



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-THIRD SUNDAY YEAR A Ps 2 6th September, 2026 (Pg 125)

In this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus provides us with the **divine principles** of **reconciliation**. His teaching acknowledges a fundamental truth of the human condition: *conflicts are inevitable*. They arise naturally within our relationships, families, and communities. The vital question is not how we avoid them, but how we resolve them amicably and in accordance with Christ's charity. At the very heart of Jesus' principle is dialogue. This requires the ability to counsel, to discuss issues openly, to view situations from another's perspective, and to practise genuine empathy. To guide us, Jesus Christ establishes a three-tier process of reconciliation - **Personal Encounter**: first, we must approach the person privately to dialogue one-on-one and face-to-face; **Fraternal Mediation**: if that fails, we are called to seek the mediation of one or two trusted, impartial friends to help bridge the gap; **Communal Intervention**: finally, if the conflict remains unresolved, we bring the matter to the wider community—the family or the Church—for communal wisdom and mediation. Regrettably, modern Christians often invert this divine order. Today, we frequently bypass these foundational, merciful steps and jump straight to the final consequence: "treat them as a Gentile or a tax collector." We must remember that treating someone as a tax collector is a last resort, permitted only after every single effort at dialogue has been exhausted. Dialogue is essential because it fosters mutual respect, preserves our spiritual and emotional energy, and spares us the bitterness of public or legal disputes. Most importantly, it restores mutual love and heals broken relationships. When we humbly engage in this process and come to an agreement, Christ promises that Heaven stands in solidarity with us. What we bind on earth is bound in heaven, and when we agree in prayerful reconciliation, God seals our unity with a divine, powerful 'Amen'.

Holy Cross: Saturday before 5.30pm Mass

CONFESSIONS

St Patrick: Saturday after 10.00 Mass

Holy Cross

Mass intentions

St. Patrick

17.30 Kevin Keenan RIP	Sat. 5th 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. 6th September TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY	10.15 Donal Meade & Stephen Manning RIP AND Tome Asllani & Hana Gjellaj RIP 18.00 Jim Briggs & Emmanuel Unah RIP
10.00 Maura's birthday	Mon. 7th September FERIA	9.00 Mary Hadley RIP
NO MASS	Tues. 8th September The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary	NO MASS
10.00	Wed. 9th September FERIA	9.00 Irene D'Souza's intentions
10.00	Thur. 10th September FERIA	9. Rev Deacon Wole Alayo's intentions
10.00 Martin Conneally's birthday	Fri. 11th September FERIA	9.00 Thanksgiving
17.30 Welfare of Chris Pinto	Sat. 12th September TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY	The Most Holy Name of Mary 10.00 Alba & Savia Pinto's intentions AND all favours granted (Menezes family)
8.45 Joseph John Wren & Yonna Boarder RIP	Sun. 13th September TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY	10.15 Special intentions Martins Chris 18.00 Terence Michael McGeough RIP AND João Manuel D'Souza RIP (birthday remembrance)

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

Offertory 30th August £857.95 Thank you
13th September – Catholic Education Service
20th September – Home Missions

Acting on behalf of the Catholic Bishops' Conference to support Catholic education, the CES works with the British & Welsh governments, sharing aims of high academic standards for all and greater parental choice for over 800,000 students in more than 2,000 catholic schools, academies and colleges. Together with the Church of England, the Catholic Church provides one third of all schools. As well as being the chief negotiating and advisory body on all aspects of Catholic education, it also provides financial assistance for school transport in rural areas.

OPPOSE THE ASSISTED SUICIDE BILL
PLEASE COLLECT A POSTCARD from the back of church and **SEND IT TO YOUR MP** before the **11th SEPTEMBER**

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

A DAY WITH MARY Sat. 5th September 10.45 – Sacred Heart, Edge Hill, Wimbledon SW19 4LU and 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

READERS *St Patrick*
6th September: 10.15 Anselm/.M Nwozuzu 18.00 L Keys
13th September: 10.15 D Ohia/E Salu 18.00 L Kale
Holy Cross
5th Sept: 17.30 Brian 6th Sept: 8.45 Sheila
12th Sept: 17.30 Mike 13th Sept: 8.45 Jason

CHILDREN'S LITURGY *St Patrick* children under 10 years
6th September – Bernie; Emma, Carlien & Lisa
13th September – Laura; Olivia & Ebinehitas



The **Sanctuary Lamp** will burn for the welfare of Tim & Sheila Cox at Holy Cross and Sarah & Jason blessings at St Patrick.

HOW DO WE PRAY?

You are warmly invited to join an experiential programme called **Teach Me to Pray** facilitated by Southwark Diocesan Spirituality Commission. The programme will be online on Tuesdays, starting 6th October from 7pm to 8.15pm. Following 4 online sessions there is an invitation to conclude the programme with an in-person Reflection Day in a diocesan Retreat Centre on 5th or 12th December. There is no commitment to attend all sessions – join us whenever you can. For details/ to sign up see <https://aecsouthwark.churchsuite.com/events/tnpn4hqd> or email for further information spirituality@rcaos.org.uk

ST URSULA'S SCHOOL, CROOMS HILL SE10
OPEN DAYS/MORNINGS

Sat 26th September 9.00 to 12.00
5th to 9th October 9.00 to 10.30

Scan the QR code on the poster to register

Please pray for those who are unwell: 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, especially Anthony Coffey, and those whose anniversaries occur at this time:* Harry Roe, Kathleen Mulligan, John Wishart, Bill Charlton, Patrick Geraghty, John Aicken, Francina Robinson, Denis O'Brien, Reginald Miskin, Viola Ashley, Edward Connolly, Con Mullane, Francis Sharp

GREENWICH FOODBANK

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

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

Cheques payable to: **RCAS PLUMSTEAD**

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