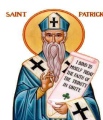


WELCOME TO



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

TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY YEAR C Ps3 5th October, 2025 (Pg146)

The core message of today's Gospel is *faith*. We are all invited to join the Apostles as they plead with Jesus, "Lord, increase our faith." That leaves us with the question: what is faith? Too often we associate faith with saying prayers and performing ritualistic practices; whilst all of these things may have their specific roles, *faith* is much more.

The Apostles in today's Gospel are unsure of their faith; with deep sincerity, they are convinced they need much more of it. They are not afraid to approach Jesus with their doubt. Jesus' response is that if one's faith is genuine, however little it may seem (even like a grain of mustard), one could do incredible things. Faith is tangible and is manifested in our attitudes and actions. The one prayer that should always be on our lips and in our hearts is "Lord, increase my faith ... help my unbelief"

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 People of the Parish	Sat. 4 th October TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY	St Francis of Assisi 10.00 Mary & James Donovan RIP
8.45 Peter Nhi Nguyen RIP	Sun. 5 th October TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY <i>ROSARY SUNDAY</i>	10.15 Rosemary Wentworth RIP 18.00 Thanksgiving to the Blessed Virgin Mother
10.00 Eileen Paterson birthday wishes	Mon. 6 th October FERIA	9.00 Deceased members of the Peiris family
NO MASS	Tues. 7 th October <i>Our Lady of the Rosary</i>	NO MASS
10.00 Philip Gomes' intention	Wed. 8 th October FERIA	9.00 Recovery of James Kelly
10.00 Joseph John Wren & Yonna Boarder RIP	Thur. 9 th October <i>St John Henry Newman, Priest</i>	9.00 Thang Van Nguyen and Cho Thi Phan RIP
10.00 Matthew Mahon RIP	Fri. 10 th October FERIA	9.00 Patrick Nwoko RIP
17.30 Isobel Pinto birthday intentions AND Baby Amiyah Pinto intention	Sat. 11 th October TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY	<i>The Blessed Virgin Mary</i> 10.00 Matthew Mahon RIP
8.45 People of the Parish	Sun. 12 th October TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY	10.15 Martins Chris special intention AND Tony Olofinbinu birthday thanksgiving 18.00 Matthew Mahon RIP

Holy Father's Prayer Intention for October: For collaboration between different religious traditions

Let us pray that believers in different religious traditions might work together to defend and promote peace, justice, and human fraternity.

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.

Offertory 28th September £790.60
St Paul's Missionary Society Appeal £631.05 Thank you
5th October – CAFOD Family Fast Day
19th October – Missio (World Missions Sunday)

READERS **St Patrick**
5th October: 10.15 S Saliu/A Olaiya 18.00 L Keys
12th October: 10.15 Anslem/M Nwozuzu 18.00 L Kale
Holy Cross
4th Oct: 17.30 Mike 5th Oct: 8.45 Ian
11th Oct: 17.30 Divine 12th Oct: 8.45 Linda

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

5th October – Mary; Carlien & Lisa
12th October – Bernie; Olivia & Ebinehitas

The **Sanctuary Lamp** will burn for Peter Nhi Nguyen RIP at Holy Cross and Apolo Joseph Weraga RIP at St Patrick.



ST PATRICK MISSIO BOXES

Please leave your boxes at the back of church on the 5th & 12th October ready for counting and collection on 19th & 26th October.

Thank you



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, sweets
Thank you

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**. **Classes** will start on **Sunday, 2nd November**.

OCTOBER is the month of the ROSARY - THE ROSARY CHALLENGE

Pray a decade of the Rosary each weekday in October with Archbishop John and the Mark 10 Mission – there are beautiful online videos for each Mystery at:

themark10mission.co.uk
or the YouTube channel
@themark10mission

The Rosary gives us a wonderful way to learn about and follow the life of the **Blessed Virgin Mary** and **Jesus**, from Archangel Gabriel's Annunciation to the joy of the Resurrection and Mary's Coronation. You are encouraged to pray a decade of the rosary with your families daily – light a candle, gather around a statue and reflect on these events

WEEK 1 – THE JOYFUL MYSTERIES

1 The Annunciation Luke 1:28

2 The Visitation Luke 1:41-42

3 The Birth of Jesus Luke 2:7

4 The Presentation Luke 2:22-23

5 Finding of the child Jesus in the Temple Luke 2:46

Helpful leaflets are available at the back of church
Rosaries, candles and statues on sale in the Repository



We fly to thy patronage, O Holy Mother of God. Despise not our prayers in our necessities but deliver us from all dangers, O glorious and blessed Virgin.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Sat. 11th October 10.00 to 3.30pm – Sharing Your Faith

workshop at Ss John Fisher & Thomas More, Eltham Well Hall – (evangelisation@rcaos.org.uk)

Thurs. 19th October 7-8.45pm – Caritas Southwark

free webinar: How Cultural and ethnic identities Can be Celebrated within our Parishes

Sat. 18th October 7pm. Wesley Hall Methodist Church,

Timbercroft Lane, SE18 2SB – **Charity Concert**, in aid of Cancer Research

PLEASE SEE POSTERS AT BACK OF CHURCH FOR DETAILS OF ABOVE EVENTS AND TO REGISTER

Catholic Certificate in Religious Studies

The CCRS is a knowledge-based, internationally recognised qualification that provides participants with an understanding of the teachings of the Catholic faith. It is designed and intended to support the Archbishop's vision of missionary parishes and schools by cultivating an evangelistic spirit. Participants will be equipped to make informed and practical contributions to their chosen field of ministry within the Church. Please visit aec.rcaos.org.uk/ccrs for further information.

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:** Susan Fisher, Michael O'Brien, Sean Walsh, Peter Martin, Arthur Lacey, Aidan Coughlan, Richard O'Connor, Betty Brown

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