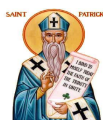


## WELCOME TO



## 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**

### THIRD SUNDAY – Sunday of the WORD of GOD YEAR A Ps3 25<sup>th</sup> January, 2026 (Pg127)

The third Sunday in Ordinary time is known as the Sunday of the Word of God. This was decreed by the Church to encourage God's people to get familiar with the Scriptures, with God's Word.

Today's Gospel resumes the passage of Isaiah in the first reading to show the fulfilment of that prophesy in the person of Jesus. It is Jesus Christ, our Lord, who is true light that comes to save us; it is Jesus Christ who is the Eternal King; it is Jesus Christ, our Lord, who is the real Prince of peace. The Gospel describes, then, the beginning of Jesus Christ's ministry, a beginning that marks the continuity of the ministry of John the Baptist, who had just been arrested by Herod. Like John the Baptist, Jesus Christ also comes to preach conversion in the face of the imminence of God's Kingdom.

*In light of this Sunday's readings, let us ask the Lord for the grace to devote ourselves to the reading of the Word of God and to be, in our turn, witnesses and messengers who bring about God's reign in this world.*

**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*

### *Holy Cross*

### *Mass intentions*

### *St. Patrick*

17.30 Eric Price RIP and Mona Pinto RIP anniversary	Sat. 24 <sup>th</sup> January <b>THIRD SUNDAY</b>	<b>St Francis de Sales, Bishop &amp; Doctor of the Church</b> 10.00 Donatus Kofo Olawole RIP
8.45 Bob Jackson RIP anniversary	Sun. 25 <sup>th</sup> January <b>THIRD SUNDAY</b> Sunday of the Word of GOD	10.15 Anne-Marie's birthday AND Patrick Nwoko RIP anniversary 18.00 Eric & Josie Horne RIP
10.00 Jo & Mike	Mon. 26 <sup>th</sup> January Ss Timothy & Titus, Bishops	9.00 Pedro Lo-Pon RIP
<b>NO MASS</b>	Tues. 27 <sup>th</sup> January <b>FERIA</b>	<b>NO MASS</b>
10.00 Zarah Pinto's birthday intentions	Wed. 28 <sup>th</sup> January St Thomas Aquinas, Priest & Doctor of the Church	9.00 Mary Honeyman RIP AND Patricia Yusuff birthday thanksgiving
10.00 Ancestors of Nguyen & Hoang families RIP	Thur. 29 <sup>th</sup> January <b>FERIA</b>	9.00 Man Bahadur Rana RIP
10.00 Peggy O'Neill RIP	Fri. 30 <sup>th</sup> January <b>FERIA</b>	9.00 Celia & Tom Gallagher RIP AND Joseph RIP
17.30 Ivy Lewis RIP and deceased members of the Scott family	Sat. 31 <sup>st</sup> January <b>FOURTH SUNDAY</b>	<b>St John Bosco, Priest</b> 10.00 Souls of Purgatory
8.45 Carmen D'Souza's intention	Sun. 1 <sup>st</sup> February <b>FOURTH SUNDAY</b> <i>Racial Justice Day</i>	10.15 Martin's Thanksgiving AND Donna's 28 <sup>th</sup> birthday thanksgiving 18.00 Chinh Thi Le 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 11<sup>th</sup> January correct amount £627.80  
18<sup>th</sup> January £1,000.50  
Christmas Offering for the Clergy £4,334.50 Thank you  
SPUC £485.65  
Crib offerings for the Catholic Children's Society £183.60

24<sup>th</sup>/25<sup>th</sup> January – LEPRa Appeal

The collection for the Maintenance of St George's Cathedral will be taken on 1<sup>st</sup> February

### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Sunday, 1<sup>st</sup> 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>

### *CALLED TO BEAR FRUIT*

*Reaching Out to Our Brothers and Sisters in Need*

**GREENWICH FOODBANK**

**THIS SUNDAY WE WILL HAVE OUR MONTHLY COLLECTION OF FOOD FOR THE FOODBANK**

If you are able, please bring **tinned & packet foods; toiletries; nappies; biscuits, sweets and chocolates; cooking oil; long-life milk and fruit juice**

NO FRESH FOODS PLEASE

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 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, 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 Thomas Cashin, and those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Connie Mulligan, Bob Jackson, Bernie Mulligan, Kathy Mann, Jimmy Ahern, Mary Gray, Mary Forde, margo Jones, Johanna Roberts, Roy Thorogood, Leone DeSouza**

**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 😊

If not treated early Leprosy can cause life-changing disabilities and even blindness. Today, 4 million people are living with a life-changing disability caused by leprosy and over 3 million people with undiagnosed leprosy. **But it is curable!** With your help we can find, diagnose and treat more people affected by leprosy so that they will have a brighter future, full of hope.

For more information, please visit [www.lepra.org.uk](http://www.lepra.org.uk)

### *Salvatorian Provincial Chapter*

We are pleased to announce that Fr Paul Harris SDS has been appointed as Provincial of the Salvatorians in the UK. We express our thanks to Fr Richard Mway-Zeng SDS as he ends his term of office as Provincial and ask you to pray for them both in their new ministries.

#### READERS

*St Patrick*

25<sup>th</sup> January: 10.15 Youth Mass 18.00 N Brown

1<sup>st</sup> February 10.15 A Offong/M Ofori 18.00 L Keys

*Holy Cross*

24<sup>th</sup> Jan: 17.30 Brian

25<sup>th</sup> Jan: 8.45 Sheila


31<sup>st</sup> Jan: 17.30 Mike

1<sup>st</sup> Feb: 8.45 Linda

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

25<sup>th</sup> January – Parish Youth Mass

1<sup>st</sup> February – Fran; Emma, Carlien & Lisa

The **Sanctuary Lamp** will burn for Mona Pinto RIP at Holy Cross and Anne-Marie Adejayan's and Patricia Yusuf's birthday thanksgiving 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](#)

*Guides (girls aged 10 – 14)*

*Brownies (girls aged 7 – 10)*

*Mondays 6 – 7.30pm*

For more information on joining please contact:

*Tatayana – 07921500555 Natasha – 07941967414*

### **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

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**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.