



WELCOME TO

Holy Cross & St Patrick Parish



Served by the Society of the Divine Saviour – The Salvatorians

Parish Priest: Father Fortunatus Banzi, SDS Assistant Parish Priest – Fr Floribert Mulikita SDS

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

SECOND SUNDAY

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18th January, 2026 (Pg125)

A MESSAGE FROM SPUC

The Society for the Protection of Unborn Children will be holding its annual appeal this weekend.

SPUC exists to transform culture so that abortion is not only abolished but becomes unthinkable. The Society is actively leading the fight in courts, classrooms and communities to achieve this mission.

Through these efforts we will restore a respect for the sanctity of human life from conception until death.

This year's appeal postcards allow supporters to join the fightback campaign against the current threats in Parliament to expand abortion and allow assisted suicide.

Your support means everything to us. Please be as generous as you can to help SPUC at this critical time for our country and take a postcard home if you would like to support us.

CONFESIONS *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 Trevor Gomes birthday intentions AND Eilish Brophy RIP	Sat. 17 th January SECOND SUNDAY	St Anthony, Abbot 10.00 Protection of Unborn Children
8.45 Joseph Duong Hoang & Maria Vu Hoang RIP	Sun. 18 th January SECOND SUNDAY	10.15 Deceased members of Fazzani family, Luigi, Polda & Josie Fazzani 18.00 Christian Unity
10.00 Maria Van Hoang RIP	Mon. 19 th January FERIA	9.00 Martha & Daniel Dillon RIP AND Francesca's birthday
NO MASS	Tues. 20 th January FERIA	NO MASS
10.00 Joseph Thanh Hoang RIP	Wed. 21 st January St Agnes, Virgin & Martyr	9.00 Mary Adede Nieji Unah RIP
10.00 Maria Lai Hoang RIP	Thur. 22 nd January FERIA	9.00 Thanksgiving (Asodhe)
10.00 Margaret Connell RIP anniversary	Fri. 23 rd January FERIA	9.00 Eric Horne RIP
17.30 Eric Price RIP and Mona Pinto RIP anniversary	Sat. 24 th January THIRD SUNDAY	St Francis de Sales, Bishop & Doctor of the Church 10.00 Donatus Kofo Olawole RIP
8.45 Bob Jackson RIP anniversary	Sun. 25 th January THIRD SUNDAY	10.15 Anne-Marie's birthday 18.00 Eric & Josie Horne RIP

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.

Please note – notices for the Parish Newsletter, with Father's prior permission, 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 11th January £327.80 Thank you
Christmas Offering for the Clergy TBA
17th/18th January – SPUC Appeal
24th/25th January – LEPRA Appeal
25th January – Maintenance of St George's Cathedral**

READERS St Patrick
18th January: 10.15 Guides/Brownies 18.00 Samson
25th January: 10.15 Youth Mass 18.00 N Brown
Holy Cross
17th Jan: 17.30 Mike 18th Jan: 8.45 Jason
24th Jan: 17.30 Brian 25th Jan: 8.45 Sheila

CHILDREN'S LITURGY St Patrick **children under 10 years**
18th January – Laura; Ademayo & Tohanme
25th January – Parish Youth Mass

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

**18th to 25th January – Octave of Christian Unity
CHURCHES TOGETHER IN PLUMSTEAD and WOOLWICH**

Service of Prayer for Christian Unity

**Monday, 19th January at 7pm
Wesley Hall Methodist Church,
Timbercroft Road SE18 2SB**

ALL ARE WELCOME Refreshments following the Service

Sunday, 1st February RACIAL JUSTICE SUNDAY

**Archbishop John will celebrate Holy Mass in
St George's Cathedral at 10am you are invited
to gather outside the cathedral at 9.45 for a
Procession of National Flags and for
refreshments in the Amigo Hall after Mass**

Livestream: <https://www.youtube.com/live/fdmGwmESSgl>

MASS INTENTION REQUESTS

**Requests for Holy Mass can be for any occasion and
can be made in person, by telephone, by email or by
completing the special envelope.**

**PLEASE NOTE: requests for a specific date may not be
guaranteed and should be made **at least 2 weeks in
advance**, except in urgent cases. Thank you**

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

The Sanctuary Lamp will burn for the People of the Parish at Holy Cross and Francesca Olawole's birthday at St Patrick.



St Catherine's Catholic School for Girls in Bexleyheath is seeking to appoint Examination Invigilators to maintain the integrity and security of both internal and external examinations, and to support and guide students calmly during their examination period. For more information and to apply, please visit [St Catherine's Catholic School - Support Staff Vacancies](#)

CHRIST the KING 6th Form College
are looking for a **qualified accountant** to join their Governing Body.
See poster for details.

Eddie McCarthy will be doing a sponsored walk in aid of **Bexley Community Pantry** on **Saturday 24th January** and would be grateful for any sponsorship. **Thank you**

CALLED TO BEAR FRUIT
Reaching Out to Our Brothers and Sisters in Need
GREENWICH FOODBANK

**We will continue to have our monthly collection of food
every fourth Sunday of the month (Youth Sunday).
Tinned & packet foods; toiletries; nappies; sweets and
chocolates; long-life milk and fruit juice can also be
brought to church at any time. Thank you**

Please pray for those who are unwell: Norma Barrett, Margaret Ollin, Pat Cullen, Christopher Nnabike, Yolanda Perera, 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 especially Man Bahadur Rana and those whose anniversaries occur at this time:** Brendan McNulty, Mary Edwards, Margaret Burrell, Michael Hughes, Ann Oliver, Liam Wilson, Margaret Connell, Maria Bartolo, Michael O'Hare, Mary Painter, Maire Dee, Maureen Woodward, Mary Webster, Denzil Delaney, Henrietta Linnell, Mona Pinto.

DON'T THROW YOUR USED STAMPS AND CARDS AWAY!

We are collecting both for charity.

**There is a box for stamps and cards at the
back of church**

(Please remember to remove names and messages)

Thank you 😊

Account details: NATIONAL WESTMINSTER BANK

Acc Name: RCAS - PLUMSTEAD

Acc No: 79136796 Sort code: 60-50-01

Please make cheques payable to: **RCAS PLUMSTEAD**

**If you pay tax, please join the Parish Gift Aid
scheme, which earns an extra 25p for every £1 you
give.** Thank you for your continued support.