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**LAST WEEK**  
**CASH COLLECTION**  
GIFT AID- £38.00  
LOOSE - £486.53  
**TERMINAL COLLECTION**  
£525.50  
**STANDING ORDERS FOR JUNE**  
£5297.64  
**ATTENDANCE**  
265



# OUR LADY STAR OF THE SEA

CATHOLIC CHURCH • GREENWICH

JULY – DEDICATED TO THE PRECIOUS BLOOD

✠ **HOLY MASS FOR THE 14<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**  
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**SATURDAY 4<sup>th</sup> July**

6.00pm Vigil Mass

Fr Peter Ward RIP (B'day)

**SUNDAY 5<sup>th</sup> July**

**SAINTS PETER AND PAUL**

9.00am Sung Mass

Nevin Waters (Well being)

11.00am Sung mass

People of the Parish

**MONDAY 6<sup>th</sup> July**

**SAINT MARIA GORETTI**

11.30am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

12.30pm Holy Mass

Katherine Bingley RIP

**TUESDAY 7<sup>th</sup> July**

**FERIA**

6:00pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

7:00pm Holy Mass

Halloran Family Wellbeing

**WEDNESDAY 8<sup>th</sup> July**

**FERIA**

8:00am Holy Mass (term time only)

Lorraine O'Donnell RIP

**THURSDAY 9<sup>th</sup> July**

**FERIA**

11:30am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

12.30pm Holy Mass

Jasmine and Nai Andrew Sukanant RIP

**FRIDAY 10<sup>th</sup> July**

**FERIA**

(FRIDAY ABSTINENCE)

10:00am Holy Mass at the Elizabeth College Almshouse

11:30am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

12.30pm Holy Mass

Marie-France Bogui (50<sup>th</sup> Birthday)

**SATURDAY 11<sup>th</sup> July**

**SAINT BENEDICT**

6.00pm Vigil Mass

Ivy Bourne nee Shanks RIP (15<sup>th</sup> Anni.)

**SUNDAY 12<sup>th</sup> July**

**15<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY of ORDINARY TIME**

9.00am Sung Mass

Catherine Holt RIP

11.00am Sung Mass

Maria Catalina J. Blasi RIP

**Confessions**

Saturdays at 10.00am – 10.30am and 5pm - 5.30pm. After  
weekday Mass – please sit by the confessional.

**Adoration**

One hour before every weekday mass.

## **Spiritual Thought**

Each year we pray the same Sunday Mass prayers. The great thing about the repetition is that we notice the familiar patterns and words. Since the 'new' translation of the missal was published in 2010, with a higher and more accurate English translation of the Latin originals, some of the prayers sound very interesting.

This Sunday's Collect is a prime example. I remember a few years ago a parishioner coming after Mass to discuss the basement of Jesus, telling me that in England it should be called a cellar, that we prayer uses an Americanism. He had missed the point. To lift up a fallen world Jesus stooped to pick us up. He abased himself, emptied himself (as St. Paul says Philippians 2.7), humbled himself so as to lift us. Our response to this should be joy – that he has done this for us. And indeed this is what we are asking God to give us in this opening prayer of the Mass. "fill your faithful with holy joy".

The prayer goes on the contrast sin and gladness – "on those you have rescued from slavery to sin you bestow eternal gladness".

That could be a sweet working definition of sin – that which robs us, deprives us of holy joy and eternal gladness. Don't we find that our sins drag us down, after a fleeting happiness we are left unhappy, after being promised joy and fun we are left sad. But salvation from sin causes holy joy, repentance returns gladness to our heart. The ancient Welsh poet Taliesin, in his poem "The joys of Taliesin" refers on three separate occasions to "the joy of doing penance."

Holy joy and eternal gladness are the signs of being saved. We cannot force this joy, we cannot go round with forced grins pretending to be full of gladness. Rather it is spontaneous in the hearts of those who have been saved from sin. To join this prayer fully we can ask God to fill us with holy joy, to save us more completely and give us, not just gladness in this life, but eternal gladness, now and in the future.

## **Church Renovation News**

Much has been happening behind the scenes with the Church Renovation Project.

There are two particular areas of concern i) the apsidal roofs (not the main roof but the little ones at the sides). You might know these leak rainwater in wet weather. ii) the main stained-glass windows above the altar and in the Blessed Sacrament chapel, and nearest to Our Lady's altar. These are in a very bad condition and are in urgent need of repair. I'm happy to point out the problems.

Recently a new fund for churches was announced by the government and we are putting in an application for funding for the apsidal roofs. We will approach the National Lottery funds for the repair and renewal of the windows.

Please can I ask you to earnestly pray to Our Lady for the success of our bids.

## **First Holy Communion Parish Celebration**

This Sunday, after the 11am Mass we will have a special party to celebrate our First Holy Communion children. All are welcome to attend as this is our parish celebration of all the children.

## **WEBELIEVE | Festival of Catholic Life**

Friday 24–Monday 27 July 2026 | St Mary's College, Oscott, Birmingham

WeBelieve Festival brings the Church together in England and Wales. It is an unmissable opportunity to discover the traditions and charisms that flow through the Church, to experience the joy of community, and to encounter personally the Lord Jesus, our salvation. Join us from 24–27 July 2026 at the historic and beautiful setting of St Mary's College, Oscott, for a feast of the True, the Good and the Beautiful. Book your tickets at [webeliefefestival.com](http://webeliefefestival.com)

## **Funeral Information**

Bridie Holmes funeral Mass will be offered in the church on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> July at 10am. Please note the changed day from last week's note.

## **Greenwich Young Catholic Adults**

This Tuesday the GYCA will meet. Adoration with opportunities for confession beginning at 6pm, followed by Holy Mass at 7pm. Then we welcome Fr David Howell, who will introduce us to the church's Canon Law. All Catholics aged 18-35 are most welcome, for as much or as little as your time allows.

## **Charlton Parish News**

The Spiritan Order will be pulling out of Our Lady of Grace, Charlton. From September the new parish priest, Fr Sebastian Joseph, will live with Fr Tom in our presbytery, until he can find accommodation of his own. He is most welcome.

## **St. Ursula's Invitation**

**We would like to invite you to St Ursula's Convent School Year 4 & 5 VIP Golden Ticket Activity Day:**

A free day of fun activities, breakfast, and lunch on Saturday 11th July, 9am–2pm. **How to Register:** Parents are welcome to stay or drop off; register interest online or email [mgroves@stursulas.com](mailto:mgroves@stursulas.com).

## **Venezuela Appeal**

To help with the relief efforts after the terrible earthquakes in Venezuela we are invited to donate to Caritas International [donate.caritas.org/en/venezuela/](https://donate.caritas.org/en/venezuela/)

## **OLSS Engaged and Newly Married Parishioners**

We have so many lovely engaged and newly married couples in our parish. All engaged and newly married (under 5 years) are invited to a Barbeque in the Presbytery garden on Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> July after the 11am Mass. Ask Fr Tom for more information.