

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

SEVENTH SUNDAY of EASTER

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A follower of Christ must be recognised by a prayer life. Though PRAYER is the most fundamental and important in the life of a Christian; it is primarily about fellowship and relationship with God, rather than just asking for needs. That is why it is defined as a conversation that involves both speaking and listening. The early Church understood well this aspect. and in today's first reading, we heard that the apostles were in the upper room and joined in continuous prayer with several women, including Mary the mother of Jesus. This was the last mention of Mary, the mother of the Saviour, in the Bible, and it portrays her as praying with the Church and for the Church. So, it may be said that a Christian who does not pray cannot be considered as a Christian, and a Christian who does not pray is also rather disgraceful. A Christian, through prayer, is united with Jesus, and goes forth to tear down walls and build bridges. This Sunday is also known as World Communication Sunday. The Church wants to emphasize that communication must lead to communion. Prayer is our communication with God. Prayer must also lead us to a communion with others. As Christians, we are called to communicate the love of God to others, so that we will tear down walls and build bridges. And Jesus prays for that and would like us to do the same. *Let us ask ourselves today, how do we use our electronic communication devices? Are we using them to tear down walls and build bridges? Or are we using them to build walls and burn bridges?*

Let us pray on this Sunday that in our communication with others, walls will be torn down and bridges will be built for peace and communion.

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

Holy Cross

Mass intentions

St. Patrick

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 , Man Bahadur Rana RIP AND Tome Asllani RIP 18.00 John D'Souza RIP <i>anniversary</i>
10.00 Welfare of Laura Alayo & family	Mon. 18 th May FERIA	9.00 Private intention (KS) 12.00 Requiem Sheila Hulyer
NO MASS	Tues. 19 th May FERIA	NO MASS
10.00 Birthday wishes Maureen Cunney	Wed. 20 th May FERIA	9.00 Elizabeth Josephine Mooney RIP
10.00 Andrew Johnson RIP	Thur. 21 st May FERIA	9.00 F Connor & family RIP
10.00 Joseph Pereira RIP AND Patricia Okonji RIP	Fri. 22 nd May FERIA	9.00 Sheila Hulyer RIP
17.30 Anthony & Mona Pinto RIP	Sat. 23 rd May PENTECOST SUNDAY	10.00 Tomasina De Souza RIP
8.45 Dennis Jolley RIP <i>2nd anniversary</i>	Sun. 24 th May PENTECOST SUNDAY	10.15 First Holy Communion children & their families 18.00 Sheila Hulyer RIP

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. 31st May at 7 TO 8.30pm – St David's, Finchale Road SE2 9PG ROSARY PROCESSION
Sun. 7th June at 10.15 Parish Confirmation
Sat. 20th June Holy Cross First Holy Communion

Offertory 10th May £976.65 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
17th May Jesus Comes to Me in Holy Communion
PRACTISING HOLY COMMUNION IN CHURCH
24th May **FIRST HOLY COMMUNION**

READERS *St Patrick*
17th May: 10.15 Guides/Brownies 18.00 N Brown
24th May: 10.15 1st Holy Communion 18.00 L Keys
Holy Cross
16th May: 17.30 17th May: 8.45
23rd May: 17.30 24th May: 8.45

CHILDREN'S LITURGY *St Patrick* children under 10 years
17th May – Fran; Olivia & Ebinehitas
24th May – PARISH YOUTH SUNDAY

The **Sanctuary Lamp** will burn for R M Rai RIP at Holy Cross and Samuel Saliu's birthday 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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REMINDER

We are all

CALLED TO BEAR FRUIT

NEXT WEEKEND

by helping our sisters & brothers in need
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

NO FRESH FOODS PLEASE Thank you

In Memoriam

It is with great sadness that we announce the death of Andrew Johnson, a local Catholic funeral director, last Thursday. Over the years, Andrew and his team felt privileged to look after many of our deceased parishioners and their families with great care and compassion and it was his last wish that they continue to do so. We ask you please to remember Andrew, his family and his colleagues in your prayers. *May he 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 Agbadamusi, Dave Orrel, Stephen Brown, Erin Johnston, Maureen Cunney, Eddie White, **for those who have died especially Andrew Johnson, and those whose anniversaries occur at this time:** Pat Gorman, Patricia Carroll, Patrick O'Brien, Ethel Caine, Brian Barry, Rita Carpenter, Teresa Mahoney, Michael Hiscock, Eunice Buckley, Agatha Nwankwo, Dennis Jolley