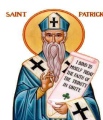


WELCOME TO



Holy Cross & St Patrick Parish

Served by the Society of the Divine Saviour – The Salvatorians

Parish Priest: Father Fortunatus Banzi, SDS Assistant Parish Priest – Fr Floribert Mulikita SDS

Deacons: Rev. Oluwale Alayo & Rev. Anthony Wentworth

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Head Teacher: Miss Mary Murphy

Archdiocese of Southwark is a Registered Charity: 1173050

Salvatorian Trustees Registered Charity No 231410

Parish Office: Tuesday & Wednesday – 9.00 to 3pm. Thursday 9.00 to 2.30pm

FIFTEENTH SUNDAY

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12th July, 2026 (Pg 102)

‘As for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it. He indeed bears fruit and yields, in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty.’ *Matthew 13:22*

This weekend, the Mother Church presents us with the Parable of the Sower. Jesus reminds us that God's word is generously scattered into every heart, inviting each of us to become rich soil where faith can grow and bear fruit. Today, as we mark the promotion of vocations to the diaconate in the Archdiocese of Southwark, and also celebrate Sea Sunday, we see this generosity reflected in lives of service. Deacons answer God's call by proclaiming the Gospel and serving those in need with humility and compassion. Seafarers, too, often live hidden lives of sacrifice, sustaining global communities while spending long periods away from their families. We pray that more people will respond courageously to God's call to serve as deacons, and that we never forget those who work at sea.

May God's word take deep root in us, inspiring generous hearts ready to serve Christ wherever he calls.

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

Holy Cross

Mass intentions

St. Patrick

17.30 Welfare of Fudge Pinto	Sat. 11th July FIFTEENTH SUNDAY	St Benedict, Abbot, Patron of Europe 10.00 Camillus Mendis RIP AND Livina Olawole RIP
8.45 Kathleen Booth RIP <i>anniversary</i>	Sun. 12 th July FIFTEENTH SUNDAY	10.15 Livina Olawole RIP AND Daniel Munachimso Eluma's birthday thanksgiving 18.00 Livina Olawole RIP
10.00 Thanksgiving to St Anthony	Mon. 13 th July FERIA	9.00 Livina Olawole RIP
NO MASS	Tues. 14 th July FERIA	11.00 Requiem Mass Livina Olawole
10.00 Steve Hunt RIP	Wed. 15 th July St Bonaventure, Bishop & Doctor of the Church	9.00 Isaac for healing & remission of sins, Eric Hancox RIP AND Livina Olawole RIP
10.00 Jimmy Ahern RIP	Thur. 16 th July Our Lady of Mount Carmel	9.00 Hana Gjelaç RIP AND Livina Olawole RIP
10.00 Happy Birthday Hilary Tynan	Fri. 17 th July FERIA	9.00 Dave Pease RIP AND Livina Olawole RIP
17.30 Noreen Simpson RIP	Sat. 18th July SIXTEENTH SUNDAY	The Blessed Virgin Mary 10.00 Eileen Haywood RIP AND Livina Olawole RIP
8.45 Martin Conneally & family	Sun. 19 th July SIXTEENTH SUNDAY	10.15 William & Elizabeth Cosgrave RIP AND Livina Olawole RIP 18.00 John Cody RIP AND Philip Gomes' intention

Holy Father's Prayer Intention for July: For respect for human life – for the respect and protection of human life in all its stages, recognising it as a gift from God

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.

Fr Fortunatus will be away on annual holiday from 19th July to the end of August. We wish him a safe journey and restful break. If you need to speak to him, please do so before Friday, 17th July

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Sat. 11th July 9am – 2pm St Ursula's 'Golden Ticket' Day –
*see poster to register attendance

Thursday, 16th July 1 – 2.30pm FREE COMMUNITY MEAL at Church of Christ the King, 46b Lakedale Road SE18 1PS
29 July to 31 July 2026 A Day With Mary is hosting an **International Symposium at St Mary's Catholic Church, West Croydon** Further information is available at www.adaywithmary.org/symposium see poster for details
11th to 14th August 'Summertime 2026' a Summer break for altar servers and young parishioners (11 to 15 years) – see poster for details. Application forms from Father

In Memoriam

Livina Aurelia Olufunke Olawole will be received into St Patrick's Church on Monday, 13th July 7 - 8pm.
Requiem Mass on Tuesday, 14th July at 11am, followed by burial at Woolwich Cemetery
May she rest in peace

A HUGE THANK YOU

to all parishioners who supported **St Patrick's Summer Fayre** and who donated bottles etc. - it was much appreciated 😊

JOB VACANCY from September
Premises Manager (Grade Scale 5)

St Peter's Catholic Primary School,

***CLOSING DATE 31st JULY ***

Please contact the Parish Office 0203 722 7573 or plumstead@rcaos.org.uk for application pack

Please pray for those who are unwell: Sheila Cox, 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, Bob Kapp, 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 and those whose anniversaries occur at this time:** Patrick O'Brien, Rev Bruce Freeder, George Sargeant, Joseph Hawkins, Kathleen Horner, Theresa Shortall

Offertory 5th July £913.85
12th July – Sea Sunday (Stella Maris)

Thank you

Stella Maris in Great Britain is part of an international Catholic network of port chaplains and volunteer ship visitors working in more than 250 ports worldwide, offering practical and pastoral care, welfare service and advice, friendship and support to all seafarers, on whom we rely for the transport of 90% of our trade, and who work in difficult and dangerous conditions, away from family and loved ones for much of the year. They rely on our generosity to be able to continue their charitable work.

READERS St Patrick

12th July: 10.15 S Salu/A Olaiya 18.00 B Davern

19th July: 10.15 Guides/Brownies 18.00 Samson

Holy Cross

11th July: 17.30 Brian 12th July: 8.45 Jason

18th July: 17.30 Mike 19th July: 8.45 Ian

CHILDREN'S LITURGY St Patrick children under 10 years

12th July – Mary; Ademio & Tohanme

19th July – No Children's Liturgy

26th July to 30th August – SUMMER BREAK

NO CHILDREN'S LITURGY



The **Sanctuary Lamp** will burn for the People of the Parish at Holy Cross and Rev Wole Alayo Thanksgiving at St Patrick.

St Patrick's Nursery Admissions September 2026:

If your child was born between the 1st September 2022 and the 31st August 2023 you can now apply for a place in our Nursery for September 2026. **Applications can be collected from the school office** on Ancona Road. Visits to the Nursery are welcome and **can be arranged by calling the School Office on: 02088543881.**

CALLED TO BEAR FRUIT

Reaching Out to Others

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

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

Account details: NATIONAL WESTMINSTER BANK

Acc Name: RCAS - PLUMSTEAD

Acc No: 79136796 Sort code: 60-50-01

Cheques payable to: **RCAS PLUMSTEAD** **If you pay tax, please join the Parish Gift Aid scheme, which earns an extra 25p for every £1 you give at no extra cost to you.** Forms available at the back of church. Thank you