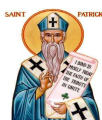


WELCOME TO



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

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'Take care, and be on your guard against all covetousness, for one's life does not consist in the abundance of one's possessions' Luke 12:15

This weekend's Gospel reminds us of the danger of placing our trust in possessions. Jesus tells the parable of the rich man who builds bigger barns to store his wealth, only to die that very night. His story challenges us: are we storing up riches for ourselves, or are we becoming "rich in the sight of God"?

In a world that prizes success and accumulation, this Gospel urges us to reflect on what truly lasts. Wealth, status, and comfort are temporary. But acts of love, compassion, and generosity echo into eternity.

As disciples, we are called to hold our possessions lightly and to live with a spirit of detachment and gratitude. Let us invest more in relationships, in community, and in service to others.

May our hearts be rooted *not* in what we own, but in *who* we are before God.

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 <small>Weekday Mass in Chapel 1a Conway Road</small>
17.30 Nellie & Cornelius Dee RIP	Sat. 2 nd August EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY	The Blessed Virgin Mary 10.00 Thanksgiving & intentions of Adam & Rosheen & Siddals
8.45 Prince Ibukunoluwa Alayo RIP	Sun. 3 rd August EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY	10.15 Damaciano D'Souza RIP 18.00 John Connolly RIP
10.00 Deceased members of Halley & Deegan families	Mon. 4 th August St John Vianney, Priest	9.00 People of the Parish killed in 1914-1918 War
NO MASS	Tues. 5 th August FERIA	NO MASS
10.00 Private intention	Wed. 6 th August The Transfiguration of the Lord	9.00 Josie Horne RIP
10.00 Private intention	Thur. 7 th August FERIA	9.00 Peiris Family thanksgiving
10.00 Private intention	Fri. 8 th August St Dominic, Priest	9.00 Phyllis Jayaratne RIP
17.30 People of the Parish	Sat. 9 th 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 th anniversary) AND Canon John O'Toole & Doreen Casserley RIP	Sun. 10 th August NINETEENTH SUNDAY	10.15 Damaciano D'Souza RIP 18.00 Ann Maria D'Souza RIP birthday remembrance

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 27th July £831.60 Thank you

The **Sanctuary Lamp** will burn for Felicia Ojo RIP at Holy Cross and the Peiris Family thanksgiving at St Patrick.



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.



Stella Maris would like to thank you for your generous collection of **£445.45**

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

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

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*

3rd August: 10.15 T Unigwe/F Okeke **18.00** N Brown

10th August: 10.15 M Ofori **18.00** L Keys

Holy Cross

2nd Aug: 17.30 Mike **3rd Aug: 8.45** Jason

9th Aug: 17.30 Divine **10th Aug: 8.45** Ian

Dates for your diary

6th to 9th August 'Summertime 2025' for alter servers and youth **11-15 years** £189. Please see poster at the back of church and ask Father for a form (in the sacristy)

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

Aylesford Priory: Contact Millie 07957594646

23rd to 30th September – Parish Pilgrimage to Medjugorje
– see poster & 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.



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

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, especially John Moore and Keith Hinds, and those whose anniversaries occur at this time** Violet McCullogh, Kathleen Campbell, Henry Eldred, John Hallinan, Maria White, Patrick Donovan, Martina Manning, Maurice Costello

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.