

Fr. Patrick Dominic Udotai



Fr. Patrick Dominic Udotai, was born on March 30, 1966; ordained priest for the Catholic Diocese of Uyo, Nigeria on May 29, 1993. He had served in various capacities in his home diocese including being Secretary to the bishop of Uyo; Secretary General /Chancellor; Secretary, Priests' Personnel Board; Notary of the Archdiocesan Marriage Tribunal; School Chaplain and Parish Priest in at least three parishes and was a member of the Catholic Think-Tank Committee on Peace Building & Conflict Resolution for the Catholic Bishops' Conference of Nigeria before coming to serve in Archdiocese of Southwark, UK.

He holds a Masters degree in Peace and Conflict Studies. He also holds certificates in Conflict Transformation, Conflict Analysis, Catholic Social Teaching and Clinical Pastoral Education (CPE). Since his arrival in the Archdiocese of Southwark in June 2015, he has served in St. Justus Parish, Paddock Wood, Kent as an assistant priest until he arrived here (Carshalton Beeches) on 17th April, 2016.

Fr. Patrick says: ***"I must acknowledge with gratitude the grace of God that has made it possible for me to be in your midst at St. Margaret of Scotland Parish, Carshalton Beeches as your priest. In the words of St. Augustine, I say: 'Like you I am human; with you, I am a Christian and for you, I am a priest.' I invite you all to cooperate and support me so that together we can build a parish that is both a community of faith and a family of love. And please, pray for me. I shall do same for you with love."***