



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

THIRTIETH SUNDAY YEAR A Ps2 25th October, 2026 (Pg 146)

This weekend the Gospel, reminds us that the greatest commandments are to love God with all our heart, soul, and mind, and to love our neighbour as ourselves. These two commandments are inseparable: our love for God must be reflected in the way we treat others.

Mary, our Mother, shows us how to live this love. Her life was a beautiful example of faith, humility, obedience, and compassion. She loved God wholeheartedly and expressed that love through her service to others, especially when she visited Elizabeth and stood faithfully at the foot of the Cross.

As we celebrate this Sunday, let us ask Mary to help us open our hearts to God and recognise His presence in those around us. **May we become more patient, forgiving, and generous, especially towards those who are difficult to love.**

Holy Cross: Saturday before 5.30pm Mass

CONFESSIONS

St Patrick: Saturday after 10.00 Mass

Holy Cross

Mass intentions

St. Patrick

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>	10.00 Apeles Andrade RIP, Dr César Tituana RIP <i>1st anniversary</i> , Obiageli birthday thanksgiving AND Hana Gjelaç RIP 18.00 Thanksgiving
10.00 Welfare of Philip Gomes	Mon. 26 th October FERIA	9.00 Seamus Gilligan RIP
NO MASS	Tues. 27 th October FERIA	NO MASS
10.00 Arthur Magnum RIP	Wed. 28 th October Ss Simon & Jude, Apostles	9.00 Private intention
10.00 Welfare of our Holy Father Pope Leo	Thur. 29 th October FERIA	9.00 People of the Parish
10.00 Private intention	Fri. 30 th October FERIA	9.00 Thanksgiving
17.30 People of the Parish	Sat. 31 st October ALL SAINTS	The Blessed Virgin Mary 10.00 Neil & Priscilla Fernando RIP
8.45 Private intention	Sun. 1 st November ALL SAINTS	10.00 Souls of Purgatory 18.00 Deceased family & friends of Peiris family

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. 31st October 7 – 8.30pm Rosary Procession – St Patrick's Church, Hector Street
Sat. 7th November – A Day with Mary 9.45 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
12th December – Senior Citizens' Christmas Party
15th to 20th December – The Nativity Journey at Wintershall – see poster for booking information and further details

It's incredible to think that, in our modern civilised society, people struggle to feed their families! On this Parish Youth Sunday PLEASE give generously to SUPPORT

GREENWICH FOODBANK

URGENTLY NEEDED: TINNED MEAT & FISH, TINNED POTATOES, JUICE, ESSENTIAL TOILETRIES other items: 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 PATRICK MISSIO BOXES

Please remember to collect your boxes this weekend



WANTED A red box volunteer at **Holy Cross** – training & support given

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 and those whose anniversaries occur at this time:** Patsy McTiernan, Mary Byrnes, Ted Illett, Ethna Slater, Jack Riley, Jean Mee, George Loft, Ted Corbery, Sean Woodford, Mary Cullum

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



REMEMBER
CLOCKS GO BACK BY ONE HOUR THIS SUNDAY!

Make the most of an extra hour in bed – don't come to Mass too early!

Offertory 18th October £774.80
MISSIO £290.65

Thank you

1st & 15th November – Senior Citizens' Christmas Party
8th November – Archbishop's Appeal
22nd November – Catholic Youth Services

READERS St Patrick
25th October: 10.15 Youth Mass 18.00 N Brown
1st November: 10.15 D Arthur/E Saliu 18.00
Holy Cross
24th Oct: 17.30 Mike 25th Oct: 8.45 Jason
31st Oct: 17.30 Brian 1st Nov: 8.45 Ian

CHILDREN'S LITURGY St Patrick children under 10 years

25th October PARISH YOUTH SUNDAY

1st November – Fran; Carlien, Emma & Tohanme



The **Sanctuary Lamp** will burn for Bert Mann RIP at Holy Cross and Gerry Davern's intention at St Patrick.

BLESSING of GRAVES - Sunday 8th November
Fr Fortunatus will bless graves at Plumstead Cemetery, Wickham Lane from 1pm. Fr Roy from St Peter's will be at Woolwich Cemetery, King's Highway from 2.30pm

NOVEMBER is the month of the Holy Souls

You are invited to write the names of your deceased relatives and friends and place them in the wooden box, which will be on the altar throughout the month. Holy Mass will be offered for them at the end of November.

Sanctuary Lamp intentions can be requested for a range of occasions. The **2027** list is now available at the back of church. Please write your intention clearly and place your donation in the large envelope provided.

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.*

Guides (girls aged 10 – 14)

Brownies (girls aged 7 – 10)

For more information on joining please contact:

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Mondays 6 – 7.30pm

Natasha – 07941967414