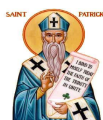


WELCOME TO



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

THE DEDICATION of the LATERAN BASILICA YEAR C Ps4 9th November, 2025 (Pg202)

Today, instead of the usual Sunday liturgy, we are celebrating the feast of the dedication of a Church – the Lateran Basilica in Rome. Built by the Emperor Constantine, it was solemnly dedicated on the 9th November, 324. As the first and oldest Christian basilica, it is considered 'the mother and head of all churches of Rome and the world'. As such, it is the Pope's Cathedral as Bishop of Rome. In celebrating this feast, we express our union with our Pope, Leo, and our loyalty to him as supreme leader of the Church. The feast also invites us to reflect on the important role of church buildings in our lives as communities of faith, called to worship and pray together in a sacred space set apart for personal and collective encounter with God.

When we celebrate its dedication to God, we celebrate the mystery of God's special presence and indwelling in buildings set apart for divine worship, including our own parish church. When the people of God erect a building and dedicate it totally to God's service, God's glory comes to dwell in that building in such a way that the building can now be called the house of God. So, while we celebrate God's special indwelling in a temple, we must remind ourselves that God's presence is not confined in the temple. God is still everywhere, but shows His glory in a special way in some persons, places, and things. A temple or church is one such place. Today we are asked to realise more fully the beauty of who we are and our calling to worship God together, as individuals and as families, in all that we say and do in our daily lives – today's celebration helps us to realise our prayer and worship reach out to the whole world as we honour Bishop Leo's Cathedral!

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 Get well Sue Tanner	Sat. 8 th November Dedication of the Lateran Basilica	The Blessed Virgin Mary 10.00 All Souls in Purgatory AND Birthday thanksgiving
8.45 People of the Parish	Sun. 9 th November Dedication of the Lateran Basilica	10.15 People of the Parish 18.00 Kathleen Brown RIP
10.00 People of the Parish	Mon. 10 th November St Leo the Great, Pope and Doctor of the Church	9.00 Prince Solomon Ade & Princess Caroline Funmi Alayo RIP
NO MASS	Tues. 11 th November St Martin of Tours, Bishop	NO MASS
10.00 People of the Parish	Wed. 12 th November St Josaphat, Bishop & Martyr	9.00 Thomas Desai RIP
10.00 People of the Parish	Thur. 13 th November FERIA	9.00 All those buried in Woolwich Cemetery
10.00 People of the Parish	Fri. 14 th November FERIA	9.00 Jim Doherty RIP
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

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 2nd November £1,152.50 Thank you

9th November – Archbishop's Appeal

23rd November – Catholic Youth Services

The Archbishop's Appeal funds grants for 3 key mission areas of the diocese of Southwark: Youth & Evangelisation; Our Faith in Action; Clergy Care & Formation.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

AID to the CHURCH in NEED – RED WEDNESDAY

19th November

You are invited to HOLY MASS in

St George's Cathedral at 6pm

Celebrated by Bishop Nicholas Hudson

Homily by Canon Victor Darlington

FOCUS: 'The Plight of Persecuted Christians in Nigeria'

TO BOOK: Please use QR code on poster or visit acnuk.org/redwednesday

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) and

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

**THE BLESSING of GRAVES WILL TAKE
PLACE AT PLUMSTEAD CEMETERY
FROM 1 to 2pm SUNDAY 9th NOVEMBER**

READERS *St Patrick*

9th November: 10.15 D Ohia/E Saliu **18.00** L Kale

16th November: 10.15 Guides/Brownies **18.00** B Davern

Holy Cross

8th Nov: 17.30 Brian **9th Nov: 8.45** Linda

15th Nov: 17.30 Mike **16th Nov: 8.45** Sheila

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

9th November – Mary/Laura; Emma, Carlien &

Lisa#16th November – Bernie; Olivia & Ebinehitas

The **Sanctuary Lamp** will burn for Theresa Oladokun at Holy Cross and Mary Davern 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, sweets *Thank you*

Have you noticed Christmas goods in the shops?

ALREADY!

CAFOD World Gifts catalogues are at the back of church. 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, 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: William Coyle, Anthony Gladman, Rose Brown, Johanna Marchant, Michael Horner, Veronica Paczkowska, June Sweeney

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