

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 of EASTER

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In the Gospel Jesus says: **“If you love me, you will keep my commandments.”** As Christians, we all know what the Commandment of Jesus is based on: it is based on LOVE. Jesus loves us so much that in turn He calls us to love Him and to love others as we love ourselves. So, love is a commandment, a commitment and also a revelation.

When we obey the Commandment of love, Jesus promises us a gift of divine love; the promise of giving us the Holy Spirit who will be with us forever, and will reveal to us the reality of love in our lives: when we choose the way of love, we choose the way of God, which is beyond the ways of man, and beyond the thinking of man. We choose to be life-giving. In this way, we will choose *to love, to forgive, to be compassionate, to be kind, to be gentle, and to be humble*. We will put God first in our lives, by praying and entrusting to God our plans and our choices, and letting God direct our lives.

When we face difficulties, despair and distress, we know that the Holy Spirit, our Advocate, will help us and protect us from danger and from losing faith.

CONFESSIONS *St Patrick:* Saturday after 10.00 Mass
Holy Cross: Saturday before 5.30pm Mass

Holy Cross

Mass intentions

St. Patrick

17.30 Baby Amiyah & Zak birthday intentions AND Annie Campbell RIP anniversary	Sat. 9 th May SIXTH SUNDAY of EASTER	10.00 Mrs J Horne RIP
8.45 Wellbeing & recovery of Patrick Campbell	Sun. 10 th May SIXTH SUNDAY of EASTER	10.15 18.00 Regina & Beatrice Okonkwo RIP AND the three generations of Solange Rebeiz 18.00 Sheila Hulyer RIP
10.00 Wellbeing & recovery of Jo O'Connell	Mon. 11 th May FERIA	9.00 Sheila Hulyer RIP
NO MASS	Tues. 12 th May FERIA	NO MASS
10.00 Wellbeing & recovery of Alice Downey	Wed. 13 th May <i>Our Lady of Fatima</i>	9.00 Sheila Hulyer RIP
10.00 Welfare of Maureen & family	Thur. 14 th May THE ASCENSION of the LORD	9.00 Anne & Sean Mulligan 50 th wedding anniversary
10.00 Jo O'Connell	Fri. 15 th May <i>St John Stone, Priest & Martyr</i>	9.00 Welfare of Lauren Bell
17.30 Oluwole Alayo	Sat. 16 th May SEVENTH SUNDAY of EASTER	St Simon Stock, Priest 10.00 Angela Edwards RIP
8.45 Welfare of Jo & Mike O'Connell	Sun. 17 th May SEVENTH SUNDAY of EASTER	10.15 Samuel Saliu's 18 th birthday AND Man Bahadur Rana RIP 18.00 John D'Souza RIP anniversary

Holy Father's Prayer Intention for May: That everyone might have food We pray that everyone, from large producers to small consumers, be committed to avoid wasting food and to ensure that everyone has access to quality food

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.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Sun. 24th May at 10.15 St Patrick's First Holy Communion

Sun. 7th June at 10.15 Parish Confirmation

Sat. 20th June Holy Cross First Holy Communion

We are all
CALLED TO BEAR FRUIT
by Reaching Out to Our Brothers and Sisters in Need
Please remember to bring whatever you can 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 & noodles – table condiments - feminine hygiene products & toiletries - nappies
ALL ITEMS CAN BE LEFT IN THE BOXES AT THE BACK OF CHURCH OR BROUGHT TO THE CHAPEL, 1a CONWAY ROAD
NO FRESH FOODS PLEASE Thank you
EVERY LITTLE HELPS 😊

In Memoriam

Please remember in your prayers Sheila Hulyer and her family. Sheila was a parishioner of St Patrick's for over 70 years. Her funeral will be held in St Patrick's church on Monday, 18th May at 12 noon. May she rest in peace.


Please pray for those who are unwell: Margaret Gallagher, Daniel Picola, Carol Goodenough, Eileen Paterson, Margaret Ollin, Annita Molloy, Patricia Feehily, Pat Cullen, Christopher Nnabike, Norma Barrett, Yolanda & Louise Perera, Bridie Maguire, 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 Agbadamus, Dave Orrel, Stephen Brown, Erin Johnston, Maureen Cunney, Eddie White, for those who have died especially Sheila Hulyer, and those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Doris Johnston, Michael McCarthy, Betsy Martin, Thomas Quinn, Amelia Betts, Betty West, Lucy Rai

Offertory 3rd May £985.55 Thank you
17th May – World Communications Sunday this collection supports the work of the Catholic Communications Network, the media office of the Bishops' Conference of England and Wales, in promoting the Gospel on current issues, providing up-to-date news releases and information.
24th May – Salvatorian Priests' Training Fund

St Patrick's First Holy Communion 2026
10th May We Go to Mass
Jesus is Really Present
WRITE BIDDING PRAYERS
17th May Jesus Comes to Me in Holy Communion
PRACTISING HOLY COMMUNION IN CHURCH

READERS *St Patrick*
10th May: 10.15 T Unigwe/F Okeke 18.00 Samson
17th May: 10.15 Guides/Brownies 18.00 N Brown
Holy Cross
9th May: 17.30 10th May: 8.45
16th May: 17.30 17th May: 8.45

CHILDREN'S LITURGY *St Patrick* children under 10 years
10th May – Ademiyio & Carlien; Emma & Lisa
17th May – Fran; Olivia & Ebinehitas

The Sanctuary Lamp will burn for deceased members of the Cunney family at Holy Cross and Mary Davern RIP at St Patrick. 

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

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) Thank you

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