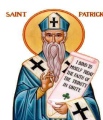


WELCOME TO



Holy Cross & St Patrick Parish

Served by the Society of the Divine Saviour – The Salvatorians

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Head Teacher: Miss Mary Murphy

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

OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING of the UNIVERSE YEAR C Ps2 23rd November, 2025 (Pg167)

This Sunday is the feast of Christ the King, a day also dedicated to young people in our Church. We celebrate the almighty power and glory of Jesus Christ, King of the universe, the King of kings and the Lord of lords; a power that is eternal and everlasting; it can change people, can change thinking, as well as situations and circumstances. To be a king, is to be a leader of all leaders. A good king is able to govern his people wisely and justly; he will protect, and provide for, his people so that they will have peace and prosperity.

The Gospel tells us of the inscription over Jesus: "This is the King of the Jews." Obviously, this notice was intended to mock and insult Jesus, as He was nailed to the Cross and condemned to die as a criminal. But we know that a true king is able to protect his people and save them from their enemies: Jesus *is* this Universal King because He overcame evil and conquered sin and death. What's more, He is the true Saviour because He also leads us from this world to be with Him in paradise. We believe that there is an eternal Paradise awaiting us where we will be with Jesus forever and we all want to go to our eternal home in Heaven. Jesus, our King, will lead us there.

Let us obey our King, and serve Him by doing what He wants of us. So, let us ask Jesus to remember us, and all those who acknowledge Him as their King and Saviour. ***May we journey together with them to be with Jesus in Paradise.***

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 Cade Pinto's birthday intentions	Sat. 22 nd November Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe	The Blessed Virgin Mary 10.00 Mary Mullins RIP
8.45 Maureen Elson RIP	Sun. 23 rd November Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe Youth Sunday	10.15 Brikem Curaj RIP 18.00 Margaret Nash RIP
10.00 Mike O'Connell birthday wishes	Mon. 24 th November St Andrew Dung-Lac, Priest, & Companions, Martyrs	9.00 Daniel Hickey RIP
NO MASS	Tues. 25 th November FERIA	NO MASS
10.00 People of the Parish	Wed. 26 th November FERIA	9.00 Souls in Purgatory
10.00 Trina Johnson & parents RIP	Thur. 27 th November FERIA	9.00 Mary White RIP & deceased relatives AND Very Rev. Daniel McCarthy RIP
10.00 Welfare of Fr Auson & family and the People of Tanzania	Fri. 28 th November FERIA	9.00 Swarna Peiris birthday intentions & thanksgiving
17.30 Anthony & Mona Pinto RIP	Sat. 29 th November FIRST SUNDAY of ADVENT	The Blessed Virgin Mary 10.00 Shiroma Peiris 75 th birthday wishes & welfare AND Shiranthi Fernando birthday intention and thanksgiving
8.45 People of the Parish	Sun. 30 th November FIRST SUNDAY of ADVENT	10.15 Lady Justina Okwuonu RIP 18.00 Ron Huit RIP

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 16th November £879.30 Thank you
23rd November – Catholic Youth Services

This collection supports youth work in the diocese and beyond, in particular the Southwark Catholic Youth Service (please see their website for details of their work and forthcoming youth events)

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

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 to 5.30pm

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

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

Please note: due to unforeseen circumstances, we regret there will be no Senior Citizens' Christmas Party this year. We hope to be able to host it again next Christmas

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**

The **Sanctuary Lamp** will burn for Mr D Rai RIP at Holy Cross and Margaret Nash RIP at St Patrick.



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

For more information on joining please contact:

Tatayana – 07921500555 Natasha – 07941967414

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

READERS St Patrick

23rd November: 10.15 Youth Mass **18.00** B Davern

30th November: 10.15 O Torrens/E Sakole **18.00** L Keys

Holy Cross

22nd Nov: 17.30 Brian **23rd Nov: 8.45** Jason

29th Nov: 17.30 Mike **30th Nov: 8.45** Ian

CHILDREN'S LITURGY St Patrick children under 10 years

23rd November – Parish Youth Sunday

30th November – Laura; Ademio & Tohanme

CALLED TO BEAR FRUIT

Thank you to the thousands of people who took part in the 'Called to Bear Fruit' consultation. We are grateful to you all for sharing so openly your hopes for the life of the Church in our Archdiocese. The consultation response, which includes 15 actions points for renewal, is available at rcaos.org.uk/calledtobearfruit and hardcopies will be sent to every parish. The consultation revealed a burning desire within our parishes to be missionary and evangelising disciples of the Lord Jesus Christ, who work together to help people encounter His love. So, as we move forward on the next steps together, let's build up the Body of Christ in Southwark with faith and confidence, becoming ever more a community of missionary disciples filled with joy and hope for the future. As an Archdiocese, we will continue to discern the process of renewal, and further updates will be provided in due course.

In our parish we are reaching out to our neighbours in need:

***FEEDING LOCAL FAMILIES** - every 4th Sunday, starting this weekend, we encourage those of you who are able, to bring a tin or packet of food, toiletries, sweets, nappies for the Greenwich Food Bank and leave them in the box provided

***HELPING LOCAL FAMILIES CELEBRATE CHRISTMAS** - we support the Christ the King Sixth Form Christmas Toy Appeal. There is a box for new toys or gifts at the back of church

***order a gift from the CAFOD World Gifts catalogue, or Aid to the Church in Need 'Gifts of Faith', or something from Mary's Meals, a great way to raise awareness of world needs**

Any gift, no matter how small, will make a GREAT difference when given with L  VE

Please pray for those who are unwell: Pat Cullen, Christopher Nnabike, 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, 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, and those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Winifred Barry, Susan O'Brien, John Bradford, Daniel English, Miroslav Krejcan, William Bryant, Brian Druce, Kitty Fluskey, Peter Lynch, George Day, Joshua Williams, Arthur Moffatt

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