

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-NINTH SUNDAY YEAR A Ps 1 18th October, 2026 (Pg 143)

This weekend, Our Lord Jesus Christ tells us, **“Give back to Caesar what belongs to Caesar, and to God what belongs to God.”**

As we celebrate Mission Sunday, we are reminded that our lives belong to God, who created us in His image and likeness. Our mission as Christians is to make His love known through our words, actions, and daily encounters with others.

Mission is not only for priests, religious, or those who travel to distant lands. Every baptised Christian is called to be a missionary, bringing hope to the discouraged, comfort to the suffering, and kindness to those who feel forgotten.

Our Archbishop John Wilson reminds us that the Church exists to evangelise.

Let us therefore support missionaries through our prayers, generosity, and personal witness.

Holy Cross: Saturday before 5.30pm Mass

CONFESSIONS

St Patrick: Saturday after 10.00 Mass

Holy Cross

Mass intentions

St. Patrick

17.30 Sheila Howy RIP	Sat. 17 th October TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY	St Ignatius of Antioch, Bishop & Martyr 10.00 Edmond Naçaj RIP
8.45 Peter Nhi Nguyen RIP	Sun. 18 th October TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY World Mission Day	10.15 Hana Gjelaç RIP , Wellbeing of Donatela Struga AND Anthony Okafor's 80 th birthday 18.00 Recovery & welfare of Nora Kelly
10.00 Birthday greetings Eileen Paterson	Mon. 19 th October FERIA	9.00 Welfare of Holy Father Pope Leo
NO MASS	Tues. 20 th October FERIA	NO MASS
10.00 Eric Price RIP	Wed. 21 st October FERIA	9.00 Calistus & Mary Peiris RIP
10.00 Arthur Magnum RIP	Thur. 22 nd October FERIA	9.00 Pro-Life Movement
10.00 Bicky's birthday	Fri. 23 rd October FERIA	9.00 Thanksgiving
17.30 Anthony & Mona Pinto RIP	Sat. 24 th October THIRTIETH SUNDAY	The Blessed Virgin Mary 10.00 Charmaine Jayasuriya birthday intentions & welfare
8.45 Happy Birthday Bicky	Sun. 25 th October THIRTIETH SUNDAY <i>End of British Summer Time</i> <i>Clocks go back 1 hour</i>	10.00 Apeles Andrade RIP, Dr César Tituana RIP <i>1st anniversary</i> AND Obiageli birthday thanksgiving 18.00 Thanksgiving

Holy Father's Prayer Intention for October: For Mental Health Ministry – we pray that the mental health ministry be established throughout the Church, helping to overcome the stigma and discrimination of persons with mental illnesses

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

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Sat. 17th October 7pm – Community Kindness Concert at Wesley Hall Methodist Church, Timbercroft Lane SE18 2SB

Readers and Eucharistic Ministers Formation Days

9.30 Sat. 24th October – Bishop Thomas Grant, Belltrees Grove SW16 2HY **OR**
to Sat 31st October – Capuchin Franciscan Friary, Carlton Road, Erith DA8 1DN
2pm

Sat. 31st October 7 – 8.30pm Rosary Procession – St Patrick's Church, Hector Street

Sat. 7th November – A Day with Mary 9.45 to to 5pm Westminster Cathedral:

<https://www adaywithmary.org/>

Wed. 18th November – Aid to the Church in Need **RED WEDNESDAY – 10th anniversary**

Thurs. 19th November 7.30pm – Parish Theatre trip to Jesus Christ Superstar

Sat. 21st November 9.30 to 4pm – National Conference on 'Migration, Integration & Human Dignity' at Our Lady of the Rosary, Burnt Oak Lane, DA15 8LW Tickets £12

FATIMA SYMPOSIUM 22nd November (London)

Mass, Rosary & Talks on the Fatima message

worldfatima-englandwales.org.uk to register

15th to 20th December – The Nativity Journey at Wintershall – see poster for booking information

GREENWICH FOODBANK

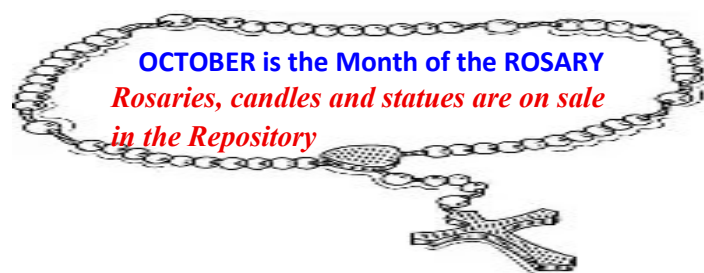
TINNED MEAT & FISH, TINNED POTATOES, JUICE, ESSENTIAL TOILETRIES tinned vegetables - packet foods, biscuits, sweets and chocolates - cooking oil - long-life milk and fruit juice – rice, pasta & noodles– table condiments - feminine hygiene products & nappies can be left at the back of church or Chapel Thank you

Please pray for those who are unwell: Charles, Martin Conneally, 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, 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 Nick De Cristoforo and those whose anniversaries occur at this time:* Matthew McCullogh, Patrick Rogers, Alison Gordon, Helen Morgan, Joseph Connor, Tom Henry, John Selwyn, Michael Flynn, Ursula O'Hare, Marion Desmangles, Julia Walsh, Alfred Mascall, Barbara Wood

Offertory 11th October £965.65
PACT £214.60 Thank you

18th October – **MISSIO (World Mission Sunday)**

Missio The collection goes entirely to churches, hospitals, schools and vocations in world missionary countries where the Church is new, young or poor.



READERS St Patrick

18th October: 10.15 Guides/Brownies 18.00 L Kale
25th October: 10.15 Youth Mass 18.00 N Brown

Holy Cross

17th Oct: 17.30 Brian 18th Oct: 8.45 Sheila
24th Oct: 17.30 Mike 25th Oct: 8.45 Jason



The Sanctuary Lamp will burn for the welfare of Pope Leo at Holy Cross and David Alonge's birthday at St Patrick.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY St Patrick children under 10 years

18th October – Laura; Olivia & Ebinehitas
25th October PARISH YOUTH SUNDAY

Fr Fortunatus will be holding an **OPEN SESSION** on Thursday 22nd October from 5pm to 7pm at 1a Conway Road to sign school forms etc

2027 CONFIRMATION PROGRAMME

For young people in Year 8 or above



Please complete an enrolment form, available at the back of church, and return it to the **Parish Office** by **Thursday 29th October 2026**. Classes will start on Sunday, 15th November. Date of parents' meeting to be advised.

ST PATRICK MISSIO BOXES

Please remember to collect your boxes by **25th October**. Thank you



Guides (girls aged 10 – 14)

Brownies (girls aged 7 – 10)

For more information on joining please contact:

Tatayana – 07921500555

Mondays 6 – 7.30pm

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