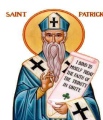


WELCOME TO



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

THIRTIETH SUNDAY

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26th October, 2025 (Pg155)

In the Gospel this weekend, Jesus tells the parable of the Pharisee and the tax collector. The Pharisee boasts of his religious observance, while the tax collector humbly prays, "God, be merciful to me, a sinner." Jesus' message is clear: God values humility over self-righteousness.

This parable challenges us to examine our hearts. Do we approach God with pride in our own deeds, or with honest recognition of our need for mercy? The Pharisee trusts in himself, while the tax collector trusts in God's compassion. True righteousness comes not from comparing ourselves to others, but from a sincere relationship with God rooted in humility.

As followers of Christ, we are called to be honest about our weaknesses and open to God's grace. "Whoever exalts himself will be humbled, and the one who humbles himself will be exalted."

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 Mary & James Elliffe RIP	Sat. 25 th October THIRTIETH SUNDAY	The Blessed Virgin Mary 10.00 Lasting Peace in Gaza
8.45 Eileen & Sandy	Sun. 26 th October THIRTIETH SUNDAY	10.15 Christana Ndbuisi RIP 18.00 John Wishart RIP
MASS CANCELLED	Mon. 27 th October FERIA	MASS CANCELLED
NO MASS	Tues. 28 th October Ss Simon & Jude, Apostles	NO MASS
MASS CANCELLED	Wed. 29 th October FERIA	MASS CANCELLED
10.00 Bicky's recovery	Thur. 30 th October FERIA	9.00 Birthday thanksgiving Margaret
10.00 Philip Gomes' intention	Fri. 31 st October FERIA	9.00 Myra Anderson RIP AND Mollie & James Cleary RIP
17.30 Recovery of Gerhard Meyer	Sat. 1 st November ALL SAINTS	The Blessed Virgin Mary 10.00 Antonia Pacheco RIP AND Augusto & Ana Menezes RIP
8.45 People of the Parish	Sun. 2 nd November ALL SAINTS	10.15 Those buried in Plumstead Cemetery 18.00 The Holy Souls

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 19th October £1,110.50
Missio £449.50 *Thank you*

9th November – Archbishop's Appeal
23rd November – Catholic Youth Services

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Friday, 31st October 7 – 8.30pm St Benet's, Abbey Wood: Rosary Procession

Saturday, 8th November at 8pm – Greenwich Catholic Fellowship for the Disabled Charity Quiz Night in St Patrick's Social Club

READERS *St Patrick*
26th October: 10.15 Youth Mass 18.00 N Brown
2nd November: 10.15 Faith & Cynthia 18.00 L Keys
Holy Cross
25th Oct: 17.30 Brian 26th Oct: 8.45 Sheila
1st Nov: 17.30 Mike 2nd Nov: 8.45 Ian

CHILDREN'S LITURGY *St Patrick* **children under 10 years**
26th October – Parish Youth Mass
2nd November – Laura; Carlien & Lisa

The **Sanctuary Lamp** will burn for Mary Butler & family RIP at Holy Cross and the Caldeira family at St Patrick.

Guides (girls aged 10 – 14) and *Brownies* (girls aged 7 – 10) *Mondays 6 – 7.30pm*
For more information on joining please contact:
Tatayana – 07921500555
Natasha – 07941967414



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*

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](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCm10mission)

WEEK 4 – THE GLORIOUS MYSTERIES

- 1 The Resurrection Mark 16:6
- 2 The Ascension Mark 16:19
- 3 Descent of the Holy Spirit Acts 2:4
- 4 The Assumption Apocalypse 12:1
- 5 The Coronation Judith 15:9-11

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.

CONFIRMATION 2026

Meeting for parents of candidates on **Sunday 26th October. After 10.15 Mass**
Classes will start on **Sunday, 2nd November.**



ST PATRICK MISSIO BOXES

Please remember to collect your boxes from the back of church this weekend. *Thank you*

GREENWICH CATHOLIC FELLOWSHIP for the DISABLED

QUIZ NIGHT

Saturday 8th November at 8pm
in St Patrick's Social Club

£3 per person
Teams up to 6
Prizes & Raffle

Have you noticed Christmas goods in the shops? **ALREADY!**

If you are starting your shopping early, consider buying from **CAFOD World Gifts**, or other Christian charities. Our parish also supports the **Christ the King 6th Form Toy appeal** – new toys and gifts would be gratefully appreciated and can be left at the back of church *Thank you*



Please pray for those who are unwell: Christopher Nnabike, 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:** Ethna Slater, Jack Riley, Jean Mee, George Loft, Ted Corbery, Sean Woodford, Mary Cullum

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