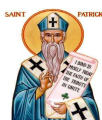


WELCOME TO



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 HOLY FAMILY of JESUS, MARY and JOSEPH Ps1 28th 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

28th December: 10.15 Youth Mass 18.00 L Keys

4th January: 10.15 M Olofinbinu/B DaCosta/M Ofori 18.00 L Kale

Holy Cross

27th Dec: 17.30 Mike 28th Dec: 8.45 Ian

3rd & 4th January TBA

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.

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