

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

FOURTEENTH SUNDAY

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5th July, 2026 (Pg 99)

‘Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls.’ (Matthew 11:29)

The theme of rejoicing and praising the Lord is prominent throughout the readings: that the King, humble in victory, brings peace to His worldwide empire (*Zechariah*); that God is compassionate, kind and loving, has freed us from the slavery of sin and supports those in need (*Psalms*); that we have life through God’s Spirit living in us (*Romans*); that God has chosen to reveal His mysteries to us, mere children (*Matthew*). Paul encourages us to turn this rejoicing into a spiritual, not material, experience, shying away from material pleasures and ambitions. If we are to truly share in Jesus’ life and learn from Him, we need to let the power of His Eucharist transform us. As the priest says in the Prayer over the Offerings, we should be purified through the sacrifice of the Eucharist and bring our conduct closer to the life of heaven.

Go forth in peace to love and serve the Lord.

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

<i>Holy Cross</i>	<i>Mass intentions</i>	<i>St. Patrick</i>
17.30 Bridget McPartlin RIP <i>anniversary</i> AND Victor Pereira RIP	Sat. 4th July FOURTEENTH SUNDAY	The Blessed Virgin Mary 10.00 Repose of the soul of Livina
8.45 Chris Pinto birthday intentions	Sun. 5 th July FOURTEENTH SUNDAY	10.15 Bamidele Soremi birthday intentions AND Livina Olawole RIP 18.00 Niju Alex RIP
10.00 Jackie get well soon	Mon. 6 th July FERIA	9.00 Souls in Purgatory AND Livina Olawole RIP
NO MASS	Tues. 7 th July FERIA	NO MASS
10.00 Private intention	Wed. 8 th July FERIA	9.00 Thang Van Nguyen & Cho Thi Phan RIP AND Livina Olawole RIP
10.00 Private intention	Thur. 9 th July FERIA	9.00 Thinh Duc Nguyen RIP AND Livina Olawole RIP
10.00 People of the Parish	Fri. 10 th July FERIA	9.00 Hana Gjelaj RIP AND Livina Olawole RIP
17.30 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

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.
Thank you for your co-operation and understanding.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

You are invited to a variety of events throughout July to celebrate St Thomas More Catholic Church, Bostall Park's 90th anniversary – see posters for details

A Day With Mary is hosting an International Symposium from 29 July to 31 July 2026 at St Mary's Catholic Church, West Croydon
Further information is available at www.adaywithmary.org/symposium see poster for details

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

JOB VACANCY from September

Premises Manager (Grade Scale 5)

St Peter's Catholic Primary School,

Crescent Road, Woolwich, SE18 7BN

Permanent 35 hours a week

CLOSING DATE 31st JULY extended

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, 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 and those whose anniversaries occur at this time:** James Proctor, Alexina Beveridge, May Geraghty, Richard Walsh, Paul Diggin, Fr John Lacey, Ken Callum, Margaret Murphy, Fr Ernest Beecher, Josephine Robson, Fr Pat McGinty, Aurora Pantigoso, Christopher Carpenter, Maria Fidezuk, Elizabeth Briggs

Offertory 28th June £873.70
Peter's Pence £281.65 Thank you

12th July – Sea Sunday (Stella Maris)

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

5th July: 10.15 O Torrens/E Sakole 18.00 L Kale

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

Holy Cross

4th July: 17.30 Mike

5th July: 8.45 Sheila

11th July: 17.30 Brian

12th July: 8.45 Jason

CHILDREN'S LITURGY St Patrick children under 10 years

5th July – Ademiyo & Carlien; Emma & Tohanme

12th July – Mary; Ademiyo & Tohanme



The **Sanctuary Lamp** will burn for Darren & Susan Wright's wedding anniversary at Holy Cross and Mary Airen Agbonkolor RIP 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.**

Reaching Out to Others

GREENWICH FOODBANK SUNDAY

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 **CAN BE BROUGHT TO CHURCH OR CHAPEL AT ANY TIME** **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

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