

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

THE ASSUMPTION of the BLESSED VIRGIN MARY YEAR A Ps 4 16th August, 2026 (Pg 178)

This Sunday, we celebrate the solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary. This great feast is about Mary, the Mother of the Saviour, taking her place in heaven, body and soul; and this is a privilege bestowed upon her by God. This feast confirms the belief, since the earliest times of the Church, that Mary was taken up, or assumed, into heaven by the gracious act of God. Just as the Resurrection and Ascension of Jesus conquered sin and death and opened up heaven for our inheritance, Mary is the first to receive this reward through the merits of Jesus Christ. And what Mary has received is to be also our eternal reward. As the mother of Jesus Christ, she received this reward because she said "Yes" at the Annunciation, and continued to say "Yes" to God. And as our Mother, Mary also wants to share this reward with us.

In the Gospel, Mary states the one thing necessary for us to attain this reward: HUMILITY. It is with humility that we will experience the mercy of God who will come to our help as we strive to do God's will. It is with humility that our lives will proclaim the greatness of the Lord and exult in God our Saviour. It is with humility that we will realise how useless and futile it is to be proud, to be selfish, to be conceited, to be arrogant and to be too confident of our own abilities and resources (self-sufficient) and not be dependent on God. Ultimately, it is with humility and with the mercy of God that we will resist the temptation to sin, so as not to forfeit the eternal reward from God. Therefore, in celebrating this great feast of the Assumption, we join the Blessed Virgin Mary to glorify God, OUR Saviour, as we set our hearts to be with God in heaven; and this feast is a feast of profound hope, reminding us that our bodies are made for "resurrection and eternal life" with God. At the same time, we renew our devotion to Mary our Mother and to follow her in doing God's will so that God in turn will do great things for us.

Holy Cross: Saturday before 5.30pm Mass

CONFESSIONS

St Patrick: Saturday after 10.00 Mass

<i>Holy Cross</i>	<i>Mass intentions</i>	<i>St. Patrick</i>
17.30 Victor Pereira RIP anniversary	Sat. 15 th August THE ASSUMPTION of the BLESSED VIRGIN MARY	The Blessed Virgin Mary 10.00 Welfare of Shiroma & Kingsley
8.45 People of the Parish	Sun. 16 th August THE ASSUMPTION of the BLESSED VIRGIN MARY	10.15 A V Thomas RIP anniversary, AND Michael Thomas, Joseph Ezechukwu & Tome Asllani RIP 18.00 Anna Maria D'Souza RIP anniversary AND Emerald Gurun get well & welfare
10.00 Michael McPartlin RIP 1 st anniversary AND Cliff Pinto's birthday	Mon. 17 th August FERIA	9.00 Deceased members of the Fazzani family AND Damaciano D'Souza RIP
NO MASS	Tues. 18 th August FERIA	NO MASS
10.00 Wellbeing of Maureen Cunney	Wed. 19 th August FERIA	9.00 Patrick William Keefe RIP & parents AND Hana Gjelij RIP
10.00 Thang Van Nguyen & Cho Thi Phan RIP	Thur. 20 th August St Bernard, Abbot & Doctor of the Church	9.00 Vincent Alfonso RIP AND Emmanuel Unah RIP
10.00 La van Le RIP	Fri. 21 st August St Pius X, Pope	9.00 Livina Olawole RIP
17.30 Anthony & Mona Pinto RIP AND Eric Coates RIP	Sat. 22 nd August TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY	The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary 10.00 Emmanuel Unah RIP AND deceased family & friends of Peiris family
8.45 Patricia Bhutla RIP	Sun. 23 rd August TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY	10.15 Deceased members of Fazzani family AND John & Pulilkeria Rubaijaniza RIP 18.00 Josie Horne RIP AND Rev Sr Raphael De Silva birthday intentions

Holy Father's Prayer Intention for August: For evangelisation in the city that in large cities, often marked by anonymity and loneliness, we find new ways to proclaim the Gospel, discovering paths to build community

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 is away on annual holiday until the end of August.



Offertory 2nd August 1,129.10
9th August £1,157.40 *Thank you*

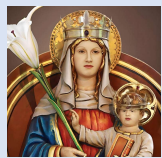
READERS *St Patrick*
16th August: 10.15 T Unigwe/F Okeke 18.00 N Brown
23rd August: 10.15 Youth Mass 18.00 Samson
Holy Cross
15th Aug: 17.30 Mike 16th Aug: 8.45 Sheila
22nd Aug: 17.30 Brian 23rd Aug: 8.45 Jason



The **Sanctuary Lamp** will burn for the Nwozuzu family at Holy Cross and Osareme Esther Agbonkpolor RIP at St Patrick.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY *St Patrick* **children under 10 years**
26th July to 30th August – **SUMMER BREAK**

Please pray for all those affected by the
VENEZUELA EARTHQUAKES
PLEASE use the QR code on the poster to donate



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

6th September – Dowry of Mary
Pilgrimage to Walsingham

Coach departs 7am from 1a Conway Road

£26 per person – Contact Mary Peiris to book/make payment: 07456595859

CALLED TO BEAR FRUIT - Reaching Out to Others

YOUTH SUNDAY NEXT WEEKEND and 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
ITEMS CAN BE LEFT IN THE BOXES AT THE BACK OF CHURCH, in the Chapel or can be brought to the Presbytery at 1a Conway Road
NO FRESH FOODS PLEASE *Thank you*

Please pray for those who are unwell: Kingsley Peiris, Maureen Cunney, Tim & 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, Eddie White, **for those who have died, especially Frank Fitzpatrick (husband of Mary Fitzpatrick's – St Patrick's School) and those whose anniversaries occur at this time:**, Mary McNamara, Elsie Ellison

KEEPING SAFE THIS SUMMER



Please look after yourselves and your environment and keep an eye on vulnerable neighbours, especially babies and the elderly.



**If possible, avoid BEING OUT IN the sun between 11am and 3pm.*

**Keep hydrated – water is best*

**Wear sunglasses, a hat and use sunscreen*

If you're out and about, on the beach or in parks

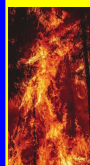
**Swim safely*

**Remember barbecues are not allowed*

**Take your litter home, especially glass bottles and cigarette ends*

**Do not put anything hot in bins*

***REPORT ANYTHING DANGEROUS**



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

BACK IN SEPTEMBER

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Acc Name: RCAS - PLUMSTEAD

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

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