

Mass Intentions Week commencing Sunday 14th September 2025

The Exaltation of the Holy Cross

Sunday 14 th September The Exaltation of the Holy Cross 11am – Parishioners 5pm – Friends & Benefactors 6pm -Spanish Mass	Monday 15 th September Our Lady of Sorrows 12.45pm - Mass
Tuesday 16 th September Saints Cornelius, Pope, & Cyprian, Bishop, Martyrs 12.45pm – Mass 7pm – Latin Mass	Wednesday 17 th September feria 12.45pm - Mass
Thursday 18 th September feria 12.45pm – Mass 7pm – Latin Mass	Friday 19 th September feria 12.45pm – Mass

Saturday 20th September

Saints Andrew Kim Tae-gŏn, Priest, and Paul Chŏng Ha-sang and Companions 6pm – Olive Barnes – RIP



SOS Prayerline 020 7434 9211

Do you have a Prayer Request and would like to ask for intercession?

Monday to Sunday (7pm to 11pm)

Our SOS volunteers will be at the other end of the phone to intercede together with your prayer request in front of the

Blessed Sacrament.
Alternatively, you can leave a prayer voice message anytime of the day and night and our volunteers will listen to them and pray for your intentions.

Divine Mercy Chaplet Daily at 3pm

Every day we say the Chaplet during Adoration. The revelation of Our Lord to Saint Faustina is an invitation "to drink deeply of the mercy and forgiveness of God" so that we may better understand His love for us from the womb to eternity.

Legion of Mary Tuesdays – 6.30pm to 7pm



Gather outside the Church at 6.20pm. The Legion of Mary meets on a weekly basis starting by short prayers and one rosary to set up spiritually. They also report on evangelising or charity work assigned to the previous meeting, along with reflections on one of the passages of the religious Legion of Mary handbook.

Father Patrick Hayward - RIP

Very sadly, Father Patrick Hayward died this last week. Some may remember him coming regularly on a Wednesday to celebrate Mass here at St Patrick's. He was a holy priest, full of stories and a wonderful witness to being with the poor. Indeed, because of painful circumstances, he found himself living on the streets as a homeless person for some 15 years. He had many friends from all walks of life and is now ready to welcome us to heaven. May his soul and the souls of all the faithful departed to the mercy of God, rest in peace.

Donations

To make an offering during Mass, please use the QR code below and choose which activity you would like to donate to. On the QR code there are four areas which you can give either separately or together. You can still make a donation via our contactless machines at the back of the Church and our volunteers are also able to take any cash donations as usual.

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100% of your generous donations to Open House, Evangelisation and Music goes to the actual activity and is "ring-fenced" for that fund and that fund alone. If you wish to avoid using the QR code during Mass – we have simple "support our mission" cards ready to take away with you.

Evangelisation

This helps in all our outreach activities be it Night Fever, missions, talks (including our Sessions/Summits). It is how we share our faith in Jesus Christ.

<u>Homeless projects</u> (Open House, Breakfast Club etc)

Every week we provide some 250 meals for those less fortunate as well as companionship, welcome and friendship.

Music and the choir

Saint Patrick's has a long and rich history of music and choirs. How important it is we can enhance and make more beautiful our celebration.

Giving - offertory

This goes 67% to the general upkeep of the Church such as cleaning, lighting etc and 33% goes to support the work of the Archdiocese of Westminster. Please know our gratitude for all you give and pray for us. Every week we pray for you as a weekly Mass intention. Please also pray for the work of the Parish.



Donate to St Patrick's

St Patrick's Soho is a house of prayer in the heart of London that cares passionately about evangelisation and outreach to those in need. We rely on your generosity to make these activities possible and to continue to grow.

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Reflection - Father Alexander Sherbrooke

"So must the Son of Man be lifted up".

Unusually on a Sunday, we celebrate a Feast of the Lord not a normal Sunday's readings. Today is the Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross when we are invited to praise and glorify the Cross and to ask that the fruits of the Cross should shine out in our lives. One might almost say it is a mini-Good Friday.

I suspect all of us are basking in the wonderful events of last Sunday in Rome and also that many of us were privileged to be there. The Mass and Canonisation of Saint Pier Giorgio Frassati and Saint Carlo Acutis is something that we will not forget. Indeed I would be remiss in not sharing that these two new saints speak very powerfully of our life here in St Patrick's, of our call to be united to Eucharistic Adoration and to come close to the poor. I would also share that there is an inherent beauty in both of them, a beauty that can overcome the darkness and ugliness of our world. Their faces smile upon us with a radiance and a joy that is difficult to describe. Meditate for a moment on the triumph of the truth espoused by Pier Giorgio in his life and his opposition to fascism and Mussolini. Despite the over-powering strength of his opponents he was able to speak for the truth and the light of the Gospel. In our days we have many similar challenges as we try to speak for the truth whilst the Bible gets trampled upon and we are often cancelled. Meditate upon Carlo, who achieved so much in his short 14 years using the gifts of modern technology to spread far and wide a deeper devotion and love of the Eucharist. Pray with their lives and let their witness to holiness shine out. In being in Rome last weekend, there was a tangible sense of joy, new life and happiness in all those who came together.

So what is happening here as we meditate upon today's Feast. The triumph of the Cross is what Pier Giorgio and Carlo lived. God took their lives, gifts and talents and shone His light through them. Why their lives are so exemplary and attractive to the eye is that they embrace the Cross in their own way in their own time. The question we need to ask of ourselves is am I embracing the Cross, am I seeking to draw wisdom from it and to share it with my friends, neighbours and family. The Cross is not out there but within us. When we were baptised we were claimed for Christ by the mark of the Sign of the Cross being placed upon our foreheads. That was not an empty gesture but a stated desire to be at one with Jesus in His life, suffering, death and resurrection. Happy Feast and may our two new saints bring you much joy and peace.

God bless.