

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

SIXTH SUNDAY

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This weekend's readings invite us beyond rule-keeping into the heart. In the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus does not abolish the Law; he brings it to completion by moving it from external behaviour to internal desire. Anger, contempt, lust, and dishonesty are not small matters, because they shape who we are becoming. God's wisdom, as Paul reminds us, is not obvious or flashy; it is revealed to those willing to be transformed from within. This Gospel challenges us to examine our intentions, not just our actions. Faithfulness is not about doing the minimum required, but about allowing God to reshape our hearts. When we choose reconciliation over resentment, integrity over convenience, and love over self-interest, we choose life. Holiness begins in the quiet, daily decisions that align our hearts more closely with God's own.

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 Gabriella Pinto birthday intentions	Sat. 14 th February SIXTH SUNDAY	Ss Cyril, Monk & Methodius, Bishop, patrons of Europe 10.00 Louise Perera birthday thanksgiving & welfare
8.45 Wellbeing & recovery of Alice Downey	Sun. 15 th February SIXTH SUNDAY	10.15 Birthday thanksgiving Christy 18.00 Yolanda & Louise Perera birthday thanksgiving & intentions
10.00 Wellbeing & recovery of Patrick Campbell	Mon. 16 th February FERIA	9.00 Yolanda Perera birthday thanksgiving and welfare
NO MASS	Tues. 17 th February FERIA	NO MASS
10.00 Wellbeing & recovery of Jo O'Connell	Wed. 18 th February ASH WEDNESDAY <i>Day of Fasting & Abstinence</i>	9.00 Man Bahadur Rana RIP
10.00 People of the Parish	Thur. 19 th February FERIA	9.00 Michael Gill get well wishes
10.00 Wellbeing & recovery of Alice Downey	Fri. 20 th February FERIA	9.00 Romanus Ehwunife RIP
17.30 Bert Mann RIP anniversary	Sat. 21 st February FIRST SUNDAY of LENT	10.00 Man Bahadur Rana RIP
8.45 Wellbeing & recovery of Patrick Campbell	Sun. 22 nd February FIRST SUNDAY of LENT	10.15 Charity Okocha & son birthday thanksgiving 18.00 Mary Twomey RIP

Holy Father's Prayer Intention for February: For children with incurable diseases

that children suffering from incurable diseases and their families receive the necessary medical care and support, never losing strength and hope.

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 8th February £1,027.35
Racial Justice £319.80 Thank you
15th February – Clergy Support Fund for Sick & Retired Priests

The **Clergy Support Fund** enables the Archbishop to care for clergy in their retirement, old age and at their time of ill health, after their lifetime of service and devotion to Christ, His Church and His people. Your generous donations ensure a dignified retirement for all our priests.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Sun 15th February after 10.15 Mass – Fr Floribert will meet with all parents of Confirmation candidates

Sun 22nd February after 10.15 Mass **UCM Talk on Lent** in Social Club Hall – **ALL WELCOME**

Sun 15th March - The **Feast of St Patrick** will be celebrated at parish level on Sunday, 15th March, which is also **Mother's Day**. All parish groups are kindly requested to be ready and participate in the celebration of this great parish day.

Please pray for those who are unwell: Eileen Paterson, Margaret Ollin, Annita Molloy, Patricia Feehily, Pat Cullen, Christopher Nnabike, Norma Barrett, Yolanda Perera, Bridie Maguire, 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, Henry Agbadamus, Dave Orrel, Stephen Brown, Erin Johnston, Maureen Cunney, Eddie White, **for those who have died especially John Colacco and those whose anniversaries occur at this time:** Fr Philip McGuinness, Gerry Keogh, Thomas Garrett, James Coffey, Bert Mann, Priscilla Edwards, Minnie Bagley, Mavis Porter

God of growth, in the beginning you planted a garden and walked with us, your beloved creation. Teach us to tread lightly as we care for all you made.

God the Sower, you plant seeds of your Kingdom in the soil of our hearts. Water them with your Word and weed out fear and selfishness. Cultivate in us your compassion so we may truly love our neighbours.

God of Gethsemane, you chose the tree of suffering which would bring us new life. May its roots grow deep within us, inspiring us to seek justice so all people may flourish in the garden of your grace. Amen
CAFOD Lent Prayer

Pray the Romero Rosary at St George's Cathedral. Join Archbishop John Wilson and the Cathedral clergy in praying the rosary **every Friday at 5pm** throughout Lent. This is a beautiful opportunity to draw closer to the Lord Jesus in prayer. Archbishop John will personally lead the devotion at the National Shrine of St Oscar Romero at St George's Cathedral (SE1 6HR) on **Ash Wednesday (18th February) at 5pm**, and again on **Friday 6th and Friday 27th March**. On all other Fridays during Lent, the Cathedral clergy will lead the rosary, followed by the Stations of the Cross at 6pm. Let the rosary connect you to the Lord Jesus this Lenten season. Find out more at: rcaos.org.uk/romerorosary

READERS *St Patrick*
15th February: 10.15 Guides/Brownies **18.00** B Davern
22nd February: 10.15 Youth Mass **18.00** Samson
Holy Cross
14th Feb: 17.30 Mike **15th Feb: 8.45** Jason
21st Feb: 17.45 Brian **22nd Feb: 8.45** Sheila

CHILDREN'S LITURGY *St Patrick* **children under 10 years**
15th February – NO CHILDREN'S LITURGY HALF TERM
22nd February – Parish Youth Sunday

The **Sanctuary Lamp** will burn for Robert and Jean Brown RIP at Holy Cross and Chris' Welfare at St Patrick.

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

GREENWICH FOODBANK
YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS REALLY MAKE A DIFFERENCE

Your continued generous support of the Foodbank is very much appreciated: **tinned & packet foods; toiletries; nappies; biscuits, sweets and chocolates; cooking oil; long-life milk and fruit juice** can be left at the back of church or at the Presbytery at any time

NO FRESH FOODS PLEASE

Thank you

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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