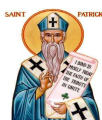


WELCOME TO



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

Deacons: Rev. Oluwale Alayo & Rev. Anthony Wentworth

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Head Teacher: Miss Mary Murphy

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

TWENTIETH SUNDAY

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Hearing Jesus say that He has come not to bring peace but division seems contradictory to the Gospel message of love and unity. Surely, Jesus has come to unite the human race under the fatherhood of God. He wants all to be saved and to be one. The meaning of the Gospel is not that Jesus deliberately wants to create division, but quite the opposite; unfortunately, not everyone will accept the Gospel and it is the different reactions to the Gospel message which will cause division. Although families may be divided in their view of religion, they should not be divided in charity and love for one another.

Jesus' zeal for the Kingdom is not diminished; He knows that He can only bring lasting peace through the sacrifice of the Cross and that the pain and suffering will be worth it.

Like Jesus, let us accept the will of God, so that the Cross of Jesus will fill our minds with love, peace and joy, and gentleness, kindness and forgiveness will flow from our minds into our words and 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 Private intention	Sat. 16 th 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 th August TWENTIETH SUNDAY	10.15 Paul & Mary wedding anniversary AND Welfare & recovery of Margaret Ollin 18.00 Colin & Linda Sandall 40 th Wedding anniversary AND Ann Maria D'Souza RIP anniversary
10.00	Mon. 18 th August FERIA	9.00 Donna Babu & Boaz Lawrence marriage intentions
NO MASS	Tues. 19 th August FERIA	NO MASS
10.00	Wed. 20 th August St Bernard, Abbot & Doctor of the Church	9.00 Patrick & William Keefe & parents RIP
10.00	Thur. 21 st August St Pius X, Pope	9.00 Private intention
10.00	Fri. 22 nd August The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary	9.00 Kathleen Toster
17.30 Anthony & Mona Pinto RIP	Sat. 23 rd August TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY	The Blessed Virgin Mary 10.00 Keith Albert Hinds RIP
8.45 Kathleen Booth RIP	Sun. 24 th August TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY	10.15 Deceased members of Cates & Murphy families 18.00 John Wishart RIP & family

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 10th August £1,152.80 Thank you

The **Sanctuary Lamp** will burn for Maureen Onyenakasa RIP at Holy Cross and Esther Osareme Agbonkpolor RIP at St Patrick.

READERS *St Patrick*

17th August: 10.15 M Olofinbinu/B DaCosta 18.00 L Kale
24th August: 10.15 Youth Mass 18.00 B Davern

Holy Cross

16th Aug: 17.30 Brian 17th Aug: 8.45 Andreia
23rd Aug: 17.30 Mike 24th Aug: 8.45 Sheila

Dates for your diary

Mon. 25th August 10.30 to 4pm Divine Mercy Retreat

Aylesford Priory: Contact Millie 07957594646

23rd to 30th 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

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.

HUMAN RIGHTS for ALL HUMANS
'Promoting the dignity of **every** human life'
MARCH FOR LIFE 2025 Sat. 6th September
10.00 – 1pm: Ecumenical Events at the Emmanuel Centre, Marsham Street SW1P 3NT
10.30: Holy Mass at Westminster Cathedral
1.30 to 4pm: MARCH from EMMANUEL CENTRE to PARLIAMENT SQUARE
marchforlife.co.uk/2025-event-page

CHILDREN'S LITURGY *St Patrick* children under 10 years
1st to 31st 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 or speak to Father as soon as possible.



THE NATIONAL SHRINE OF ST JUDE, FAVERSHAM, KENT

If you would like to dedicate a brick in the *Footprints of Hope* pathway for your special intention, you can do so via the website www.stjudeshrine.org.uk or phone 01795539214 by **29th August** (£30 per brick)

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



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



Thank you for recycling your greetings cards. The box will be left at the back of church, so please continue to bring them down. 😊

Please pray for those who are unwell: Margaret Ollin, Yolanda Perera, Norma Barrett, Bridie Maguire, Loretta, Sophie & Pablo Picola, Hana Gjelij, 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 Gjelij, 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** Mary McNamara, Elsie Ellison

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.