



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-SECOND SUNDAY YEAR A Ps 2 30th August, 2026 (Pg 122)

Peter's spontaneous profession of faith, last week, and Christ's great mandate to Peter and his successors, "Upon this rock I will build my church", is immediately followed, this week, with Jesus' rebuke, "Get behind me Satan"! Whilst it is hard to credit that the two are in the same Gospel, let alone the same chapter, Matthew includes them as a warning to us, the members of the Church, that we should not take the first part as a triumph, or become overconfident that this means we can do no wrong.

Peter's negative response to this, Jesus' first prediction of His passion, did not intend to offend or obstruct Jesus' plan of Salvation, but was a normal human reaction and showed he didn't understand it in its fullness. It is also a sign of his love for Jesus that he didn't want Him to suffer and die. Jesus chose, not a perfect man, but one like us with faults and contradictions - but essentially good and straightforward - on which to build the Church.

As Christians, following Christ will inevitably lead to the Cross; how we regard it, will determine our response to it. We will then face the moment of truth; which we hope, with God's help, will be the moment of our salvation.

Let us pray and put our faith and trust in Jesus, accept our cross, and look towards that beautiful destiny with Him.

Holy Cross: Saturday before 5.30pm Mass

CONFESSIONS

St Patrick: Saturday after 10.00 Mass

Holy Cross

Mass intentions

St. Patrick

17.30 Mary Butler RIP	Sat. 29 th August TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY	The Passion of St John the Baptist 10.00 Kingsley Peiris intentions AND Hana Gjelaç RIP
8.45 Patricia Bhuta RIP	Sun. 30 th August TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY	10.15 Joseph Ezechukwu, Jacinta & Donal Meade, Man Bahadur Rana, Emmanuel Unah RIP AND M Koomson thanksgiving 18.00 Gillian Blowfield RIP
10.00 Min get well	Mon. 31 st August FERIA	9.00 William Clarke RIP
NO MASS	Tues. 1 st September FERIA	NO MASS
10.00 Patricia Bhutla RIP	Wed. 2 nd September FERIA	9.00 Rev Ernest Rodell RIP
10.00 People of the Parish	Thur. 3 rd September St Gregory the Great, Pope & Doctor of the Church	9.00 Harry Cooper RIP
10.00 All Innocent Aborted Children	Fri. 4 th September FERIA	9.00 Ellen & Patrick Joseph Molly RIP
17.30 Kevin Keenan RIP	Sat. 5 th September TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY	The Blessed Virgin Mary 10.00 Donal Meade & Stephen Manning RIP anniversary AND Ligorio Pinto RIP 4 th anniversary
8.45 Welfare & recovery of Jackie	Sun. 6 th September TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY	10.15 Donal Meade & Stephen Manning RIP AND Tome Asllani & Hana Gjelaç RIP 18.00 Jim Briggs & Emmanuel Unah RIP

Holy Father's Prayer Intention for September: For the care of water – We pray for a just and sustainable management of water, a vital resource, so that everyone may have equal access to it

*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 back soon. We hope he has had a good break and wish him a safe journey home

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

6th September: 7am from 1a Conway Road
Dowry of Mary Pilgrimage to Walsingham

A DAY WITH MARY

Sat. 5th September 10.45 – Sacred Heart, Edge Hill, Wimbledon SW19 4LU

Sat. 19th September 9.30 – Corpus Christi, Lyons Crescent, Tonbridge TN9 1EY

FRIENDS of the HOLY LAND - WORLD WATER WEEK



Pope Leo asks us to pray for 'a just and sustainable management of water'. We take water for granted, yet this summer has shown how precarious it is, even in the UK. Imagine what it must be like living without any reliable source of water. We can help: if you are able, please log on to the Friends of the Holy Land website to make a donation to their World Water Week project, installing rooftop tanks for families living in Bethlehem. Having safe water means they can continue living in their homeland.



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:** Edwin Thomas, Fr Ernest Rodell, Mick Roberts

Offertory 23rd August £899.95 *Thank you*
13th September – Catholic Education Service
20th September – Home Missions

READERS *St Patrick*
30th August: 10.15 A Offong/M Ofori **18.00** N Brown
6th September: 10.15 Anslem/.M Nwozuzu **18.00** L Keys
Holy Cross
29th Aug: 17.30 Mike **30th Aug: 8.45** Ian
5th Sept: 17.30 Brian **6th Sept: 8.45** Sheila



The **Sanctuary Lamp** will burn for Robin Cheriton RIP at Holy Cross and Leon Siddals birthday thanksgiving at St Patrick.

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

As we come to the end of another summer holiday, we extend our best wishes to all staff and students starting a new school year, especially those taking up a new challenge. HAVE A GREAT YEAR

OPPOSE THE ASSISTED SUICIDE BILL – a Christian's duty

The vote on assisted suicide is on 11 September.

***Not Dead Yet UK** have provided postcards you can send to your MP to ask them to vote NO to assisted suicide in the vote in the House of Commons on 11 September.*

Please take action now - collect a red and white postcard, fill out your details, add a stamp and post it to your MP today! POSTCARDS WILL BE AVAILABLE IN CHURCH AT THE WEEKEND

CALLED TO BEAR FRUIT - Reaching Out to Others

GREENWICH FOODBANK

UREGENTLY 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 AT ANY TIME or BROUGHT TO THE CHAPEL / PRESBYTERY 1A CONWAY ROAD

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*