



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 BAPTISM of the LORD

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11th January, 2026 (Pg118)

Today, we celebrate the Baptism of the Lord, when Jesus came to the Jordan River to be baptized by John. Though sinless, Jesus humbly entered the waters to identify with us and reveal God's love. As he rose from the water, the heavens opened, the Spirit descended, and the Father proclaimed, "This is my beloved Son."

This moment shows us that our worth comes not from what *we do*, but from *who we are*: **God's beloved children**. In our own baptism, we were claimed by God and called to live as light in the world. Like Jesus, we are sent to love, serve, and witness to God's presence in our families, workplaces, and communities.

May this feast remind us always of our identity and mission as God's children.

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

Holy Cross

Mass intentions

St. Patrick

17.30 Jo & Mike O'Connell	Sat. 10 th January The BAPTISM of the LORD	10.00 Ron Huit RIP AND Mary O'Sullivan RIP
8.45 Mary Mulholland & Dave AND Mary Agnes Cates and Helen Agnes Brown RIP	Sun. 11th January The BAPTISM of the LORD	10.15 People of the Parish 18.00 Good health of those who are suffering from kidney cancer AND World Suffering
10.00 Christmas wishes Elaine Dalton and Peter Campbell	Mon. 12 th January FERIA	9.00 William & Kitty Mack RIP; Welfare and recovery of Claire Greenhead AND Thanksgiving for God's blessings
NO MASS	Tues. 13th January FERIA	NO MASS
NO MASS – SDS CHAPTER	Wed. 14th January FERIA	NO MASS – SDS CHAPTER
NO MASS – SDS CHAPTER	Thur. 15th January FERIA	NO MASS – SDS CHAPTER
10.00 Grandparents Joseph Nguyen & Maria Trinh RIP	Fri. 16th January FERIA	9.00 Jim Elliffe RIP
17.30 Trevor Gomes birthday intentions AND Eilish Brophy RIP	Sat. 17th January SECOND SUNDAY	St Anthony, Abbot 10.00 Protection of Unborn Children
8.45 Joseph Duong Hoang & Maria Vu Hoang RIP	Sun. 18th January SECOND SUNDAY	10.15 Deceased members of Fazzani family, Luigi, Paola & Josie Fazzani 18.00 Christian Unity

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 28th December £686.60
1st & 4th January £1,364.80 **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
11 th January: 10.15	T Unigwe/F Okeke 18.00
18 th January: 10.15	L Kale 18.00
Holy Cross	
10 th Jan: 17.30	11 th Jan: 8.45
17 th Jan: 17.30	18 th Jan: 8.45

CHILDREN'S LITURGY St Patrick **children under 10 years**
11th January – Bernie; Carlien, Emma & Tohanme
18th January – Laura; Ademayo & Tohanme

The Sanctuary Lamp burns red to remind us that Jesus is truly present in the Blessed Sacrament in the Tabernacle. Sanctuary Lamp intentions can be requested for many reasons – remembering loved ones, thanksgiving, get well wishes, birthdays/special occasions. *The list for St Patrick is complete. Some spaces still available at Holy Cross – please see list.*

The Sanctuary Lamp will burn for Peggy & John Paterson RIP at Holy Cross and Donald Alayo's birthday at St Patrick.



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY
18th to 25th January – Octave of Christian Unity
CHURCHES TOGETHER IN
PLUMSTEAD and WOOLWICH
are hosting a
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

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

Thank you for your generous support of the Foodbank in 2025.

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

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

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, and those whose anniversaries occur at this time:** Elizabeth Cassidy, Kathleen Kennedy, Margaret Jackson, Norah Fahey, Eric Price, Robert Barrett, Francis Olney

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 😊

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