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LAST WEEK
CASH COLLECTION
GIFT AID- £36.00
LOOSE - £408.670
TERMINAL COLLECTION
£480.00
STANDING ORDERS FOR JUNE
£5297.64
ATTENDANCE
311



OUR LADY STAR OF THE SEA

CATHOLIC CHURCH • GREENWICH

JULY – DEDICATED TO THE PRECIOUS BLOOD

✠ HOLY MASS FOR THE 17TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
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SATURDAY 25th July

6.00pm Vigil Mass

Hugh Benson

SUNDAY 26th July

17th SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME

9.00am Sung Mass

Sean Forde RIP

11.00am Sung mass

Fr John Lavery RIP

MONDAY 27th July

FERIA

11.30am Funeral Mass of King Lin Yick

TUESDAY 28th July

FERIA

6:00pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

7:00pm Holy Mass

Angela Capone

WEDNESDAY 29th July

SAINT MARTHA, MARY and LAZARUS

11:30am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

12.30pm Holy Mass

Family Carvana RIP

THURSDAY 30th July

SAINT PETER CHRYSOLOGUS

No Mass in the church today

FRIDAY 31st July

(FRIDAY ABSTINENCE)

SAINT IGNATIUS of LOYOLA

10:00am Holy Mass at the Elizabeth College Almshouse

11:30am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

12.30pm Holy Mass

Sean Forde RIP

SATURDAY 1st August

SAINT ALPHONUS LIGUORI

9:00am Low Mass

6.00pm Vigil Mass

Joyce Stratton RIP

SUNDAY 2nd August

18th SUNDAY of ORDINARY TIME

9.00am Sung Mass

People of the Parish

11.00am Sung Mass

Sir Michael Pike RIP (4th Anni)

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

Perhaps you know, this beautiful church is very popular for weddings. I was well-prepared by other priests letting me know how many weddings I'd be doing here, and indeed they were correct. It is a great joy for me, many parishes have very few weddings, we even have non-Catholic couples who ask for a ceremony in our church (which is not possible).

The more I think of the wedding service the more profound it seems to me. A couple come to the church with their friends and family, they speak the vows, receive the nuptial blessing, and are transformed, from two they become one, their lives united from that moment.

It reminds of the creation of the world – God says “let there be light” and there is light. The bride calls the groom “husband” and he becomes husband, the groom calls the bride “wife” and she becomes wife. By mutual consent and the blessing of God this transformation, this re-creation happens.

The blessing and giving of rings is similarly beautiful – the ring, a symbol of eternal love, fidelity, unity, is expensive, it is an investment, often made of gold, showing the weight and the prize of marriage. But the words the couple share are sacrificial. “With my body I honour you, all that I am I give to you, all that I have I share with you.” Those are the words a sacrificial lamb would say to God, if it could speak. They are similar to the words of Jesus at His sacrifice “this is my body, which will be given up for you.” These words of sacrifice, freely offered, self-sacrifice, love-offering words are given to the couple to speak over each other as they present the rings.

Let us pray for all the married couples in our parish, for all those preparing for marriage – that God may strengthen and bless them, to live and be sanctified by their vows.

Congratulations

Congratulations to Carl and Sarah, who were married in the church on Saturday. We pray they have a long and happy married life together.

Church Renovation News – Prayers Needed

Disappointing news.

The application we made to Historic England has been rejected, because one of the criteria of the fund is that the building be in a geographical area of deprivation, which does not describe this area. We can try again, perhaps when fewer applications are being made.

We have made an application to the National Lottery Fund for our windows. These applications are more of a dialogue. We have heard back from this application, and they seem positive.

Please can I ask you to earnestly pray to Our Lady for the success of this bid.

Masses this Week

The funeral of Mr. King Lin Yick will be offered in the church on 27th July at 11:30am.

Please notice there is no Mass in the church on Thursday.

St Catherine's Catholic Girls School, Bexleyheath

You are invited to share the following vacancies with your family and friends:

SEMH Learning Support Assistant and DT Technician.

Examination Invigilators wanted for internal and external examinations, supporting and guiding students calmly during the school's examinations. Please visit: www.stccg.co.uk/Support-Staff-Vacancies/ for more info and link to apply.

Ancient Byzantine Iconography course, 12 - 18 October 2026- Stoneyhurst

A seven-day course writing an icon in the ancient Byzantine style, using the liquid egg tempera technique. The course leads the student through each step of writing an icon of their own, providing theological explanations and practical demonstrations. Our October course is for those with some experience: please register your interest for an opportunity to book onto the next novice course.

christianheritagecentre.com/events/ancient-byzantine-iconography-course/

Marian Symposium

The International Marian Symposium will meet from Wednesday 29th- Friday 31st at St. Mary's Church, West Croydon. This is an international conference on the Catholic theology of Mary, the mother of God. Fr Tom will be speaking on the Thursday morning. All are welcome to attend, sign up information can be found on the poster in the porch.

Woolwich Interfaith Service

We are all invited to the Woolwich Interfaith Ceremony which is held at the Woolwich Garrison Church on Sunday 26th July 2026 3.00pm. The theme this year is “Building bridges between beliefs to create a path towards peace.” Information can be found on the poster in the porch.