

## WELCOME TO



# Holy Cross & St Patrick Parish



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

## THE HOLY FAMILY of JESUS, MARY and JOSEPH Ps1 28<sup>th</sup> December, 2025 (pg106)

The Feast of the Holy Family invites us to look at Jesus, Mary, and Joseph not as distant figures, but as a real family who trusted God in ordinary life.

The Gospel shows Joseph listening to God's voice and acting with courage, protecting Mary and the child Jesus. The Holy Family reminds us that holiness grows in everyday choices: patience, humility, obedience, sacrifice, and love.

Mary teaches us to treasure God's work in our hearts, even when we do not fully understand it. Joseph shows us quiet faith, responsibility, and strength rooted in trust. Jesus, growing within this family, reveals that God chose to enter the world through human relationships.

For our own families, the Holy Family offers hope. No family is perfect, yet God is present when we welcome Him. By praying together, forgiving often, and caring for one another, our homes can become holy places today.

### Holy Father's Prayer Intention for December: For Christians in areas of conflict

Let us pray that Christians living in areas of war or conflict, especially in the Middle East, might be seeds of peace, reconciliation, and hope.

### Holy Father's Prayer Intention for January: Pray with the Word of God

that praying with the Word of God be nourishment for our lives and a source of hope in our communities, helping us to build a more fraternal and missionary Church.

**Offertory 21st December £957.20 Thank you**

**READERS St Patrick**

**28<sup>th</sup> December: 10.15 Youth Mass 18.00 L Keys**

**4<sup>th</sup> January: 10.15 M Olofinbinu/B DaCosta/M Ofori 18.00 L Kale**

**Holy Cross**

**27<sup>th</sup> Dec: 17.30 Mike 28<sup>th</sup> Dec: 8.45 Ian**

**3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> January TBA**

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

**21<sup>st</sup> December to 4<sup>th</sup> January – NO CHILDREN'S LITURGY**

The **Sanctuary Lamp** will burn for Kathy Mann RIP at

Holy Cross and Elizabeth Feyisara Bolarinwa RIP

at St Patrick (WEEK 1)

and for Eamonn O'Connor RIP at Holy Cross and

Cynthia Olorunfemi's birthday at St Patrick (WEEK 2)



### CALLED TO BEAR FRUIT

**THIS SUNDAY we will continue to collect tinned and packet foods, toiletries, nappies, sweets ...**

**for the GREENWICH FODBANK. No fresh food**

**please Thank you**

## HAPPY NEW YEAR

**We thank you for your support and ask God continue to bless you throughout the year**



### USED POSTAGE STAMPS

*in aid of the London Air Ambulance*

**Please save any stamps from letters you receive – after Christmas, there will be a box at the back of church to collect your used stamps for charity.**

Congratulations to Monsignor Richard Moth on his appointment as Archbishop of Westminster to succeed Cardinal Vincent Nichols as Head of the Catholic Church in England. We ask you to pray for him as he takes on this important role.

**CONFESIONS** *St Patrick*: Saturday after 10.00 Mass  
*Holy Cross*: Saturday before 5.30pm Mass

**PLEASE NOTE: THIS NEWSLETTER COVERS 2 WEEKS**

<i>Holy Cross</i>	<i>Mass intentions</i>	<i>St. Patrick</i>
17.30 Margaret Synnott RIP anniversary	Sat. 27 <sup>th</sup> December <b>The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph</b>	<b>St John, Apostle &amp; Evangelist</b> 10.00 Mado Kaching Zeng AND Chris Cullen RIP
8.45 Kathleen & Martin Conneally	Sun. 28 <sup>th</sup> December <b>The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph</b>	10.15 Thanksgiving 33 <sup>rd</sup> wedding anniversary 18.00 Bridget Wishart and family
10.00 Sis Frances Clare McPartlin RIP anniversary	Mon. 29 <sup>th</sup> December <b>St Thomas of Canterbury, Bishop &amp; Martyr</b>	<b>9.00 Souls of Purgatory</b>
<b>NO MASS</b>	Tues. 30 <sup>th</sup> December <b>SIXTH Day within the OCTAVE of the NATIVITY of the LORD</b>	<b>NO MASS</b>
<b>NO MASS</b>	Wed. 31 <sup>st</sup> December <b>SEVENTH Day within the OCTAVE of the NATIVITY of the LORD</b>	23.30 Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 12.00 <i>Midnight</i> All our parish helpers
8.45 Mary Agnes Cates RIP AND Mrs P Norville	Thur. 1 <sup>st</sup> January <b>Mary, the Holy Mother of God</b>	10.15 Thanksgiving for birthday blessings AND Richard Paul Fitzgerald RIP
10.00 Helen Agnes Brown RIP anniversary AND Maggie & Tony Gaywood	Fri. 2 <sup>nd</sup> January <b>Ss Basil the Great &amp; Gregory Nazianzen, Bishops &amp; Doctors of the Church</b>	10.15 Mary Ellen White RIP AND Birthday of Veronica Orenuga
17.30 Christmas Greetings Norma, Maura, Ricky & family	Sat. 3 <sup>rd</sup> January <b>SECOND SUNDAY AFTER THE NATIVITY</b>	10.00 Isaac's intentions for peace of heart and soul
8.45 Martin Conneally & family	Sun. 4 <sup>th</sup> January <b>SECOND SUNDAY AFTER THE NATIVITY</b>	10.15 Lisa & Paul Wedding Thanksgiving 18.00 João Manuel D'Souza RIP anniversary
10.00 Maura Nagle	Mon. 5 <sup>th</sup> January <b>FERIA of CHRISTMAS</b>	<b>9.00 Welfare of Richard</b>
	Tues. 6 <sup>th</sup> January <b>THE EPIPHANY of the LORD</b>	
10.00 Eamonn O'Connor RIP anniversary	Wed. 7 <sup>th</sup> January <b>FERIA of CHRISTMAS</b>	9.00 Patrick, Eleanor, Julie & Cornelius Keefe RIP
10.00 Eileen Paterson	Thurs. 8 <sup>th</sup> January <b>FERIA of CHRISTMAS</b>	<b>9.00 New Year Blessings</b>
10.00 Bicky	Fri. 9 <sup>th</sup> January <b>FERIA of CHRISTMAS</b>	<b>9.00 Mary O'Sullivan RIP</b>
17.30 Jo & Mike O'Connell	Sat. 10 <sup>th</sup> January <b>THE BAPTISM of the LORD</b>	<b>10.00 Ron Huit RIP</b>
8.45 Mary Mulholland & Dave	Sun. 11 <sup>th</sup> January <b>THE BAPTISM of the LORD</b>	<b>10.15 People of the Parish</b> 18.00 Eric Horne RIP

**Please pray for those who are unwell:** Margaret Ollin, 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 died, and those whose anniversaries occur at this time:** Christine Murphy, Eugene Connor, Margaret Little, Janes Halles, Dagma Hakels, Ethna Joyce, Pat Moore, Frederick Appleby, Irene Calleja, Patrick Quinal, Marie Xoc, Fr Denis Barry, John Bevan, Michael Horne, Ivy James, Bill Gahan, Jane Halles, Heather Birney, Patrick Keogh, George Bradford, John Ingham, Catherine Paine, Brigid Hawkins, Eamonn O'Connor, Laura Coyla, Mary Eakin, Owen Kyne