

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

FIFTH SUNDAY of EASTER

YEAR A Ps 1

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'Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever believes in me will also do the works that I do; and greater works than these will he do, because I am going to the Father.' (John 14:12)

Sometimes we can think we know someone, because we have been together for a long time, yet there are still things we do not understand about them. So it is with Jesus' disciples; although they have followed him, they are still confused when he talks to them about knowing the way to where He is going.

Like the disciples, we are asked to make a great 'leap of faith': believe in God; believe in Jesus.

This is the basis of the Creed, which we say together at Mass, that we believe in God: and in His Son, Jesus, who died and rose again to give us life to the full; and in the Holy Spirit, who gives us understanding to discern these mysteries and the will of God.

As we come to know Jesus through the Holy Scriptures, we also come to realise that we must live our lives in the same way as He did, with faith, hope, love, charity and healing as our guiding principles. In other words, if we are to follow Jesus to eternal life, we must practise what he preaches.

Will what we will do this week be the 'works that Jesus does'?

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

Holy Cross

Mass intentions

St. Patrick

17.30 Carys Pinto birthday intentions	Sat. 2 nd May FIFTH SUNDAY of EASTER	10.00 Edith Graydon RIP
8.45 Sheila Hulyer RIP	Sun. 3 rd May FIFTH SUNDAY of EASTER <i>Safeguarding Sunday</i>	10.15 Samuel Olorunfemi's birthday, Joseph Perera RIP (<i>4th anniversary</i>) AND Man Bahadur Rana RIP 18.00 James McEvoy RIP (<i>1st anniversary</i>)
10.00 Sean & Ann Mulligan 50 th wedding anniversary	Mon. 4 th May The English Martyrs	9.00 Frs Ernest Rodell & Thomas Middlehurst RIP
NO MASS	Tues. 5 th May FERIA	NO MASS
10.00 Joseph John Wren RIP	Wed. 6 th May FERIA	9.00 Daniel's 13 th birthday RIP
10.00 Oluseye's birthday	Thur. 7 th May FERIA	9.00 Davina Agah birthday thanksgiving
10.00 Wellbeing & recovery of Alice Downey	Fri. 8 th May FERIA	9.00 Thanksgiving for the preservation of St Patrick's church
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

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

8th – 14th June Augustine Camino Musical Pilgrimage

21st – 28th 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
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,

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

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: 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 Sheila Hulyer, and those whose anniversaries occur at this time:** Mary Herity, Brian Murphy, Marion Donovan, Winifred Bassett, Marion Dance


Offertory 26th April £1,029.79 Thank you
Priests' Training Fund 840.85
17th May – World Communications Sunday

St Patrick's First Holy Communion 2026
3rd May Jesus Dies on the Cross for Us
Jesus Rises from the Dead
FIRST RECONCILIATION after 10.15 MASS
10th May We Go to Mass
Jesus is Really Present
WRITE BIDDING PRAYERS

READERS *St Patrick*
3rd May: 10.15 M Olofinbinu/B DaCosta 18.00 B Davern
10th May: 10.15 T Unigwe/F Okeke 18.00 Samson
Holy Cross
2nd May: 17.30 Brian 3rd May: 8.45 Sheila

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

3rd May – Laura; Ademiyo & Tohanme
10th May – Ademiyo & Carlien; Emma & Lisa

The **Sanctuary Lamp** will burn for Gladys & Tom Power RIP at Holy Cross and Samuel Olorunfemi's birthday at St Patrick. 

On Saturday, 9th 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) *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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