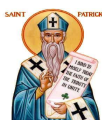


WELCOME TO

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

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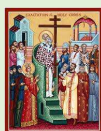
Head Teacher: Miss Mary Murphy

Archdiocese of Southwark is a Registered Charity: 1173050

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

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‘For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life’ John 3:16

On this special Sunday, we pause to honour the Cross, not as a symbol of defeat, but of victory. The Cross of Christ stands at the centre of our faith, reminding us that love conquers hate, and life triumphs over death. When Jesus was lifted high on the Cross, He drew all people to Himself, offering salvation through sacrifice. As believers, we are invited, not just to admire the Cross but to carry our own, with faith and courage. In life's trials and burdens, the Cross becomes our hope, a sign that God transforms suffering into glory. May we learn to embrace our crosses, trusting that through them, we are being drawn closer to Christ. In exalting the Cross, we proclaim Christ's enduring victory in our lives.

Let the Cross not be a decoration, but a daily call to love, humility, and self-giving.

CONFESSIONS *St Patrick*: Saturday after 10.00 Mass
Holy Cross: Saturday before 5.30pm Mass

There will be no EXPOSITION of the BLESSED SACRAMENT until further notice

<i>Holy Cross</i>	<i>Mass intentions</i>	<i>St. Patrick</i>
17.30 Joseph John Wren & Yonna Boarder RIP	Sat. 13 th September THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS	St John Chrysostom, Bishop & Doctor of the Church 10.00 Christopher Cullen, Dennis Pooley & Johnston family RIP
8.45 Michael Thomas RIP AND Rose & Lawrence Ibeme RIP & Emmanuel Okonkwo RIP	Sun. 14 th September THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS Education Sunday	10.15 People of the Parish 18.00 João Manuel D'Souza RIP <i>birthday remembrance</i>
10.00 Martin Conneally birthday wishes AND Austin Dike RIP	Mon. 15 th September Our Lady of Sorrows	9.00 Welfare of Steph Raynard
NO MASS	Tues. 16 th September Ss Cornelius, Pope & Cyprian, Bishop, Martyrs	NO MASS
10.00 Maura Nagle birthday thanksgiving	Wed. 17 th September FERIA	9.00 For the Care of Creation
10.00 Martin Conneally birthday thanksgiving	Thur. 18 th September FERIA	9.00 For students and teachers
10.00 Lawrence Ibeme RIP <i>anniversary</i>	Fri. 19 th September FERIA	9.00 Larry Kelly
17.30 Anthony & Mona Pinto RIP AND Paola Gamborini RIP	Sat. 20 th September TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY	Ss Andrew Kim Tae-Gon, Priest & Paul Chong Ha-Sang and Companions, Martyrs 10.00 Connie Meade birthday intentions
8.45 Michael Thomas RIP	Sun. 21 st September TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY HOME MISSION SUNDAY	10.15 Betty Horrigan RIP 18.00 John Wishart RIP & family

Holy Father's Prayer Intention for September: For our relationship with all of creation

Let us pray that, inspired by Saint Francis, we might experience our interdependence with all creatures who are loved by God and worthy of love and respect.

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.

New DBS and DBS rechecks for VOLUNTEERS
Please arrange to renew with
Fr Fortunatus or Fr Floribert

Offertory 7th September £777.31 *Thank you*
14th September – Catholic Education Service
21st September – Home Missions

Education Sunday Theme: 'The Son of Man must be lifted up'

The **Catholic Education Service** works with the British and Welsh governments to maintain over 2,000 Catholic schools and colleges, educating over 800,000 students. It is the chief negotiating and advisory body on all aspects of Catholic education.

HOME MISSIONS – Evangelii Gaudium

This collection provides the bishops of England and Wales with resources to support the spread of the Gospel in our own country and enables a breadth of work for evangelization

CONFIRMATION 2026

Any young person in **Year 8 or above**, who wishes to receive the **Sacrament of Confirmation**, will need to complete an **enrolment form**, available at the back of church, and return it to the **Parish Office** by

Wednesday, 15th October.

There will be a **meeting for parents** of candidates on **Sunday 26th October** and **classes** will start on **Sunday, 2nd November.**

Seeds of Peace and Hope – Season of Care of Creation **1st September to 4th October**

During this season, we are encouraged to pray and engage in community events, raising awareness of the need to care for the earth we share with our neighbours, especially the poor.

The **Missionary Society of St Paul** is a religious congregation working in different parts of the world, committed to spreading the Good News of Jesus Christ and the salvific work of God the Father in the Holy Spirit. They warmly invite you to support their mission appeal, which will be presented at all masses on the **27th to 28th September**, by **Fr Gabriel Oresegun MSP.**

St Ursula's Convent School, Crooms Hill, Greenwich
OPEN DAY
Saturday, 27th September 9.00 -12.00
Open Mornings – 6th to 10th October 9.15 to 10.45
Please see QR code on poster to register

Dates for your diary

Sun. 14th September – UCM Event after 10.15 Mass
Sat. 20th September 11 – 2pm: MacMillan Cancer Coffee Morning at Wesley Hall Methodist Church, Timbercroft Lane SE18 2SB
23rd to 30th September – Parish Pilgrimage to Medjugorje
Wed. 24th September 6.30pm at St George's Cathedral – Service of Hope and healing for those harmed by abuse – led by Archbishop John
27 – 28th September – Annual Mission Appeal by the Missionary Society of St Paul

READERS *St Patrick*

14th September: 10.15 M Olofinbinu/B Dacosta/M Ofori 18.00 L Kale
21st September: 10.15 Guides/Brownies 18.00 B Davern


Holy Cross

13th Sept: 17.30 Mike 14th Sept: 8.45 Ian
20th sept: 17.30 Divine 21st Sept: 8.45 Linda

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

14th September – Fran,; Olivia & Ebinehita

21st September – Laura; Ademiyo & Tohanme

The **Sanctuary Lamp** will burn for deceased members of the Hanraghan family at Holy Cross and Anthonia Orobosa Odugbesan RIP at St Patrick. 

Greenwich Foodbank tinned and packet foods, toiletries, nappies, can be left at the back of church and are gratefully appreciated

NO FRESH FOOD PLEASE

URGENTLY NEEDED: tinned meat & fish, toiletries, sponge puddings, jam *Thank you*

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 and those whose anniversaries occur at this time** Pat Meehan, Jane O'Connor, Helena Wilkes, George Brush, Bernadette Caulker, Terry Buckley, Steven Sullivan

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.

YOU ARE KINDLY REQUESTED NOT TO HAND OUT LEAFLETS OR DISPLAY POSTERS or NOTICES IN CHURCH WITHOUT PERMISSION FROM FR FORTUNATUS
Thank you

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