



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-FIFTH SUNDAY

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'For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, declares the Lord. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts' Isaiah 55:8-9

The readings today remind us that God's ways are far greater than our ways. In the Gospel, Jesus tells the parable of the workers in the vineyard, teaching us that God's generosity is not measured by human standards. The workers who laboured all day were unhappy when those who worked only one hour received the same reward. Their complaint reveals how easily comparison and jealousy can enter our hearts.

God does not give according to what we think people deserve. He gives generously because He is *loving* and *merciful*. We are invited to rejoice in the blessings others receive rather than compare them with our own.

Let us ask God to free us from envy and selfishness, and help us recognise His goodness in our lives and in the lives of others.

Holy Cross: Saturday before 5.30pm Mass

CONFESSIONS

St Patrick: Saturday after 10.00 Mass

Holy Cross

Mass intentions

St. Patrick

17.30 Private intention	Sat. 19 th September TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY HOME MISSION SUNDAY	The Blessed Virgin Mary 10.00 Good Health & Happiness (Menezes family)
8.45 People of the Parish	Sun. 20 th September TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY <i>Day of Prayer for Migrants & Refugees</i>	10.15 Betty Horrigan RIP AND Hana Gjela RIP 18.00 Josephine Horne RIP
10.00 Personal intentions	Mon. 21 st September St Matthew, Apostle & Evangelist	9.00 Souls of Purgatory
NO MASS	Tues. 22 nd September FERIA	NO MASS
10.00 Personal intentions	Wed. 23 rd September St Pius of Pietrelcina, Priest (Padre Pio)	9.00 Welfare of Joe O'Donoghue
10.00 Personal intentions	Thur. 24 th September Our Lady of Walsingham	9.00 Olawale Salu's 50 th birthday
10.00 Personal intentions	Fri. 25 th September FERIA	9.00 Charles, John & Elizabeth Howell RIP
17.30 Anthony & Mona Pinto RIP	Sat. 26 th September TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY	The Blessed Virgin Mary 10.00 Mariana's 6 th birthday
8.45 People of the Parish	Sun. 27 th September TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY	10. Patrick Cosgrave RIP AND Hana Gjela RIP 18.00 Ana & Augusto Menezes RIP AND James & Martha McCarthy 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.

MASS INTENTIONS can be requested by 'phone/email or using the special envelopes at the back of church/Chapel. **PLEASE GIVE AT LEAST 2 WEEKS' NOTICE FOR SPECIFIC DATES**

Offertory 13th September £1,000.70
Catholic Education Service £308.10 Thank you
20th September – Home Missions
Evangelii Gaudium (Home Mission) This collection enables a breadth of work by the bishops of England and Wales to support parish evangelisation and the spread of the Gospel in the UK.

READERS *St Patrick*
20th September: 10.15 Guides/Brownies 18.00 B Davern
27th Sept: 10.15 Youth Mass 18.00 Samson
Holy Cross
19th Sept: 17.30 Brian 20th Sept: 8.45 Ian
26th Sept: 17.30 Mike 27th Sept: 8.45 Sheila

CHILDREN'S LITURGY *St Patrick* **children under 10 years**
20th September – Fran: Carlien, Emma & Tohanme
27th September – PARISH YOUTH SUNDAY



The **Sanctuary Lamp** will burn for Ricky Silverstone RIP at Holy Cross and Olawale Johnson Saliu birthday thanksgiving at St Patrick.

The **Archbishop's Certificate** is a two-year online course for all in Southwark who wish to understand their faith in a more profound way and be able to share it with confidence and joy.

<https://aec.rcaos.org.uk/archcert>

HOW DO WE PRAY?

Teach Me to Pray online on Tuesdays, starting 6th October 7pm to 8.15pm. followed by an in-person Reflection Day on 5th or 12th December. Join us whenever you can. For details/ to sign up see <https://aecsouthwark.churchsuite.com/events/tnpn4hq> or email for further information spirituality@rcaos.org.uk

SEASON of CREATION – LIVING WATER

Simple things we can do at home to care for our planet:
Reduce fossil fuel consumption: avoid unnecessary car journeys; turn your engine off when parked; walk or cycle if you can; use public transport; turn down the heating thermostat and wear a jumper; choose renewable energy.

GREENWICH CATHOLIC FELLOWSHIP for the DIASBLED

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CHARITY QUIZ NIGHT

raffle

Sat. 10th October at 8pm in the Social Club
Admission £3 per person/ teams up to 6

You are all invited to the

PARISH UCM FUNDRAISING EVENT

Bring your family

Sun. 27th September after 10.15 Mass
in St Patrick's Social Club

Bring a friend

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

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

1st September to 4th October – *Season of Creation:*
'Living Water' – an urgent need for change – see below

A DAY WITH MARY Sat. 19th September 9.30 – *Corpus Christi*, Lyons Crescent, Tonbridge TN9 1EY

MISSIO Mass – Sat. 3rd October at 11.00 St Elizabeth of Portugal, The Vineyard, Richmond TW10 6AQ

ADOREMUS Sat. 10th October 12.00 Mass at St George's Cathedral, Eucharistic Procession to Westminster Cathedral, Benediction and All-Night Vigil

cbcew.org.uk/adoremus-2026

FATIMA SYMPOSIUM 22nd November (London)

Mass, Rosary & Talks on the Fatima message
worldfatima-englandwales.org.uk to register

A Reminder that next Sunday, Youth Sunday, is

GREENWICH FOODBANK HARVEST SUNDAY

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 can be left at the back of church or Chapel *Thank you*

ST URSULA'S SCHOOL,

CROOMS HILL SE10

OPEN DAYS/MORNINGS

Sat 26th September 9.00 - 12.00

5th to 9th October 9.00 to 10.30

Scan the QR code on the poster to register

ST COLUMBA'S BOYS,

Bexleyheath

Sat. 3rd October

9.30 – 12.30

See poster for details

Register at:

www.st-columbas.co.uk

Guides (girls aged 10 – 14)

Brownies (girls aged 7 – 10)

For more information on joining please contact:

Tatayana – 07921500555 Natasha – 07941967414

Mondays 6 – 7.30pm

Please pray for those who are unwell: Nick De Cristoforo, Kingsley Peiris, Roseanne & Pauline McPadden, Maureen Cunney, 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:* Steven Sullivan, Bridie Regan, Adeline Daters, Sheila Hayman, Ida Padretti, William Williams, Brendan O'Sullivan, Mauricette César, Joe Twomey, John O'Brien, Nellie Hurley