



WELCOME TO Holy Cross & St Patrick Parish

Served by the Society of the Divine Saviour – The Salvatorians

Parish Priest: Father Fortunatus Banzi, SDS Assistant Parish Priest – Fr Floribert Mulikita SDS

Deacons: Rev. Oluwole Alayo & Rev. Anthony Wentworth

The Priests House & Chapel, 1a Conway Road, Plumstead, SE18 1AQ

St Patrick's Church, Hector Street, Plumstead, SE18 1QT **Holy Cross, 27 The Slade, Plumstead Common, SE18 2NB**

Tel: 020 3722 7573, Email: plumstead@rcaos.org.uk **www.stpatricksholycross.org.uk**

St Patrick's Primary School, Griffin Road, Plumstead, **SE18 7QG Tel: 0208 854 3881** www.stpatricksprimary.org.uk

Head Teacher: **Miss Mary Murphy**

Archdiocese of Southwark is a Registered Charity: 1173050 Salvatorian Trustees Registered Charity No 231410

Parish Office: Tuesday & Wednesday – 9.00 to 3pm. Thursday 9.00 to 2.30pm

FIRST SUNDAY of ADVENT YEAR B Ps1 29th November, 2026 (P82)

Advent has a twofold character, for it is a time of preparation for the Solemnities of Christmas, in which the First Coming of the Son of God to humanity is remembered.

Likewise, it is a time when, by remembrance of this, minds and hearts are led to look forward to Christ's second Coming at the end of time.

For these two reasons, Advent is a period of devout and expectant delight.

It is also a season apt for reflecting on the role in our redemption of Mary, The Mother of God.

Just as we might tidy our homes to prepare for visitors, let us also clear out anything in our hearts that does not lead to God, so that we may welcome Jesus with a true Christmas spirit of love of God and neighbour.

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. 28th November** **FIRST SUNDAY of ADVENT** **Year B**	**The Blessed Virgin Mary** **10.00 Very Rev Daniel McCarthy, George Olusegan Philips, Mary Whiye RIP & deceased relatives AND George Banzi RIP**
8.45 Mary & James Elliffe RIP AND Welfare of Archbishop John	**Sun. 29th November** **FIRST SUNDAY of ADVENT** **Year B**	**10.00 Sue Dassanayake and Kingsley Peiris RIP** (UCM) Tome Asslani RIP **George Banzi RIP AND Welfare of Archbishop John** **18.00 Ron Huit RIP** *anniversary*
10.00 Holy Souls of the Parish	**Mon. 30th November** **St Andrew, Apostle Patron of Scotland**	**9.00 Holy Souls of the Parish, Kingsley Peiris RIP (SP) AND George Banzi RIP**
NO MASS	**Tues. 1st December** **FERIA**	**NO MASS**
10.00 Wellbeing & recovery of Alice Downey	**Wed. 2nd December** **FERIA**	**9.00 Emerald's 6th birthday, Frances Maud Downey RIP, Shiroma Peiris birthday thanksgiving AND George Banzi RIP**
10.00 Wellbeing & recovery of Patrick Campbell	**Thur. 3rd December** **St Francis Xavier, Priest**	**10.00 Ron Huit RIP AND George Banzi RIP**
10.00 All Innocent Aborted Children	**Fri. 4th December** **FERIA**	**9.00 Mr L & Mrs G D'Souza RIP AND George Banzi RIP**
17.30 Victor Pereira RIP AND Cornelius & Nellie Dee RIP	**Sat. 5th December** **SECOND SUNDAY of ADVENT** **Year B**	**10.00 Tom Cosgrave RIP** *anniversary,* **Thanksgiving for Emerald's recovering health AND George Banzi RIP**
8.45 Health & recovery of Susan Cooke	**Sun. 6th December** **SECOND SUNDAY of ADVENT** **Year B**	**10.00 Damaciano D'Souza, Mr & Mrs P Fernandes, Tome Asslani AND George Banzi RIP** **18.00 Michael McGeough & Ron Huit RIP**

Holy Father's Prayer Intention for December: For single-parent families - for families experiencing the absence of a mother or father, that they may find support and accompaniment in the Church, and help and strength in the Faith during difficult times.

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

Sun. 29th November – Greenwich Deanery Advent Service 3pm at Our Lady of Grace, Charlton

12th December – 1 to 3pm Senior Citizens' Christmas Party – St Marks & St Margarets, Plumstead Common

Sun. 13th December – 4 to 6pm Christmas Mingle at Wesley Hall Methodist Church, Timbercroft Lane SE18 2SB

Sun. 13th December – S E Area Carol Service 7pm at St Saviour's Church, 175 Lewisham High Street SE13 6AA

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

GREENWICH FOODBANK

CHRISTMAS TREATS BY THE 13TH DECEMBER

Also: tinned meat, fish and vegetables - packet foods, biscuits, sweets and chocolates - cooking oil - long-life milk and fruit juice – rice, pasta & noodles– table condiments – essential everyday hygiene, feminine hygiene products & nappies Thank you

In Memoriam

Please remember in your prayers Kingsley Peiris whose Requiem Mass will be celebrated at 11.00 on Monday 7th December in St Patrick's Church. The family would like to invite you to a reception at The Asian Community Centre, White Hart Lane, Plumstead from 1 to 5pm. RSVP by 25th November to **https://forms.gle/xpkvKHbgjtYT1BUq9**

Daily Reflection for Advent: Sign up, using this link to receive a daily email: http://eepurl.com/dcNmsv or *visit their website www.southwarkdsc.org.uk and click on the box marked ADVENT REFLECTIONS.*

Please pray for those who are unwell*: Hazel Horne, Michael Von Bock, Charles, Mary Mulholland, Maura Nagle, Norma Barrett,** Martin Conneally, 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, Yolanda & Louise Perera, Bridie Maguire, Bob Kapp, Jo O'Connell, Dave Kent, , 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 Roy Wright, and those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Arthur Moffatt, Charles White, Pat Nolan, Eileen Guard, Margaret Barry, Joe Synons

Offertory: **22nd November £915.20**
Catholic Youth Services £397.75 *Thank you*

6th December – Salvatorian Mission Appeal

Your offerings at Christmas are for the clergy of the parish and can be made in cash, by cheque to RCAS PLUMSTEAD, by contactless machine or bank transfer, using the reference CHRISTMAS

GIFT AID members, please remember to use your numbered envelope

READERS *St Patrick*
29th November: 10.15 A Chinyereugo/A Olaiya **18.00** L Kale
6th December: 10.15 A Sakole/M Lubega **18.00** Elisée

Holy Cross
28th Nov: 17.30 Brian **29th Nov: 8.45** Sheila
5th Dec: 17.30 Mike **6th Dec: 8.45** Jason

CHILDREN'S LITURGY *St Patrick children under 10 years*
29th November – Bernie; Olivia & Ebinehitas
6th December – Mary/Celine; Carlien, Emma & Tohanme



The **Sanctuary Lamp** will burn for Peter D Rai RIP at Holy Cross and Lisa Britto birthday blessings at St Patrick.

FAITH in ACTION

The commercial side of ------mas is all around us ~
let us do whatever we can to put Christ back in CHRISTMAS

We can promote our faith and spread God's love to our global neighbours:
*Send or give ***nativity-themed cards and gifts, now on sale in the Repository,*** to friends and family *OR*
*Buy charity cards from the **Catholic Children's Society**, **Aid to the Church in Need, CAFOD** or **Friends of the Holy Land,** in support of suffering Christians.
*Give loved ones a **CAFOD WORLD GIFT** (catalogues at the back of church) or a **Mary's Meals** gift.

***MAKE AN OFFERING AT THE CRIB for the CATHOLIC CHILDREN'S SOCIETY**

DOUBLE ROOM
for rent in Thamesmead
£750 per month (all bills included)
If interested, or you know of anyone in need of a room, please contact 07988635668

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** ***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