

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

SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY

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Today's Gospel presents us with three parables: using the images of hidden treasure and a pearl of great price, the first two are addressed to individuals who, with joy and assurance, sell everything to possess something precious. So, to know God through Jesus, and to live according to the Gospel, are the most precious things in life. Through Jesus and the Gospel, we come to understand the real meaning of life and know what the most important things in life are. The third parable, of the net thrown into the sea, focuses on the ultimate judgement, the realistic situation about the Christian sense of time and the separation process at the end of time; it helps us to understand the Church better and the way she exists. Here, Jesus compares the Church to a fishing net which, when thrown into the lake, collects all sorts of fish. The net does not discriminate. It was left to the fishermen to do the dividing and the separating process. While the first and second parables speak of the total commitment and dedication, which are the ideal of every follower of Christ, the third parable reminds us that the Church and the Kingdom, in the process of their evolution, are full of all kinds of people, both saints and sinners. Those who have heard the teachings of Jesus, and put them into practice, will enter the kingdom of heaven and those who do not will be put aside. God is a JUST Judge. Judgment is for later. *Right now, we are called to use the time given to us to go in search of the important things, in order to be able to identify, with Jesus, the really True, the Good and the Beautiful, and help others too in the same search.*

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

Holy Cross

Mass intentions

St. Patrick

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, Cletus Matimbwa, Man Bahadur Rana and Hana GjelaJ RIP 18.00 Philomeona Flaharty RIP & family AND Philip Gomes' intention
10.00 Welbeing & recovery of Alice Downey	Mon. 27 th July FERIA	9.00 Elizabeth Hannah Phelan RIP AND Livina Olawole RIP
NO MASS	Tues. 28 th July FERIA	NO MASS
10.00 Livina Olawole's family	Wed. 29 th July Ss Mary, Martha and Lazarus	9.00 Livina Olawole RIP
10.00 Oluwale Alayo	Thur. 30 th July FERIA	9.00 William James McDonald and Regina Okonkwo RIP
10.00 People of Sloviansk	Fri. 31 st July St Ignatius of Loyola, Priest	9.00 Livina Olawole RIP
17.30 Billy O'Donnell RIP	Sat. 1 st August EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY	St Alphonsus Liguori, Bishop & Doctor of the Church 10.00 Thanksgiving Peiris family
8.45 Livina Olawole RIP	Sun. 2 nd August EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY	10.15 Deceased members of Fazzani family, Damaciano D'Souza, Tome Asllani and Hana GjelaJ RIP 18.00 Gillian Blowfield RIP

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 until the end of August. Fr Floribert will be responsible for all parish business until his return.

Offertory 19th July £906.95 Thank you

READERS *St Patrick*
 26th July: 10.15 Youth Mass 18.00 B Davern
 2nd August: 10.15 A Sakole/P Fadonugbo 18.00 L Kale
Holy Cross
 25th July: 17.30 Brian 26th July: 8.45 Sheila
 1st Aug: 17.30 Mike 2nd Aug: 8.45 Jason

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 the Eze family at Holy Cross and Antonia Pacheco RIP at St Patrick.

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

26th July – Parish Youth Sunday
 26th July to 30th August – **SUMMER BREAK**
NO CHILDREN'S LITURGY

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 – You are invited to share the following vacancies with your family and friends: **SEMH Learning Support Assistant and DT Technician.** Please visit: <https://www.stccg.co.uk/Support-Staff-Vacancies/> for more info and link to apply.

Please pray for all those affected by the VENEZUELA EARTHQUAKES

Faithful God, even when the earth shakes, your love remains firm. You are our refuge and help. Be near the people of Venezuela, in this time of grief and fear. Welcome into your light those who have died, comfort those who mourn, be close to those who are injured and bring renewed hope to those who have lost all that they built.

Move us, and the world, to respond urgently and generously, in this time of crisis and keep us united in solidarity, walking with the people of Venezuela, in the long journey of recovery ahead.

Our Lady of Coromoto, Patroness of Venezuela, Pray for us.

PLEASE SEE POSTER IF YOU WISH TO DONATE

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 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

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: 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, especially Isabel Armah and Clive Phillips and those whose anniversaries occur at this time:** Andrew Barrett, Patricia Nolan, Walter Scott, Christopher Farrell, David Dee, Mary McNamara, Marcella Griffin, Lily Mulligan