

## 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**

## PENTECOST SUNDAY

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This Sunday, we celebrate Pentecost which means in Greek “fiftieth”. For the Jews, Pentecost was originally a harvest festival (Exodus 23:16) to commemorate the completion of the grain harvest. Now in the Christian Church, Pentecost too is a harvest feast; but this time it is an abundant harvest of souls. On that first Pentecost, which marked the birth of the Church, through the preaching of the Apostles to each in his own language, hundreds were won over to faith in Jesus Christ. Year in year out all over the world many, many more are brought to faith in Christ by the witness and preaching of Christians. The outpouring of the Holy Spirit on the apostles wiped away any trace of sin, just as it occurs in the Sacraments of Baptism and Confirmation. So, for us Christians, we are connected through faith with those Apostles, as in the first reading, and we experience the outpouring of the Holy Spirit on us in Baptism and Confirmation. Jesus comes to us each day. We live our entire Christian lives in the Spirit. He is ever present to us, he constantly prompts us and impels us forwards in our life of faith. The Holy Spirit, moreover, draws us together in unity—as a parish we witness to what Christ has achieved but we do so as one body united in faith, love and worship. The Holy Spirit also keeps his Church holy—we are constantly cleansed and forgiven through the celebration of the sacraments. And the Holy Spirit keeps us faithful—throughout the centuries the Church is kept free from error in matters of faith, despite all the new ideas and philosophies, the Holy Spirit guides its course in fidelity to the Gospel.

Let us ask the Holy Spirit to give us courage to be living witnesses of Christ's peace, mercy, and truth in our daily life.

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

<i>Holy Cross</i>	<i>Mass intentions</i>	<i>St. Patrick</i>
17.30 Anthony & Mona Pinto RIP	Sat. 23 <sup>rd</sup> May <b>PENTECOST SUNDAY</b>	10.00 Tomasina De Souza RIP
8.45 Dennis Jolley RIP <i>2<sup>nd</sup> anniversary</i>	Sun. 24 <sup>th</sup> May <b>PENTECOST SUNDAY</b>	10.15 First Holy Communion children & their families 18.00 Sheila Hulyer RIP AND John Wishart RIP & family
10.00 Maureen Cunney	Mon. 25 <sup>th</sup> May <b>Mary, Mother of the Church</b>	9.00 Rrok Shota RIP
<b>NO MASS</b>	Tues. 26 <sup>th</sup> May St Philip Neri, Priest	<b>NO MASS</b>
10.00 People of the Parish	Wed. 27 <sup>th</sup> May St Augustine of Canterbury, Bishop, Apostle of England	9.00 Pat Dike 70 <sup>th</sup> birthday
10.00 People of the Parish	Thur. 28 <sup>th</sup> May Our Lord Jesus Christ, Eternal High Priest	9.00 Souls in Purgatory
10.00 People of the Parish	Fri. 29 <sup>th</sup> May FERIA	9.00 Thanksgiving (QP)
17.30 Sheila Hulyer RIP	Sat. 30 <sup>th</sup> May <b>THE MOST HOLY TRINITY</b>	<b>The Blessed Virgin Mary</b> 10.00 David's 9 <sup>th</sup> birthday
8.45 Welfare of Christine Everett-McCabe	Sun. 31 <sup>st</sup> May <b>THE MOST HOLY TRINITY</b>	10.15 Pat Dike & family intentions AND Emmaline Peter 90 <sup>th</sup> birthday 18.00 Bridget Childerley 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. 24<sup>th</sup> May at 10.15 St Patrick's First Holy Communion  
 Sun. 31<sup>st</sup> May at 7 TO 8.30pm – St David's, Finchale Road SE2 9PG **ROSARY PROCESSION**  
 Sun. 7<sup>th</sup> June at 10.15 Parish Confirmation  
 Sat. 20<sup>th</sup> June Holy Cross First Holy Communion


Offertory 17<sup>th</sup> May £1,163.90 Thank you  
 World Communications Sunday £259.75  
 24<sup>th</sup> May – Salvatorian Priests' Training Fund

<p><i>St. Patrick</i>  <i>Sunday,</i>  <i>24<sup>th</sup> May</i>  <i>10.15</i></p>		<p><i>Abner</i>  <i>Cody</i>  <i>Jaden</i>  <i>Jason</i>  <i>Love</i></p>
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*Please pray for the children and their families*

**READERS** *St Patrick*  
 24<sup>th</sup> May: 10.15 1<sup>st</sup> Holy Communion 18.00 L Keys  
 31<sup>st</sup> May: 10.15 A Offong/M Ofori 18.00 L Kale  
*Holy Cross*  
 23<sup>rd</sup> May: 17.30 Mike 24<sup>th</sup> May: 8.45 Sheila  
 30<sup>th</sup> May: 17.30 Brian 31<sup>st</sup> May: 8.45 Jason

**CHILDREN'S LITURGY** *St Patrick children under 10 years*  
 24<sup>th</sup> May – PARISH YOUTH SUNDAY  
 31<sup>st</sup> May – Mary; Carlien, Emma & Tohanme

 The Sanctuary Lamp will burn for Pat & Brendan Hanrahan RIP at Holy Cross and Kathleen 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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**4<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY of the MONTH – 24<sup>TH</sup> MAY**

We are all  
*CALLED TO BEAR FRUIT*  
*by supporting the*  
**GREENWICH FOODBANK**  
*to help our sisters & brothers in need*

*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*

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Andrew Johnson, a local Catholic funeral director, who, with his team, has looked after many of our deceased parishioners and their families with great care and compassion over the years, 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:* Fr Gary Gill, Teresa Griggs, Maud Eldred, Elizabeth Scott, Eric Horne, Peter Fleming, Jacqueline Flynn