

## 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 of EASTER**

**YEAR A Ps 3**

**19<sup>th</sup> APRIL, 2026 (Pg 258)**

**‘Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he was known to them in the breaking of the bread’ (Luke 24:35)**

This weekend the Mother Church invites us to walk with the disciples on the road to Emmaus, where confusion turns slowly into recognition. They had hoped; but their hope seemed shattered. Yet, in their honest conversation and openness to the stranger beside them, Christ draws near. He listens before He reveals; He walks before He explains.

How often do we miss His presence in our own discouragement? We look for certainty; but He meets us in the journey, in Scripture, and in the breaking of bread.

This Sunday reminds us that faith is not the absence of doubt, but the courage to keep walking.

*Even when we feel lost, Christ is already beside us, turning our sorrow into growing hope.*

**CONFESSIONS *St Patrick***: Saturday after 10.00 Mass

***Holy Cross***: Saturday before 5.30pm Mass

*Holy Cross*

*Mass intentions*

*St. Patrick*

17.30 Anthony & Mona Pinto RIP	Sat. 18 <sup>th</sup> April <b>THIRD SUNDAY of EASTER</b>	10.00 Drina Mendes RIP
8.45 Sandy thanksgiving	Sun. 19 <sup>th</sup> April <b>THIRD SUNDAY of EASTER</b>	10.15 Tracey DeSouza RIP AND Thanksgiving to Holy Family & St Patrick (BD'S) 18.00 James McEvoy RIP
10.00 James Hennessey RIP	Mon. 20 <sup>th</sup> April <b>FERIA</b>	9.00 Xem Thi Le RIP
<b>NO MASS</b>	Tues. 21 <sup>st</sup> April <i>St Anselm, Bishop &amp; Doctor of the Church</i>	<b>NO MASS</b>
10.00 People of the Parish	Wed. 22 <sup>nd</sup> April <b>FERIA</b>	9.00 All Souls in Purgatory
10.00 People of the Parish	Thur. 23 <sup>rd</sup> April <b>St George, Martyr, Patron of England</b>	9.00 William, Christopher, Mary & Anne Summers RIP
10.00 Nylah Gigi Artificio-Frank RIP	Fri. 24 <sup>th</sup> April <b>FERIA</b>	9.00 Bernie & John's wedding anniversary
17.30 Sharon Pinto birthday intentions	Sat. 25 <sup>th</sup> April <b>FOURTH SUNDAY of EASTER</b>	<b>St Mark, Evangelist</b> 10.00 Thang Van Nguyen & Cho Thi Phan RIP
8.45 Eileen & Sandy	Sun. 26 <sup>th</sup> April <b>FOURTH SUNDAY of EASTER</b> <i>World Day of Prayer for Vocations to the Priesthood</i>	10.15 Apeles Andrade RIP ( <i>7<sup>th</sup> anniversary</i> ) 18.00 Sean Bradley RIP ( <i>1<sup>st</sup> anniversary</i> )

**Holy Father's Prayer Intention for April: for priests in crisis** – for priests going through moments of crisis in their vocations that they may find the accompaniment they need and that their communities may support them with understanding and prayer

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 12<sup>th</sup> April £940.35 Thank you  
**26<sup>th</sup> April – Priests' Training Fund**  
This collection helps to meet the cost of training students for the priesthood and the permanent diaconate, as well as supporting the ongoing formation of the clergy

### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

**Wed. 22<sup>nd</sup> April 2 – 4pm at Sidcup Sports Club, 49 Sydney Road DA14 6RA COMMUNITY KINDNESS CONCERT**

**8<sup>th</sup> – 14<sup>th</sup> June** Augustine Camino Musical Pilgrimage – see poster for details

**21<sup>st</sup> – 28<sup>th</sup> August** Southwark Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes, led by Bishop Paul Hendricks: further details at <https://www.tangney-tours.com/diocese-pilgrimages/diocese-ca/>

We are all  
*CALLED TO BEAR FRUIT*  
by Reaching Out to Our Brothers and Sisters in Need  
Next Sunday, 26<sup>th</sup> April - PARISH YOUTH SUNDAY

Please remember to bring something for our monthly collection for the

#### GREENWICH FOODBANK

Tinned meat, fish and vegetables - packet foods, biscuits, sweets and chocolates - cooking oil - long-life milk and fruit juice – rice & pasta – table condiments - feminine hygiene products - nappies  
**URGENTLY NEEDED - Essential Toiletries, Tins Of Fish, Tins Of Meat, Noodles, Juice,**

**NO FRESH FOODS PLEASE** Thank you

On Saturday, 9<sup>th</sup> May Eddie McCarthy is doing a sponsored walk in aid of the Alzheimer's Society and would be grateful for anyone who wishes to sponsor him

**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**

We'd like to thank the Guides & Brownies for their kind donation of £250 for the Easter flowers

Please pray for those who are unwell: Eileen Paterson, Margaret Ollin, Annita Molloy, Patricia Feehily, Pat Cullen, Christopher Nnabike, Norma Barrett, Yolanda & Louise 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, Marianne Ali, Trevor Brown, John McPartlin, Sarah Young & family, Irene D'Souza, Alex Pollock, Kevin Murphy, Susannah Brown, Henry Agbadamusi, Dave Orrel, Stephen Brown, Erin Johnston, Maureen Cunney, Eddie White, for those who have died especially Blossom Rose Blake and Tome Asllani, and those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Olive Fleming, Noel Sweeney, Laura Boarder, Peter Sweeney, Jimmy Ankers


### St Patrick's First Holy Communion 2026

19<sup>th</sup> April Jesus Does Wonderful things  
Jesus Feeds the Hungry  
26<sup>th</sup> April Jesus is the Bread of Life  
Jesus at the Last Supper  
Practice reconciliation

**READERS St Patrick**  
19<sup>th</sup> April: 10.15 Guides/Brownies 18.00 L Keys  
26<sup>th</sup> April: 10.15 Youth Mass 18.00 L Kale  
**Holy Cross**  
18<sup>th</sup> Apr: 17.30 Brian 19<sup>th</sup> Apr: 8.45 Ian  
25<sup>th</sup> Apr: 17.30 Mike 26<sup>th</sup> Apr: 8.45 Jason

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

19<sup>th</sup> April – Bernie; Carlien, Emma & Tohanme  
26<sup>th</sup> April – Parish Youth Sunday

The Sanctuary Lamp will burn for Anthony Pinto RIP at Holy Cross and Laura Alayo thanksgiving at St Patrick. 



### ST PATRICK'S CHURCH MISSIO BOXES

Thank you to all red box holders – in 2025

**you raised a total of £1,658.81**

Please remember to collect your boxes by the 26<sup>th</sup> April

### CAFOD: Stand with Sudan. Give monthly.

On the third anniversary of the war in Sudan, Kayode Akintola, CAFOD's Head of Region for Africa, asks for your help:

"So many of our sisters and brothers in Sudan are facing increasing violence, hunger, and disease. That is why today, I'm asking you to consider setting up a regular gift to support families who are fleeing the violence – with food, safe water and other vital support. Monthly gifts are an act of steady love for our neighbours, a way of saying: we will not abandon you, we will stand with you until peace is restored."

Donate at [cafod.org.uk/StandWithSudan](http://cafod.org.uk/StandWithSudan)



### 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, if possible, be made at least 2 weeks in advance, except in urgent cases. Your co-operation in this is greatly appreciated and makes the scheduling of masses easier for everyone. (Spaces currently available)

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