 2025' for alter servers and youth 11-16 years £189. Please see poster at the back of church and ask Father for a form (in the sacristy)

**Mon. 25<sup>th</sup> August 10.30 to 4pm Divine Mercy Retreat**

Aylesford Priory: Contact Millie 07957594646

**23<sup>rd</sup> to 30<sup>th</sup> September – Parish Pilgrimage to Medjugorje**  
*spaces still available – see details at back of church*

*Greenwich Foodbank tinned and packet foods, toiletries, nappies, can be left at the back of church and are gratefully appreciated* **NO FRESH FOOD PLEASE** *Thank you*

**PLEASE NOTE: for reasons of hygiene and health & safety, the Foodbank cannot accept bulk packets that have been opened and split.**

**Please pray for those who are unwell: Yolanda Perera,**

Norma Barrett, Bridie Maguire, Loretta, Sophie & Pablo Picola, Hana Gjellaj, Bob Kapp, Philomena Flaherty, Jo O'Connell, Dave Kent, Mary Mulholland, Maura Nagle, Chris Britto, Eileen McPadden, Nuala McGovern, Aurora Miranda, Charles, Sarah, Sven & Lloyd, Jimmy Gjellaj, Pressie Fernandez, Betty O'Donoghue, Louise 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** Richard Doherty, Fr Geoffrey Dove, Antonia Pacheco, Patricia Long, Andrew Barrett

**Please note – notices for the Parish Newsletter, with prior permission of Fr Fortunatus, should be sent to the Parish Office by Wednesday at 12 noon (by email, 'phone or printed copy). We will do our best to include items, but cannot always guarantee this.**  
**Thank you for your co-operation and understanding.**