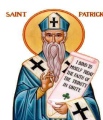


WELCOME TO



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

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

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY

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19th July, 2026 (Pg 105)

The Mother Church this weekend reminds us that God is both just and patient. In the Parable of the Wheat and the Weeds, the servants want to pull out the weeds immediately, but the master says, "Let both grow together until the harvest." God sees the whole picture, while we often judge too quickly. He gives every person time to repent, to grow, and to become the person He created them to be.

This Gospel also invites us to look within ourselves. Rather than focusing on the "weeds" in the lives of others, we are called to allow God's grace to remove whatever prevents us from bearing good fruit. The Lord never gives up on us; His mercy is always greater than our failures.

As St. Francis de Sales reminds us: "Have patience with all things, but chiefly have patience with yourself." When we trust in God's patient love, we become more patient, merciful, and hopeful with one another.

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

Holy Cross

Mass intentions

St. Patrick

17.30 Noreen Simpson RIP	Sat. 18th July SIXTEENTH SUNDAY	The Blessed Virgin Mary 10.00 Eileen Haywood RIP, Livina Olawole RIP AND Hana Gjelaç RIP <i>Month's Mind</i>
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
10.00 Kathleen Ahern RIP	Mon. 20 th July FERIA	9.00 Thanksgiving & personal intention (T) AND Livina Olawole RIP
NO MASS	Tues. 21 st July FERIA	NO MASS
10.00 Wellbeing & recovery of Alice Downey	Wed. 22 nd July St Mary Magdalene	9.00 Stella Bennett RIP AND Livina Olawole RIP
10.00 Wellbeing & recovery of Jo O'Connell	Thur. 23 rd July St Bridget, Religious, Patron of Europe	9.00 Souls in Purgatory AND Livina Olawole RIP
10.00 Livina Aurelia Olufunke Olawole RIP	Fri. 24 th July FERIA	9.00 Eric Horne RIP AND Livina Olawole RIP
17.30 Anthony & Mona Pinto RIP AND Flory Pereira's birthday intentions	Sat. 25th July SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY	St James, Apostle 10.00 Antonia Pacheco RIP 2 nd anniversary, Deceased members & friends of Peiris family AND Livina Olawole RIP
8.45 Livina Aurelia Olufunke Olawole RIP	Sun. 26 th July SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY	10.15 Livina Olawole RIP, Cletus Matimbwa RIP AND Man Bahadur Rana RIP 18.00 Philomeona Flaharty RIP & family 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.

Offertory **12th July £805.85**
Stella Maris £388.80 *Thank you*

READERS *St Patrick*
19th July: 10.15 Guides/Brownies **18.00** Samson
26th July: 10.15 Youth Mass **18.00** B Davern
Holy Cross
18th July: 17.30 Mike **19th July: 8.45** Ian
25th July: 17.30 Brian **26th July: 8.45** Sheila

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

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

Sat. 1st August 9.30 to 5.30 **A DAY WITH MARY** at St Mary's, Wellesley Road, Croydon

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



The **Sanctuary Lamp** will burn for Savia and Alba for good health at Holy Cross and Bamidele Soremi at St Patrick.

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

19th July – No Children's Liturgy
26th July – Parish Youth Sunday
26th July to 30th August – SUMMER BREAK
NO CHILDREN'S LITURGY

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.**

CALLLED TO BEAR FRUIT
Reaching Out to Others
GREENWICH FOODBANK

YOUTH SUNDAY IS DONATION SUNDAY
26th JULY

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
ITEMS CAN BE LEFT IN THE BOXES AT THE BACK OF CHURCH
NO FRESH FOODS PLEASE *Thank you*

As another school year draws to a close, we thank all the staff at St Patrick's School for their hard work and commitment to Catholic Education and the support of our parish. We would like to wish all parishioners a very happy holiday; whether you are travelling or staying at home, stay safe, especially in the sun, and take care of the people and places around you 😊

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:** Pat Meehan, Mary Charlton, Maureen Gahan, Richard Doherty, Fr Geoffrey Dove, Antonia Pacheco, Patricia Long

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

St Catherine's Catholic Girls School, Bexleyheath **Examination Invigilators**

for internal and external examinations, supporting and guiding students calmly during the school's examination period.

Please visit: <https://www.stccg.co.uk/Support-Staff-Vacancies/> for more info and link to apply.

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**

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