

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

THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY YEAR C Ps1 16th November, 2025 (Pg164)

In the Gospel reading of this Sunday, Jesus talked about turmoil and distress, persecution and revolutions, disasters and tragedies. For sure, this certainly is something that is dark to hear. But in spite of the dark overtones, there is an underlying message of hope. Because Jesus tells us this, and we have to keep it carefully in mind: "Settle it, therefore in your minds, not to meditate beforehand how to answer, for I will give you a mouth and wisdom which no one of your adversaries will be able to withstand or contradict." In other words, Jesus is telling us to not despair because it isn't we who are to prepare our own defence, it is He Himself who will give us the eloquence we need and the wisdom that none of our opponents will be able to resist or contradict. So, in the face of devastation, there is consolation. What seems to be hopeless, there is hope.

Therefore, the Lord encourages us to persevere in righteousness and endure difficult moments. By warning that the Temple of Jerusalem would be destroyed despite its elegance and greatness, Jesus Christ also reminds us that nothing in this world will last forever, no matter how precious they are to us. The only thing that will endure is our faith in Him. Even though in our families, offices, businesses, careers, studies, etc., and in our world at large, we face from time to time difficulties that at times question our faith, if we endure all these patiently, as Jesus Christ tells us, we will have enough reasons to smile at the end and, of course, "the sun of righteousness will rise on us with healing in its wings."

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 Ellania Lucas RIP	Sat. 15 th November THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY	The Blessed Virgin Mary 10.00 Ciproza & Cubertino Azavedo RIP
8.45 Barney McBrearty RIP	Sun. 16 th November THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY	10.15 Ann Olofinbinu birthday thanksgiving AND Joyce Aglago 18.00 Ellania Lucas RIP
10.00 Anna Dao Hoang RIP	Mon. 17 th November FERIA	9.00 Ellen & Mary Sweeney RIP and deceased relatives
NO MASS	Tues. 18 th November FERIA	NO MASS
10.00 People of the Parish	Wed. 19 th November FERIA	9.00 James & Martha McCarthy RIP
10.00 People of the Parish	Thur. 20 th November FERIA	9.00 John Downey RIP
10.00 People of the Parish	Fri. 21 st November THE PRESENTATION of the BLESSED VIRGIN MARY	9.00 Thanksgiving for all favours granted
17.30 Cade Pinto's birthday intention	Sat. 22 nd November OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING of the UNIVERSE	St Cecilia, Virgin & Martyr 10.00 Mary Mullins RIP
8.45 Maureen Elson RIP	Sun. 23 rd November OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING of the UNIVERSE	10.15 Brikem Curaj RIP 18.00 Margaret Nash RIP anniversary

Holy Father's Prayer Intention for November: For the prevention of suicide

Let us pray that those who are struggling with suicidal thoughts might find the support, care, and love they need in their community, and be open to the beauty of life.

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 9th November £1,010.96
Archbishop's Appeal £405.65 Thank you
23rd November – Catholic Youth Services

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

19th November at 6pm St George's Cathedral ACN Red Wednesday Mass - acnuk.org/redwednesday

Sunday, 30th November at 3pm at Our Lady of Grace, Charlton – Deanery Advent Service (with Exposition of the Blessed sacrament, Benediction, Confession)

'A Day with Mary' 10.00 to 5.30pm

Saturday 6th December - St John the Baptist, Dale Road, Purley

Saturday 13th December – St Mary's, Wellesley Road, Croydon CR0 2AR

CALLED TO BEAR FRUIT

Following the recent group meetings, our parish is focusing on 'Reaching Out to our Neighbours in Need'. Every month on the Parish Youth Sunday, starting on Sunday 23rd November, you are invited to bring at least one item for the Greenwich Foodbank:

Tinned meat, fish, vegetables or fruit; rice, pasta, cereals, biscuits; sauces; sugar, salt, pepper; tea, coffee, drinking chocolate; jam, chocolate spread; long-life milk and fruit juice; cooking oil; sweets, chocolates; toiletries, nappies; washing up liquid, washing powder

No fresh food please

VACANCY – HEAD of ART
ST Catherine's School, Bexleyheath
For details please visit

<https://www.stccg.co.uk/Teaching-Vacancies/>

NOVEMBER is the month of the HOLY SOULS

You are invited to write the names of your deceased family and friends and place them in the wooden box, which will be placed on the altar as we continue to pray for them throughout the month. Holy Mass will be offered at the end of the month.

'In Loving Memory' candles are on sale in the Repository

The Sanctuary Lamp will burn for Jo & Ritchie Barrett RIP at Holy Cross and Caroline Alayo & Livina Philips Euba RIP at St Patrick.



CHILDREN'S LITURGY St Patrick children under 10 years

16th November – Bernie; Olivia & Ebinehitas

23rd November – PARISH YOUTH SUNDAY

READERS St Patrick

16th November: 10.15 Guides/Brownies 18.00 N Brown

23rd November: 10.15 Youth Mass 18.00 B Davern

Holy Cross

15th Nov: 17.30 Mike

16th Nov: 8.45 Sheila

22nd Nov: 17.30 Brian

23rd Nov: 8.45 Jason

HOLY CROSS and ST PATRICK FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2026

Children in **Year 3** and above, who do **NOT** attend St Patrick's Primary School and would like to make their First Holy Communion in 2026, should complete the enrolment form and return it, with the required documents, to the **PARISH OFFICE, 1a Conway Road by Wednesday, 26th November**

Guides (girls aged 10 – 14) Mondays 6 – 7.30pm
Brownies (girls aged 7 – 10)

For more information on joining please contact:

Tatayana – 07921500555 Natasha - 07941967414

We are supporting the **Christ the King 6th Form Toy appeal** – new toys and gifts can be left at the back of church

Please pray for those who are unwell: Christopher Nnabike, 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 die, especially and those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Steven Sweeney, Pat Davis, Mary Bane, May Stapleton, Bronislaw Roguski, Richard Byrnes, Euphemia Irving

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