



## 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**

### TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY YEAR A Ps 1 23rd August, 2026 (Pg 120)

When asked who His disciples think He is, Simon Peter speaks up with conviction, "You are the Christ, the Son of the Living God". We are told God, not human knowledge, is the source of this REVELATION: Peter's response introduces us to a truth that requires a profound, a living trust that shows itself through prayer, obedience, and changed behaviour: FAITH.

Jesus goes on to reveal two truths about the Church: "You are Peter, and on this rock, I will build My church." Just as Jesus is both divine and human (the mystery of the Incarnation), so the Church is also both a human and divine institution, founded by Christ Himself; and "The gates of hell shall not prevail against it". The Church will triumph over evil, evil cannot destroy it, although its human nature may often be subject to weakness, sin, temptation. Focusing on these shortcomings is only one side of the coin. When we believe in the divine aspect of the Church, as a revelation from God, we become united in its divine mission of salvation.

Jesus asks US who we think He is. *Who is Jesus for ME? How does He figure in MY life? How much do I think about Him in MY daily life? May each of us respond in the silence of our hearts, knowing our task is to live according to how we answer, for the glory of God.*

**Holy Cross:** Saturday before 5.30pm Mass

**CONFESSIONS**

**St Patrick:** Saturday after 10.00 Mass

*Holy Cross*

*Mass intentions*

*St. Patrick*

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| 17.30 Anthony & Mona Pinto RIP<br>AND Eric Coates RIP | Sat. 22 <sup>nd</sup> August<br>TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY                            | The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary<br>10.00 Emmanuel Unah RIP AND deceased<br>family & friends of Peiris family                                                                      |
| 8.45 Patricia Bhuta RIP                               | Sun. 23 <sup>rd</sup> August<br>TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY                            | 10.15 Deceased members of Fazzani family<br>AND John & Pulilkeria Rubaijaniza RIP<br>18.00 Josie Horne RIP, Henry Francis Jowett<br>RIP AND Rev Sr Raphael De Silva birthday<br>intentions |
| 10.00 All Souls in Purgatory                          | Mon. 24 <sup>th</sup> August<br>St Bartholomew, Apostle                        | 9.00 Deceased members of the Cates &<br>Murphy families AND Leelamma Matthew<br>RIP                                                                                                        |
| NO MASS                                               | Tues. 25 <sup>th</sup> August<br>FERIA                                         | NO MASS                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| 10.00 Get well Jackie                                 | Wed. 26 <sup>th</sup> August<br>FERIA                                          | 9.00 Emmanuel Unah RIP AND Hana Gjela<br>j RIP                                                                                                                                             |
| 10.00 Gladys & Tom Power RIP                          | Thur. 27 <sup>th</sup> August<br>St Monica                                     | 9.00 Gillian Blowfield RIP AND Emmanuel<br>Unah RIP                                                                                                                                        |
| 10.00 Mr & Mrs Little RIP                             | Fri. 28 <sup>th</sup> August<br>St Augustine, Bishop & Doctor of the<br>Church | 9.00 Carmel Gurl RIP                                                                                                                                                                       |
| 17.30 Mary Butler RIP                                 | Sat. 29 <sup>th</sup> August<br>TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY                           | The Passion of St John the Baptist<br>10.00 Kingsley Peiris intentions AND Hana<br>Gjelaj RIP                                                                                              |
| 8.45 Patricia Bhuta RIP                               | Sun. 30 <sup>th</sup> August<br>TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY                           | 10.15 Joseph Ezechukwu, Jacinta & Donal<br>Meade, Man Bahadur Rana, Emmanuel Unah<br>RIP AND M Koomson thanksgiving<br>18.00 Gillian Blowfield 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 16<sup>th</sup> August £1,118.70 Thank you

**READERS** *St Patrick*  
 23<sup>rd</sup> August: 10.15 Youth Mass 18.00 Samson  
 30<sup>th</sup> August: 10.15 A Offong/M Ofori 18.00 N Brown  
*Holy Cross*  
 22<sup>nd</sup> Aug: 17.30 Brian 23<sup>rd</sup> Aug: 8.45 Jason  
 29<sup>th</sup> Aug: 17.30 Mike 30<sup>th</sup> Aug: 8.45 Ian

#### **DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

**6<sup>th</sup> September: 7am from 1a Conway Road**  
**Dowry of Mary Pilgrimage to Walsingham**  
 £26 per person – Contact Mary Peiris to book/make payment: 07456595859

#### **A DAY WITH MARY**

**Sat. 5<sup>th</sup> September 10.45** – Sacred Heart, Edge Hill, Wimbledon SW19 4LU  
**Sat. 19<sup>th</sup> September 9.30** – Corpus Christi, Lyons Crescent, Tonbridge TN9 1EY

**CALLED TO BEAR FRUIT - Reaching Out to Others**  
**YOUTH SUNDAY THIS WEEKEND and**  
**GREENWICH FOODBANK SUNDAY**

**URGENTLY NEEDED: TINNED MEAT & FISH, TINNED POTATOES, JUICE, ESSENTIAL TOILETRIES** tinned vegetables - packet foods, biscuits, sweets and chocolates - cooking oil - long-life milk and fruit juice – rice, pasta & noodles– table condiments - feminine hygiene products & nappies **NO FRESH FOODS PLEASE** Thank you  
 ITEMS CAN BE LEFT IN THE BOXES AT THE BACK OF CHURCH or BROUGHT TO THE CHAPEL / PRESBYTERY 1A CONWAY ROAD

**Please pray for those who are unwell:** Kingsley Peiris, Roseanne & Pauline McPadden, 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 and those whose anniversaries occur at this time:** Gladys Appleby, Josephine Horne, Michael Corrigan, Kevin Gorman, Patricia Murnane



The **Sanctuary Lamp** will burn for Victor Pereira RIP at Holy Cross and John Davern at St Patrick.

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

#### **OPPOSE THE ASSISTED SUICIDE BILL**

Only **12 MPs** need to switch for the **Assisted Suicide Bill to be defeated** on **11 September**. A face-to-face meeting can make a real difference to how your MP votes. Right To Life UK's simple tool lets you request a meeting in just 30 seconds and gives you everything you need to prepare, including a short video guide. Please ask your MP **today** for a meeting and urge them to **vote NO** to assisted suicide:

<https://righttolife.org.uk/meetyourmp>  
**YOUR MP COULD BE ONE OF THE 12**



#### **AID to the CHURCH in NEED** **CAMPAIGN for RELIGIOUS FREEDOM**

Use the QR code to sign the petition, which will be presented to the UK Government in March '27.

#### **STAYING SAFE THIS SUMMER**

Even as the weather cools and we have some rain, please continue to take care of yourselves, your neighbours and your environment. If you're out, dispose of litter safely or take it home with you. At home, think about your water usage – what is essential? – so that everyone can have access to enough water

**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**

Cheques payable to: **RCAS PLUMSTEAD**  
**For security reasons, we would ask you to speak to FATHER FOR BANK ACCOUNT DETAILS IF YOU WISH TO SET UP A STANDING ORDER** 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