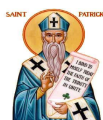


WELCOME TO



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

EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY

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2nd August, 2026 (Pg 111)

In this Sunday's Gospel, after hearing the death of Jean Baptist, Jesus withdrew in a boat to a desolate place to pray and to grieve over the death of John the Baptist. With the death of the latter, Jesus has lost a cousin, a friend and the one who baptised Him and pointed Him out as "the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world."

In withdrawing, Jesus wanted to spend some time alone after being affected by the death of John the Baptist who was executed by King Herod. But when He saw a large crowd, He knew what John the Baptist would have wanted Him to do. So, He took pity on them, healed the sick and even fed the crowd.

As we think about all this, let us also remember our departed loved ones. We may have fond memories of them, we may have regrets, we may be carrying a legacy that they have left behind. But one thing for sure is that our relationships with them have not passed on. Rather their memory lives on in our hearts. Therefore, if John the Baptist was an inspiration for Jesus, then our departed loved ones are also signs and directions for us as to how to live our lives here on earth.

May we live our lives joyfully, peacefully, fruitfully and meaningfully, so that we will serve God faithfully, and be signs and directions and inspiration for others.

CONFESSIONS *St Patrick*: Saturday after 10.00 Mass

Holy Cross: Saturday before 5.30pm Mass

Holy Cross

Mass intentions

St. Patrick

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 Gjellaj RIP 18.00 Gillian Blowfield RIP
10.00 Kathleen Campbell RIP 30 th anniversary	Mon. 3 rd August FERIA	9.00 People of the Parish killed in 1914-18 War
NO MASS	Tues. 4 th August St John Vianney, Priest	NO MASS
10.00 Jim Gardiner RIP	Wed. 5 th August FERIA	9.00 Giovanni Agah birthday thanksgiving
10.00 Theopista Augustine RIP	Thur. 6 th August The Transfiguration of the Lord	9.00 Livina Olawole RIP
10.00 Chookie Pinto RIP	Fri. 7 th August FERIA	9.00 Josie Horne RIP
17.30 Cornelius & Nellie Dee RIP AND Zara Pinto's intentions	Sat. 8 th August NINETEENTH SUNDAY	St Dominic, Priest 10.00 Deceased members of the Fazzani family
8.45 Doreen Casserley RIP birthday remembrance	Sun. 9 th August NINETEENTH SUNDAY	10.15 Dot Huit birthday intentions AND Joseph Ezechukwu RIP 18.00 Eric Horne RIP

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 26th July £1314.00 Thank you

READERS *St Patrick*
 2nd August: 10.15 A Sakole/P Fadonugbo 18.00 L Kale
 9th August: 10.15 M Olofinbinu/B DaCosta 18.00 L Kale
Holy Cross
 1st Aug: 17.30 Mike 2nd Aug: 8.45 Jason
 8th Aug: 17.30 Brian 9th Aug: 8.45 Ian

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

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 Felicia Ojo RIP at Holy Cross and Iseoluwa Soremi RIP at St Patrick.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY *St Patrick* **children under 10 years**
 26th July to 30th August – **SUMMER BREAK**
 We'd like to thank the Children's Liturgy team for their commitment throughout the year and wish them a restful break.

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
 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



*Knights of St
Columba*

Council 118 Woolwich hosted the Rite of Initiation Mass in St Patrick's church on Sunday 26th July. Congratulations to the seventeen new members who were initiated during Mass, including Samuel Eluca and Martins Chukwunyere Oguguom from Council 118.

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

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**

Account details: NATIONAL WESTMINSTER BANK
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 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

Please pray for those who are unwell: 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, Maureen Cunney, Eddie White, **for those who have died, especially Cathy Staniland, and those whose anniversaries occur at this time:** Mary Gatland, Bridget Brush, Nelly Dee, Mary Butler, Bernadette Charles, Violet McCullogh, Kathleen Campbell, Henry Eldred, John Hallinan, Maria White, Patrick Donovan, Martina Manning