

## 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**

**FOURTH SUNDAY of EASTER**

**YEAR A**

**Ps 4**

**26<sup>th</sup> APRIL, 2026 (Pg 262)**

**“I came that they may have life and have it abundantly.”** *(John 10:10)*

On this Fourth Sunday of Easter, often called **Good Shepherd Sunday**, we are invited to reflect on the voice that guides our lives. Jesus describes Himself as the Shepherd who knows His sheep and calls them by name. This form of relationship is personal, attentive, and full of care.

In a world filled with competing voices, it can be difficult to recognize which ones truly lead to life. The voice of the Good Shepherd is not harsh or confusing. It is steady, patient, and rooted in love. It calls us not through fear, but through trust.

To follow that voice requires listening, making space in our hearts through prayer, silence, and reflection. It also requires trust, especially when the path ahead is unclear.

Today, we are reminded that we are not alone or forgotten.

*We are known, called, and gently led by the One who desires fullness of life for each of us.*

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

*Holy Cross*: Saturday before 5.30pm Mass

*Holy Cross*

*Mass intentions*

*St. Patrick*

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 (7 <sup>th</sup> anniversary) 18.00 Sean Bradley RIP (1 <sup>st</sup> anniversary)
10.00 Birthday thanksgiving (Amafor family)	Mon. 27 <sup>th</sup> April <b>FERIA</b>	9.00 Man Bahadur Rana RIP
<b>NO MASS</b>	Tues. 28 <sup>th</sup> April <b>FERIA</b>	<b>NO MASS</b>
10.00 Welfare of Paul & family	Wed. 29 <sup>th</sup> April <i>St Catherine of Siena, Virgin &amp; Doctor of the Church</i>	9.00 Isobel Hayes & Agnes Fonsecka RIP
10.00 People of the Parish	Thur. 30 <sup>th</sup> April <b>FERIA</b>	9.00 Personal intentions (T)
10.00 People of the Parish	Fri. 1 <sup>st</sup> May <i>St Joseph the Worker</i>	9.00 Fr Kris Toporowski RIP
17.30 Carys Pinto birthday intentions	Sat. 2 <sup>nd</sup> May <b>FIFTH SUNDAY of EASTER</b>	<b>St Athanasius, Bishop &amp; Doctor of the Church</b> 10.00 Edith Graydon RIP
8.45 Sheila Hulyer RIP	Sun. 3 <sup>rd</sup> May <b>FIFTH SUNDAY of EASTER</b> <i>Safeguarding Sunday</i>	10.15 Samuel Olorunfemi's birthday, Joseph Perera RIP (4 <sup>th</sup> anniversary) AND Man Bahadur Rana RIP 18.00 James McEvoy RIP (1 <sup>st</sup> anniversary)

**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 19<sup>th</sup> April £1532.25 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

We are all  
**CALLED TO BEAR FRUIT**  
by Reaching Out to Our Brothers and Sisters in Need  
**FOURTH SUNDAY of the MONTH**

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 – table condiments - feminine hygiene products - nappies  
**URGENTLY NEEDED - Essential Toiletries, Tins Of Fish, Tins Of Meat, Noodles, Juice,**  
**NO FRESH FOODS PLEASE** Thank you

### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

**Thurs. 30<sup>th</sup> April 10.00 to 12.00 – EMPLOYABILITY HUB**  
Help with **APPRENTICESHIPS** at Glyndon Community Centre, 75 Raglan Road – see poster for details

**8<sup>th</sup> – 14<sup>th</sup> June** Augustine Camino Musical Pilgrimage

**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/>

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 would be kind enough to sponsor him

**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**

**Please pray for those who are unwell:** Carol Goodenough, 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 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:** Nylah Gigi Artificio-Frank, John O'Sullivan, George Mee, Fr Kris Toporowski, Mary Warren


### **St Patrick's First Holy Communion 2026**

26<sup>th</sup> April Jesus is the Bread of Life  
Jesus at the Last Supper  
*Practice reconciliation*  
3<sup>rd</sup> May Jesus Dies on the Cross for Us  
Jesus Rises from the Dead  
**FIRST RECONCILIATION after 10.15 MASS**

**READERS** *St Patrick*  
26<sup>th</sup> April: 10.15 Youth Mass 18.00 L Keys  
3<sup>rd</sup> May: 10.15 M Olofinbinu/B DaCosta 18.00 B Davern  
**Holy Cross**  
25<sup>th</sup> Apr: 17.30 Mike 26<sup>th</sup> Apr: 8.45 Jason  
2<sup>nd</sup> May: 17.30 Brian 3<sup>rd</sup> May: 8.45 Sheila

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

26<sup>th</sup> April – Parish Youth Sunday  
3<sup>rd</sup> May – Laura; Ademiyi & Tohanme

The **Sanctuary Lamp** will burn for deceased members of the Butler family at Holy Cross and Angelica Alayo's birthday at St Patrick. 



**ST PATRICK'S CHURCH MISSIO BOXES**  
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) Thank you

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