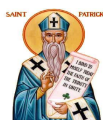


# WELCOME TO



## 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**

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Jesus assures us that, as God's people, we have a share in his inheritance - that is God's kingdom. He relieves our fears, encouraging us not to be afraid, and calls us "little flock," which could mean "my beloved people". He does not stop there, but goes further, bringing us the Good News from our Father: "...for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the Kingdom." This is the climax of today's message.

However, as the people of God and heirs to His kingdom, Jesus Christ warns us to be watchful, to be dressed for action and to have the lamps alight, necessary conditions for us to obtain this kingdom which is our inheritance.

We must be ready to love and to serve at any time, and live our lives in a way that bears good testimony to our Father, a life of watchfulness, being conscious of who we are. It means cherishing and safeguarding our inheritance. And the mark of this life is our faith! Only through faith can we be that: "Happy people that the Lord has chosen as his own." And when we open the door to serve others, we also open the door to abundant blessings for ourselves.

*Let us always try our best to watch for daily opportunities to be ready whenever Jesus knocks, at an inconvenient time or at an unexpected moment, to call us to service*

#### 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 People of the Parish	Sat. 9 <sup>th</sup> August NINETEENTH SUNDAY	St Teresa Benedicta of the Cross (Edith Stein), Virgin & Martyr 10.00 Dot Huit birthday intentions
8.45 Eileen McCarthy RIP (10 <sup>th</sup> anniversary) AND Canon John O'Toole & Doreen Casserley RIP	Sun. 10 <sup>th</sup> August NINETEENTH SUNDAY	10.15 Damaciano D'Souza RIP 18.00 Ann Maria D'Souza RIP birthday remembrance
10.00 Private intention	Mon. 11 <sup>th</sup> August St Clare, Virgin	9.00 Amal Perera RIP 11.00 Requiem John Anthony Moore
NO MASS	Tues. 12 <sup>th</sup> August FERIA	NO MASS
10.00 Private intention	Wed. 13 <sup>th</sup> August FERIA	9.00 Thanksgiving for Wedding Blessings Babu family
10.00 Private intention	Thur. 14 <sup>th</sup> August St Maximilian Kolbe, Priest & Martyr	9.00 Luiz & Agusta Rebelo RIP AND Deceased members of the Dowling family
10.00 Victor Pereira RIP anniversary	Fri. 15 <sup>th</sup> August The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary	9.00 Kathleen Brown RIP
17.30 Private intention	Sat. 16 <sup>th</sup> August TWENTIETH SUNDAY	The Blessed Virgin Mary 10.00 In Remembrance of deceased members of Peiris family
8.45 People of the Parish	Sun. 17 <sup>th</sup> August TWENTIETH SUNDAY	10.15 Welfare & recovery of Margaret Ollin 18.00 Colin & Linda Sandall 40 <sup>th</sup> Wedding anniversary AND Ann Maria D'Souza RIP anniversary

**Holy Father's Prayer Intention for August: For mutual coexistence** - Let us pray that societies where coexistence seems more difficult might not succumb to the temptation of confrontation for ethnic, political, religious, or ideological reasons.

**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 3<sup>rd</sup> August £764.65 Thank you

The **Sanctuary Lamp** will burn for Victor Pereira RIP at Holy Cross and Teo & Jany Ferreira RIP AND Gerry & Kathleen Meehan RIP at St Patrick.



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

**URGENT - ROOM REQUIRED**  
*for a Medical Student, based at Queen Elizabeth Hospital from the end of August*

If you have a spare room to rent, or know someone who has, please contact the Parish Office on 0203 722 7573 or email [plumstead@rcaos.org.uk](mailto:plumstead@rcaos.org.uk) or speak to Father as soon as possible.

**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*

10<sup>th</sup> August: 10.15 M Ofori 18.00 L Keys

17<sup>th</sup> August: 10.15 M Olofinbinu/B DaCosta 18.00 L Kale

*Holy Cross*

9<sup>th</sup> Aug: 17.30 Divine 10<sup>th</sup> Aug: 8.45 Ian

16<sup>th</sup> Aug: 17.30 Brian 17<sup>th</sup> Aug: 8.45 Andreia

**Dates for your diary**

**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**

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

*Marriage Care* is a Catholic organisation, helping couples to sustain a healthy marriage and supporting relationships in difficulty - training provided. Please check the 'Get Involved' section at:

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

*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.**



**VACANCY SPUC EDUCATION OFFICER (England)**  
**Join the Pro-Life Mission**

SPUC is recruiting a full-time Education Officer, based in London with travel across England, to bring the Pro-Life message to schools and communities. To apply or find out more: [spuc.org.uk/joinourteam](http://spuc.org.uk/joinourteam)

**Please pray for those who are unwell:** Margaret Ollin, Yolanda Perera, Norma Barrett, Bridie Maguire, Loretta, Sophie & Pablo Picola, Hana Gjelaj, 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 Gjelaj, 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, especially John Moore and Keith Hinds, and those whose anniversaries occur at this time** Mary Simmonds, Constance Yellop, Tony Kennedy, Julia Murphy, Leslie Law, Norry Walsh, Monica Hilder, Charles Potter

**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.**